

BANFF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The annual sojourn into Banff was enjoyed by all - highlighted with a Saturday evening costume party where many of the famous, including Dracula, were in attendance. The Queen of Spades was accompanied by her Jester on Blades, and they were the prize winning hit of the evening.

Oh, yes a little bridge was played too - most successfully by non-unit members it appears:

<i>OPEN I.M.P. PAIRS</i>	Gerry Marshall, Ken Penton - Calgary
<i>STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS</i>	
<i>FLIGHT 'A'</i>	Susan Culham, Maurice De La Salle - Edmonton
<i>FLIGHT 'B'</i>	Kevin Noble - Fort Saskatchewan, Jim Vercammen - Camrose
<i>FLIGHT 'C'</i>	Bob Albrecht, Dorothy Hauck - Red Deer
<i>SPEEDBALL SWISS TEAMS</i>	Susan Culham, Maurice De La Salle - Edmonton; Charlie Lamb, Robert Short - Red Deer
<i>OPEN PAIRS</i>	Donna Fuller, Maurice Wuetherick - Edmonton
<i>CONSOLATION PAIRS</i>	Elaine Orlita, Mike Orlita - Brooks
<i>SWISS TEAMS</i>	Paula Nowlan, Vince Nowlan, Christie McKinney, Dick McKinney - Edmonton

The winners of the Novice game were **Gordon and Mona King**, of Three Hills. Congratulations to all!

BRIDGE PLAYERS WANTED

Bridge players are needed to play standby at the New Year's Sectional, January 8-10, 1993.

We require a:

- friendly and pleasant table manners
- willingness to play with anyone
- willingness to take a chance on not playing
- willingness to commit to being stand-by at least a week in advance of the tournament.

In return the reward is:

- if you are required to play, you play free
- whether or not you play as a stand-by, you will be given a Free Play for another session of bridge at any Unit 390 Sectional.

If you are interested, please contact **Dan Bertrand** at 284-2761.

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BIDDING WITH THE LEGENDS - PART XIX

from Steve Lawrence

There are two Calgary players who could best be described by the moniker, "Legends in Their Own Mind". The first is the Pickle, probably the greatest slam bidder since Benito Garozzo, or at least Charles Goren! The other is that favourite son of Fort McMurray, Winnipeg, and Akron, Ohio - John Gilchrist. To devise a bidding quiz based on the Pickle's bidding theories would be unfair without at least 6 weeks of tutoring to let you in on the joke. John, however, claims to play Two Over One Game Force, and should you want a game with him, you might be interested in his style. Just in case you might think that this wasn't serious bridge - this was from a Kelowna sectional and the opponents probably have collective experience in the game far exceeding the total of the entire Calgary unit! In fact, I'm sure that some of them were playing bridge before Calgary was incorporated. The quiz:

1) not Vul vs Vul
The bidding: 1C (pard) 2S (righty) ?

You hold: ♠ KT975 ♥ AK82 ♦ A7 ♣ A5
Your bid?

2) Both Vul
The bidding:

	Pard	Right	You	Left
1C	1D	1S	2D	
2H	P	2S	P	
4D	P	?		

You hold: ♠ QJ965 ♥ T8 ♦ T942 ♣ 62
a - What is meant by 4 Diamonds?
b - Your bid?

3) not Vul vs Vul
The bidding:

	You	Left	Pard
1D	1H	DBL	3H

(1H bidder is not sure what 3H is!)
?

You hold (l!): ♠ 53 ♥ AQ8 ♦ Q543 ♣ QJ82
Your bid?

4) Vul vs not Vul
The bidding: 1C P ?

You hold: ♠ Q9 ♥ 7 ♦ J62 ♣ AJ98653
Your bid?

The LEGENDARY answers playing
Gilchrist Style 2 Over 1

- 1) • 3 Spades - score 10. Anything else, partner may pass! This is forcing.
• Double (negative) - score 3. This bid is for wimps, and it might be passed!
• Anything else - score 0. Anything else might be passed!

- 2) a. • Obviously 4 Diamonds is forcing me to pick between your suits! (If you cheated and read the answer to the first problem you already know this.) Score 10.
b. • 5 Clubs - score 10. Partner has longer clubs than hearts, unless your reverses are like they are in Kelowna!
• 4 Spades - score minus 5. You can't rebid a 5 card suit 3 time, Turkey!

- 3) • 4 Clubs - score 10. Why not, it's only matchpoints!
• Pass - score 2 - you snivelling coward.
• Double - score 4. If I'm not supposed to open this, how can I double?

- 4) • 5 Clubs - score 10. Go for the gusto! by saving time on the bidding, I have time to pour another rum and coke.
• 3 Clubs - score 3. Too good for 3 clubs!
• 1 Diamond - score minus 3. Pervert.

