

THE KIBITZER - UNIT 390 - AUGUST 1993

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UNIT 390 ELECTION PARTY - MAY 7, 1993

The annual election of new members to the Board of Unit 390 was held in late April and culminated in the announcement of the winners at the Election Party which was held at the Bow River Bridge Club.

There was an excellent slate of six candidates, a better than average number of voters and both of these factors caused a very close result. The eventual winners were STEPHANIE McADAM, GORDON MOIR, AND RAN WHITE and all three deserve our congratulations (sympathy???) for their opportunity to serve on the Board.

The three remaining candidates, DOUG HOLDER, ANNE MARIE KINGSTON, AND SHEILA TROTT deserve our thanks for putting their names forward and our encouragement to run again next year.

Your unit tried a different approach this year, by holding the election party at a bridge club and subject to the new board's decision, generally plan to continue with this plan for the next while. Was it a good election party? Who knows? Many people said that it was great. Probably more people said that if we try to repeat the format, they will stay away in droves. As a board, we welcome your suggestions. In fact we need them, for my personal belief is that the only successful way to hold an Annual General Meeting with no complaints from the membership is to have it in a public phone booth out on the highway somewhere!

The results of the Election Party Game were as follows:

Flight A: 1. Judy Gartaganis - Ray Grace
2. Terry MacMillan - Paula Sisko
3. Bruce Dennis - Joanne Dennis
4. Dave Horton - Dan Bertrand
5. Nick Gartaganis - Marj Andrukow

Flight B: 1. Bruce Dennis - Joanne Dennis
2. Vince Machacek - Betty Machacek
3. Perry Chan - Grant Karatnyk
4. Dave Madge - Bruce Mottle
5. Mervyn D'Mello - Heinz Weis

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

1. MARTINIQUE BRIDGE STUDIO- 2419 54 Avenue S.W. (243-4353)

AUGUST - NAOP Qualifying Games

Tuesday, August 24- Saturday, August 28, 7:30p.m.

SEPTEMBER - NA49er Qualifying Games

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.

- BRIDGE WEEK

Tuesday Sept. 21

12:45 - Club Championship Open Pairs

7:30 - Club Championship Open Pairs

Wednesday, Sept. 22

7:30 - Club Championship Open Pairs

Thursday, Sept. 23

12:45 - Club Championship Open Pairs

7:30 - Royal Viking Game

Friday, Sept. 24

12:45 - Club Championship Open Pairs

7:30 - Club Championship Open Pairs

Saturday, Sept. 25

8:00 - Club Championship Open Pairs

Thursday, Sept. 30

7:30 - Club Championship Open Pairs

Club Championship 99er Pairs

The Club will be closed from Friday, September 10
to Sunday September 12 for the Sectional.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30

Canada Wide International Fund Game

Saturday, Oct. 30, 8:00

Unit Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 7:30

ACBL-Wide Charity Game

Martinique Club News

1. Smoking - The Martinique would like to thank all its smoking members for being so accomodating since all the clubs' duplicate games went to non-smoking in February. We hope that the fact that we've imitated the tournaments and had hospitality breaks during the games has helped. Plans are in the works to include a speaker in the smoking lounge area so that all announcements can be heard.

2. Lessons - For the past year, the Martinique has been teaching the ACBL's Club series with great success. Lessons tentatively scheduled to start in mid September include:

Club Series - Basic Bidding
Diamond Series - Play of the Hand
Heart Series - Defense

In addition, plans are under way to teach some courses for the more advanced players including:

Conventions by Stan Matheson
Squeezes by Al Simon

For more information on the who, what, when and how much, contact the Martinique in late August or early September at 243-4353.

2. BOW RIVER BRIDGE CLUB - 1928 14 AVENUE N.W. (289-7677)

10th ANNIVERSARY - OCTOBER 17, 1993

DOOR PRIZES PRIZES FOR WINNERS

TERRY'S GREAT COOKING

12:00 Cocktails
1:00 Bridge (\$6.50)
4:15 Dinner (\$6.50)
5:00 Bridge (\$6.50)
8:00-10:30 Dance

Tickets on sale at the Bow and available at the door. Each bridge and meal includes a glass of wine.

Special: \$18.00 for all three including 3 glasses of wine on tickets bought ahead of time.

THE BEST OF 1992

Each year at the Election Party we honour the Mini-McKenney and the Ace of Clubs winners. Categories are based on the number of points at the start of the year. Points counted are those earned and recorded during the year. Not counted are points earned in previous years but recorded during the year. Also not counted are points not received before the ACBL's deadline.

The following are the Unit 390 winners in both categories. Congratulations to all.

	Mini-McKenney -----	Ace of Clubs -----
Rookie	Neal Screaton	Fran Bohnet
Junior Master	Tony Smith	Glenn Lefebvre
Club Master	Rolf Saetre	Rolf Saetre
Sectional Master	Dan Bertrand	Dan Bertrand
Regional Master	Elizabeth Allen	Richard Supronowicz
NABC Master	Tom Colpitts	Tom Colpitts
Life Master	Steve Lawrence	Dann Kramer



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MEMBERSHIP DESK

PEOPLE UPDATES

Clarende Duby's new son, Duncan, was born Sunday, February 28 at 8:40 p.m. and weighing in at 7lb. 4oz.

In Great Falls, April 23-25th, at the Grand National Teams District Finals, the Flight D 99ers was won by the Calgary Team of Ian Boyd, Tony Smith, Greg Uchacz, and Tom Vrla.

The Calgary team who qualified to represent the Unit at the Canadian Women's Team Championships in Saskatoon in September consists of Karen Kilworth, Linda Thierman, Delores Hedley and Lorna Deschner.

Congratulations to Gordon Moir, Walter Brock, and Dave Christison who won lots of gold at the May regional in Salt Lake City. Also congratulations to Pat Baughan, Lynn Douglas, Stephanie McAdam, and Marion Pennell who also won a number of gold points at the June regional in New Orleans.

Congratulations to the following new LIFE MASTERS:

Gordon Moir
Irv Rubin

and to the following new SILVER LIFE MASTERS (1000+ MP):

Ben Chee
Juanita Cutmore

HELLO AND GOODBYE

A warm welcome to our new members:

Ian Boyd
James Brooks
Jutta Hinrichs
Jean Jarvie
Grant Karatnky
Betty Murchison
Aldo Romanzin
Jaymal Ruparell
Jill Stroud
Greg Uchacz
Barry Watts

HELLO AND GOODBYE.....continued

and those transferring into our Unit:

Ada Benshimol...from the Tucson Unit
Gwen Hewitt.....from the Okanagan Unit
Bob Smith.....from the Mesa Unit
Robert Wallace..from the Mesa Unit

A fond farewell to the following members moving elsewhere:

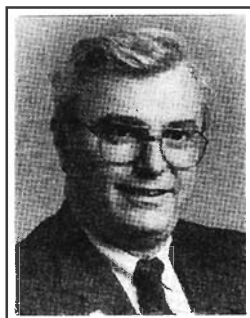
Jim Barney.....to Trois-Rivieres, PQ
Lee Barton.....to Edmonton, AB
Tom Colpitts....to Chilliwack, BC
Mary Ann Harper.to Yuma, AZ
Rhonda Kempling.to Nanaimo, BC
Dann Kramer.....to Edmonton, AB
Ruby Krause.....to Ladysmith, BC
Helen Scott.....to Spokane, WA

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of unit member BRUCE JACK in late June. ACBL Unit 390 extends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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 (276-7157) and they will get what's coming to them (their mail)!

Robert Gray, Evanne Little, Vish Viswanathan



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ARE YOU A NICE OPPONENT?

At the Unit Annual General Meeting, a motion was made which deplored rude behaviour and the negative effect that such behaviour has on the probability of keeping players coming to our games. Most of these problems are already covered by the ACBL Laws 72-76, the section regarding improprieties. Most of the feedback I have received from all levels of players stresses variations on one general theme: I am a human being. Please treat me as one, starting with the fact that I have a name other than opponent. So, let's have some specifics.

1. During any given round, do you normally speak to both of your opponents by name in a conversational manner? I don't and I know that I should, but it's so much easier to think about that last hand and so....

2. You are playing against a pair of new guys and their new bidding style, the submarine club. Oops! One of their torpedoes has just given you a zero in a weird way. Do you congratulate them on the result or do you mutter under your breath, (but loudly enough to be heard) something about playing against idiots?

3. Your next opponent is the bane of your existence and you are determined to get the Do you (a) get ready to flaunt the Marquis of Queensbury (b) coil yourself into a crouch so that at the least excuse you hurl yourself at your hated foe's throat and tear it open or (c) get cheery, go to the next table and irk your nemesis by sticking your happy face into his/her grumpy face?

4. The director is at your table in response to your summons. Do you describe the problem calmly or do you make it sound like a capital offence organized by a group of international terrorists instead of two friendly folks named Helen and Fred?