If your score is higher under John's version than mine, his phone number is 272-7958!

Another Option (but what do I know? After all, John won over 17 MP and 2 events at the sectional!):

Pass! If partner reopens with a double, they should go for 1100 or 1400. Anything less and partner probably opened with cheese. A negative double, while not completely wrong, just encourages opponents to pre-empt you. It would get you to a very difficult 6 hearts. Three spades should show club support and denies 4 hearts. You end up in 6 NT with no play.

a., b. (whatever) Four diamonds is a splinter showing 5 or 6 clubs, 4 hearts and 3 spades. Partner has slam aspirations. Bid 4 spades and pray! Five clubs fetches six spades!

Pass!! If partner reopens with a double, you might give passing some thought, but next time - don't open this hand!

I like 1 Diamond. It is not likely to be raised and if partner rebids 1 NT you might gamble a raise to 3. You burn in 5 clubs - they double and cash 3 Aces.

This side - score 10 for each correct answer, and 3 for the negative double.

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

from **Arleen Todd**

Anyone who had the pleasure of calling Dave Sutherland a friend was indeed a lucky person.

Dave loved his bridge game. He never refused anyone a partnership, was always available for lending bridge books and between sessions it had to be Chinese food and more bridge.

Dave got his first gold points in an Edmonton Regional. When we went for dinner between sessions, I know the serving staff thought we had a maniac in tow! A few years passed and Dave became a Life Master. He called my office. My secretary announced there was a jabbering man on the line and he didn't make a lick of sense. It had to be Dave! It was! The next hour was spent discussing his hands and enjoying his thrill of LM.

If you travelled to tournaments with Dave, you had the company of a gentleman. Dave was a skilled curler, was always taking extra courses at the University of Calgary, was a claims adjuster by profession, a loving son and a treasured friend.

Farewell, friend.

1994 WHITE HATTER TOURNAMENT

Linda Thierman and Jacky Ross have been named the co-chairs of the 1994 Regional. Things are in the planning stages so far but certain decisions have been made.

First, the tournament will be held again in the Convention Center. Other sites were looked at, but the Convention Center seems to be the only facility which offers enough space at reasonable rates and a convenient location.

Secondly, the dates have been set to the second week of August. Traditionally we go right after Stampede but that is out of the question for a couple of reasons. The Summer Nationals, in San Diego, start during that week and although Memphis might give permission for a regional at that time it would not be wise to compete. 1994 is also a Penticton year, and it is felt that an Alberta tournament within a month after the biggest regional in the west would not succeed.

As it is, Calgary is going to have to do a lot of innovative promotion in order to maintain a decent table count opposite these two tournaments. Normally we draw heavily from District 19, but for this tournament we are going to have to focus heavily on the prairie player, as well as the novice and intermediate in Alberta.

Linda and Jacky are determined that this tournament will be FUN. Calgary's reputation for hospitality and good times will be a focus, and they believe that the more people who are involved, the more fun can be had by all.

If you are interested in being part call Linda or Jacky. They warn that if you don't call them, they will call you! It is the idea time, now - so if you have thoughts call.

Linda Thierman - 246-2923

Jacky Ross - 276-6328

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WHAT TO DO WHEN THE DIRECTOR DOES YOU IN!!

from Stan Matheson

When something happens at the table, which results in the director being called, what rights do you have regarding the director's decision?

1. You have no right to an appeal on a ruling that is simply a matter of law. For example you revoke against the pair you would most like to see play in rush hour traffic, and of course the required adjustment is made and the director leaves while you endure another board against these now gloating *\$#@&^%. We've all been there and give you sympathy but that is all. The revoke law is clear and not open to any interpretation whatsoever, and therefore rulings based on it are not subject to appeal.
2. Sometimes, in your estimation, the director may have misevaluated a law, for whatever reason, and

when that occurs you have the right to discuss your position with the director, and, if still not satisfied request a committee. These situations commonly occur when the director uses his judgment to assess situations.

A common one: the balk. The auction: 1 spade, 2 hearts (overcall), BALK pass (responder), 3 hearts (advancer), 3 spades (opener) all pass. The hand: ♠ AQXXX ♥ XX ♦ KQX ♣ KX. The director rules that most in the room would not have bid 3 spades, and rolls the auction back to 3 hearts. You argue that 3 spades is clear - anyone would have bid it. Now we have a judgment argument - and one that may be appealed to committee. It is worth noting that you may win the committee if the director is summonsed immediately after the balk, but that you will never win if you call after the hand is played.

IS IT REALLY WORTH IT? - A BOREL SIMULATION

from Steve Lawrence

You hold in 1st seat: S AQ52 H J52 D K86 C AQ4 and not unreasonably you open 1NT. Partner bids 3NT, all pass and the 4 of hearts is lead.