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

Stan Matheson

RECORDER ARTICLE

Bridge is a highly competitive, exciting, frustrating and emotional experience -that's why we all play it. Unfortunately, all four players at the table usually do not share these experiences and feelings at the same time!

One player/partnership may be excited and flushed with success, while the other is frustrated and maybe even embarrassed. One player may be keyed-up and determined, while his/her opponent is maybe asleep. One player may feel he has been "fixed" by his opponent accidentally pulling the right card at the right time! One player may be more experienced and skilful, while his opponent is still trying to remember that spades rank higher than hearts.

This cauldron of conflicting emotions, which might have been brewing for many rounds, has the potential for causing distress. A player's comments may become a little too demeaning, gloating, irritating or rude. A player may have lost perspective and forgotten his manners. Some players drink a little too much, others may have been unreasonable with directors or third-parties such as hotel and restaurant staff.

The above scenarios fall within the category of "conduct". Another category is "ethics".

There are many possible illustrations of poor ethics, but most involve **partner's** hesitations. Any player can hesitate at any time completely ethically - it is his partner who may be handed the ethical dilemma. Most players realize that they are not allowed to take advantage of any bid or play made by partner that is out of the normal tempo (allowing for skip-bids, etc.). However, many players do take unfair advantage from time to time. It may be deliberate or unconscious, or somewhere in between.

Usually, a player can't help but recognize that his partner has hesitated unduly. If you have a choice of reasonable actions in this situation, you must not choose an action that is more likely to be successful because of the hesitation. Good active ethics requires a continual alertness to ensure that you will always make that extra effort to avoid being unfairly influenced by partner.

Most Units in the ACBL have appointed a "Recorder". The Recorder's mandate is to receive written concerns from anyone regarding the conduct and ethics of anyone else. It doesn't matter whether a director was already involved or not. Some players are a little uneasy about raising concerns at the table, so please write or call the Recorder afterwards. Maybe you feel that a certain player may not be fully aware of his conduct and/or ethics obligations - call the Recorder. It is the Recorder's job to constructively educate. All individual matters are kept strictly confidential.

The Calgary Unit's Recorder is currently Gordon Campbell who can be reached at 270-0315 or at 448 13th Street, N.W., Calgary, T2N 1Z2. Your local club has a special form called the "Player Memo" which is designed to make it easier for you to compile and submit all the necessary information.

Gordon Campbell

UNIT TROPHIES

1. PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

There seems to be some confusion as to the rules pertaining to the President's Trophy, so here's an attempt to clear it up.

The trophy is intended to encourage future master attendance at sectionals and will be presented at any, hopefully all, sectionals when there are at least two future master events, each consisting of three or more tables.

A future master is defined as a player in the 0-49 MP category prior to the beginning of the sectional. The winner of the trophy is the player who wins the most master points in the tournament. Should there be a tie, two trophies will be presented.

The winner(s) must play in at least one future master event, but should there be no such event at a particular session and a future master should collect points in a higher bracketed event, those points will be counted for the President's Trophy, always provided that future masters play together.

There! If you were not confused before, you most certainly are by now!!!

2. ANN WALDIE MEMORIAL TROPHY

As you will read in the enclosed flier for the upcoming September sectional, we will all be playing for the Ann Waldie Memorial Trophy on Sunday, September 12. Being a curious person, it bothered me that I have been playing bridge for many years and yet know very little about the lady. So after a lot of phoning around, let me share my findings with you.

Ann arrived in Calgary from Houston, Texas in 1964 and played the next number of years at Maddie McGill's Club on 17th Avenue. In 1979, she bought the Calgary Bridge Club above Tucker Drugs on 14th Street and some years later she started the Valley Ridge Rubber Bridge Club.

That is the bare outline of Ann's bridge life in Calgary, but that is only half of the story. Ann is remembered by her many friends for her love of life, her love of the game and her love of people. Her passion was rubber bridge and tournaments and especially Swiss teams.

It is only fitting that her husband, Al, will personally present Ann's Memorial Trophy. He has a lingering regret that for the past two years the trophy has been won by an Edmonton team, but we have solved that problem for him! The defending champions are Judy and Nick Gartaganis together with Vince and Anita Lambert. We have cunningly persuaded Judy and Nick to move to Calgary!

We look forward to welcoming Al Waldie on Sunday, September 12 to present the trophy in memory of his wife.

LATE NEWS FLASH!!!

North American Open Pairs Unit Finals

Flight C - Sunday, September 5 at the Martinique

Flights A & B - Sunday, September 19 at the Martinique