Partner tables: S KJ9 H 6 D AJ942 C KJ52 and the opponents quickly take the first 5 tricks in hearts. You note that 4 Spades is a very good match point contract and 6 Diamonds is on a finesse.

Later, when you discuss the hand with partner, he suggests a convention to solve this problem. In response to 1NT, a bid of 3 Hearts or 3 Spades shows 3 cards in that suit, a singleton in the other major, 5-4 or 4-5 in the minors and 10 to 14 HCP. This allows the 1NT opener to set the contract. This seems simple (provided that you remember) but is this a useful convention? Specifically, how often does it come up and what percentage of the time does it help?

I used a computer to simulate these conditions. I looked for situations where North could open 1 NT and South had the conventional response. **It was necessary to deal over 50 thousand hands to get 10 examples of this situation!** This would indicate that with 1 NT openers in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th seat it should happen about 40 times, or every 1250 deals.

Unfortunately, as everyone knows, you don't always get an unobstructed auction and whenever the responding hand had 12 or more HCP and got to bid 1st, it would open. Both these factors reduce the incidence substantially.

However, another concern is how often it actually helps. My analysis indicated that this is about 20% of the time. In the other 80% of cases, 3NT is the best spot. Given these factors, this convention should help you every 8 to 10 thousand hands! This *might* come up twice a year if you play as often as Dann Kramer but the rest of us would be lucky to see it even once a year. Of course, that assumes that all your partners play this way too!

I'm interested in analyzing other such situations for the Kibitzer. If your partner is twisting your arm to try something which you think is perhaps of dubious value, send the details to me (Steven Lawrence 686-3290) and I'll test it out and write it up. If they insist on using it, I can send you the printout of the hands so at least you can practise the bidding!

WEDDINGS



Congratulations to Steve Bolyos and his new wife Genny who got married on November 21st.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

from Alex Knox

I would like to take a moment to let you know what your Unit board has been up to in the last while.

Firstly we have decided to try to bring the message of the ACBL to a wider audience of bridge players. In late November some board members, headed by Vice President John Hinde attended the windup function of the Calgary School Board bridge lesson program in order to inform the graduates of the existence of the ACBL, its programs and benefits.

Secondly the Unit has decided to reintroduce the monthly Unit Game. This event, once a fixture on the Calgary bridge scene, is sectionally rated. The Unit board would like your input on when would be the best time to hold such a game, the options being Sat. afternoon (say 1:00-4:00 pm), Sun. afternoon (1:00-4:00 pm) or Sun. evening (7:00-10:00 pm). The next time you see one of the board members could you please tell him/her your preference, or telephone me at 283-7597.

Thirdly I have recently heard some opinions regarding the annual Election party. This event is presently held on a weekend evening starting about 4:30 pm with the following schedule; Bridge, Meeting, Dinner, Dance. The option that has been mentioned to me is to hold this event on a weekday evening starting about 5:30 with the following schedule; Cocktails, Meeting, Dinner, Bridge ending about 11:00 pm. Again I would like the members input on this, as the election party is a subsidized event and is one of our major non tournament expenses. Please contact a board member or myself as soon as possible with your preference or comments.

And now that the Christmas season is upon us I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the board of directors of ACBL Unit 390 to wish to you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

from Jacky Ross

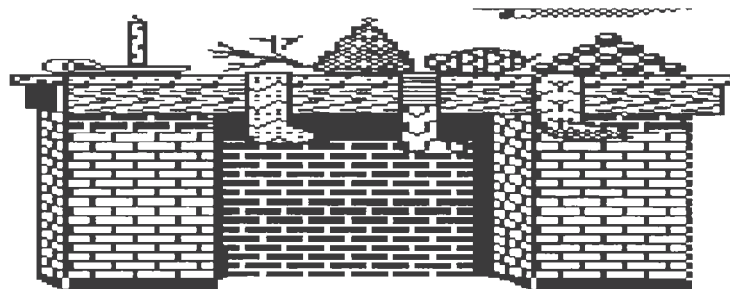
The Kibitzer needs a new Editor.

As much as I have enjoyed my involvement with Unit activities, and with the Kibitzer especially, it is time for a new editor. At the AGM in May, it was decided to cut the number of members on the Board of Directors by a few bodies, and rely more on individual volunteers. This is the Unit's first request for one. This little baby takes some time - I'd say 5 or 6 hours a month. If you are interested let any of your Board Members know.

Nothing is forever - give it a shot!

I'd like to thank all the people who have helped me with this over the years - most particularly Stan Matheson for his wonderful contributions and balanced views.

In closing I extend to each and all Season's Greetings. I hope this is a happy holiday season for all our members and their families.



MEMBERSHIP DESK

from **BARBARA WEBSTER**

Congratulations to the following new life masters:

Robert Larson
Bernie Michaud
Sheila Trott
Chris Wuerscher

A warm welcome to our new members:

Peter Bradbury
Cecil Gammon
Murray Haggins
Elaine Winter
Shirley Klassen

and those transferring into our unit:

Mary Dierker from Quesnel
Helen Jager-Madsen from Okanagan
Clarence Madsen from Okanagan
Brenda Murchison from Ottawa
Thomas To from Lethbridge

A fond farewell to those moving elsewhere:

Bill Basler to Edmonton
Eleanor Fletcher to Victoria

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 coming to them (their mail). PLEASE NOTE: No reward is being offered at this time!

Robert Albrecht
Ruby Krause
Wendi Smith

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Effective Tuesday, September 29, the **Martinique** is holding **Tuesday** afternoon duplicate games. Start time is 12:45. **Maureen Bailey** is directing. You're all invited to come play.

ANN WALDIE LEAGUE AT THE MARTINIQUE

Anne Waldie, who ran the Valley Ridge Bridge Club for many years and left us with many memories of a loving person, had as her first love in bridge - team games. So in her memory the Martinique Open Team Imp League will now be called the Anne Waldie League, the winners of which will receive a prize donated by her husband Al Waldie.

UNITARIAN CLUB

Allan Simon reminds that the Unitarian Church Club is open on Monday nights at 7:30, with its regular non-smoking game. Its at the corner of 1st St and 16th Ave N.W. Call 238-1025.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Event	#	Time	Day	Date	Location
Canmar Cup Trophy		7:30p	Thu	Dec 10	Canmar
Non LM Teams Club Championship		7:30p	Thu	Dec 10	Bow River
Christmas Party		1:00p	Sun	Dec 13	Bow River (2 sessions)
Club Championship Week Starts		7:30p	Mon	Dec 14	Martinique
49er Club Championship		7:30p	Wed	Dec 16	Bow River
Christmas Party		7:30p	Fri	Dec 18	Martinique
Christmas Party		7:30p	Mon	Dec 28	Canmar
Calgary Sectional	Starts		Fri	Jan 8	Jubilee Auditorium
99er's Team League Starts		7:30p	Tue	Jan 12	Martinique
COP Unit Final		TBA	Sun	Jan 17	Bow River
Club Championship		7:30p	Mon	Jan 18	Canmar
Open Team League Starts		7:30p	Mon	Jan 18	Martinique
NLM Swiss Club Championship		7:30p	Thu	Jan 21	Bow River
CNTC Unit Final		TBA	Sun	Jan 24	Martinique
Club Championship		7:30p	Tue	Feb 2	Bow River
GNT NLM Unit Final		TBA	Sun	Feb 7	Bow River
Club Championship		7:30p	Thu	Feb 11	Canmar
Queen of Hearts Pairs Trophy		8:00p	Sat	Feb 13	Martinique
49ers Club Championship		12:30p	Mon	Feb 15	Bow River
Club Championship		7:45p	Sat	Feb 20	Bow River
GNT 0-1500 Unit Final		TBA	Sun	Feb 21	Martinique
GNT Flight D Unit Final		TBA	Sun	Feb 28	Martinique
Canada Wide Int'l Fund Game		7:30p	Tue	Mar 2	Martinique

SPECIAL EVENTS

During the first three months of 1993, a number of events will be held in town which lead to district and then national level finals. These include:

- 1) **Canadian Open Pairs**
Club qualifiers have been held at the clubs. A unit final will be held Sunday, January 17 at the Bow River club where 3 pairs will qualify for the national final in Ottawa on May 19 & 20. Our original information was for a national final at the Victoria Regional in May but this has changed. Sorry!
- 2) **Canadian National Teams Championship (CNTC)**
This is open to all players. One remaining club level qualifier is scheduled at the Bow River on Saturday, November 28 at 11 AM. (note change) The unit final will be at the Martinique on Sunday, January 24 at noon. Zone final in Edmonton, the weekend of March 13 & 14.
- 3) **Grand National Teams - Flight B**
Open to players with less than 1500 master points, this event allows you to qualify, as individuals, at the club level for participation in the district final. It will be held, the weekend of April 24 & 25 in Great Falls. Tell your club managers that you are interested in this event so they will schedule games!
- 4) **Grand National Teams - Flight C**
Open to non life masters, this event starts with club qualifiers to be held this fall. This is followed by a unit final Sunday, February 7 at the Bow River and the above mentioned district final in Great Falls.
- 5) **Grand National Teams - Flight D**
This is open to players with less than 100 master points. A unit final will be held Sunday, February 28, at the Martinique to qualify one or more teams for competition at the district final in Great Falls April 24 & 25. This one is lots of fun!
- 6) **Canadian Ladies Teams (CLTC)**
Not yet scheduled but probably sometime in May, one team from southern Alberta, will qualify directly for the national final. More details in the next Kibitzer.