

THE KIBITZER

AUGUST 1995

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

A new season of tournaments is upon us and we look forward to increased attendance and enjoyment. First up is the September 8-10 tournament which will again be held at the Polish Canadian Cultural Center. Keith Falkenberg, your tournament chairman, has arranged a schedule of events to suit everyone. Be sure to check out the Newcomer game on Friday evening. For the top players, we will hold a Strati/Flighted event on Saturday. Sunday's game will be a Stratified Swiss Teams. There will be a full slate of stratified Future Master games all weekend. Come out for six sessions or for one. We look forward to seeing you there.

Plan now to be part of the Banff Classic Tournament, November 3-5 at the Inns of Banff Park. Again, Keith has come up with some innovative ideas. The Sunday Swiss game will be finished by 6:30 p.m. to allow everyone to get home at a reasonable time. Make your reservations early as a film festival is being held concurrently in Banff and the hotel will not hold our block of rooms past early October.

The Unit Board has made a commitment to the promotion of active ethics in our games. Much of the unacceptable behavior which occurs at the table is the result of ignorance. Stan Matheson has kindly undertaken to provide a series of articles for the Kibitzer to explain the concept of active ethics. We can all learn from these articles. In addition, examples of actively ethical behavior should be reported to any member of the Board. Each year, we will recognize a player or players who best exemplify the type of behavior which we like to see.

A Board committee, headed by Rick Stevens, is looking at ways to actively promote bridge in Calgary. They will be presenting their ideas at an upcoming meeting and welcome suggestions from any member.

It was good to see a large Calgary contingent at the Alberta Regional held in Red Deer earlier this month. A special congratulations to Gordon Campbell, the winner of the Hattie Joffe Trophy which is awarded to the Albertan who wins the most points at the Alberta Regional.

We look forward to seeing a large turnout at our Sectionals. Support your Unit and your clubs. The game is stronger through a collective effort.

REGIONAL RESULTS

Lorna Deschner and Gord Sharp won the Charity Pairs Flight A. Hugh Dinzey and Bill Scott won Flights B and C.

Olga Furlan and Yvette Tapuska prevailed in the Ladies' Pairs.

Lorna and Ran White triumphed in Flights B and C of the Stratified Seniors.

Veryl Norquay and Cliff Puskas mastered Flight A on Thursday.

Don Gladman and Ken Penton were victorious in the Friday Stratified Open Pairs.

Gerry Marshall's team tied for first on Sunday.

Barry Emmment led his team to victory in his bracket.

Gordon Campbell and Allan Simon defeated all the other teams in their bracket.

Eileen Brown, Esther Jordison, Lauren Bernie, and Irma Fleming knocked out all the other teams in their bracket.

Glyn Roberts and Donald Ryan tied for first as the 99'er winning the most masterpoints. (Steve Bates will bring your trophy to the Calgary Sectional).

Gordon Campbell collected over 80 masterpoints and was rewarded with the Hattie Joffe Trophy.



NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Canmar

Mon	Sep 11	7:30	Club Championship
Thur	Sep 28	7:30	Canadian Bridge Federation Club Charity
Mon	Oct 2	7:30	Club Championship
Thur	Oct 12	7:30	Canmar Cup
Mon	Oct 16	7:30	Betty Jacques Memorial Trophy
Mon	Oct 30	7:30	Club Charity in support of Youville's Women Residence
Thur	Nov 9	7:30	Jack Murphy Memorial Trophy

Martinique

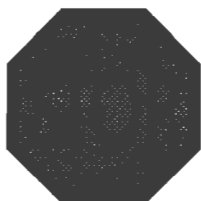
Fri	Sep 15	7:30	Cookie Jar Pairs- Cookie jars for overall winners- Home-made cookie contest
Sun	Sep 17	12:00	North American Open Pairs Unit Final- Open only to pre-qualified players
Mon	Sep 18	12:30	Open Afternoon Team League starts- Club championship rating
Mon	Sep 18	7:30	Open Evening Team League starts- Club championship rating
Wed	Sep 20	7:30	ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game- Worldwide competition- Club winners receive gold points
Bridge Week	Sep 26-30		All games club championship rating or better- Hot dog trophies
Mon	Oct 16	7:30	Canadian Rookie-Master Game- Hand records with analysis by Aidan Ballantyne
Thur	Oct 19	7:30	Canada Wide International Fund Game- Sectionally rated black points
Fri	Oct 20	7:30	Canadian Open Pairs Qualifying Game- Top 1/2 of field qualifies for Unit Final
Fri	Oct 27	7:30	Halloween Party Game- Costume prizes- Door prizes- Goodies

The Martinique will be holding some North American 49er Pairs games. The pair with the highest % score in the district will win \$400 in ACBL scrip; second will receive \$200 in ACBL scrip. These games will be held in September at 7:30 on Wednesday the 6, 13, 20, and 27; also on Friday the 29. Eligible partners must have less than 50 masterpoints as of August.

Bow River

Wed	Oct 11	12:30	Open Club Championship
Fri	Oct 20	7:45	Swiss Teams Club Championship
Sun	Nov 12	1:00	Open Club Championship
Tue	Nov 14	7:30	Stratified-Open Club Championship
Wed	Nov 22	7:30	Stratified 99'ers Club Championship

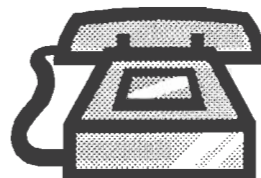
Banff Warning



As there is a film festival in Banff during the sectional, the host hotel: Inns of Banff Park (762-4581 or Calgary Direct Line 265-6962) will only hold rooms until October 13.

Phone List

Phone lists should be available from the three main clubs already. Just pick one up from your favourite club. Or contact Dan Bertrand (288-8828) or Judy Elson (239-2717) to have a list mailed to you.



1995 CNTC

by Nicholas Gartaganis

Bridge players are eternally optimistic and so Peter Jones, Ray Grace, Judy and I headed to Toronto, with high hopes, to play in the 1995 edition of the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC). After a roller coaster round-robin, we finished in fourth place, but unfortunately lost in our first playoff match. Our opponents desperately tried to let us win, but we were far too oblivious to allow that to happen!

Bridge matches almost always have hands with great swing potential. At our table Peter and I (sitting N/S) doubled the opponents in 5 Diamonds and scored a well-deserved minus 750 (since 5 Hearts can only be beaten 2 tricks with best defense) and a certain loss on the board. At his table, Ray as West opened 1 Club (a peculiarity of the system) and the auction accelerated quickly (against opponents who are previous CNTC winners). West intended 4 NT to be natural, but only he knew that! By the time the smoke cleared, Ray and Judy had collected 800 points and we won 2 IMPS on the board. This demoralizing hand unsettled the opponents enough to turn the match into a series of wild swings leading to a win for our team. If there is a moral, it must be that no board is a certain loss or that luck is more unnerving for the opponents than skill.

		<u>North</u>	
		♠	KT9765
		♥	QJ8754
		♦	
		♣	2
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	
♠	AJ	♠	Q8
♥	AK	♥	6
♦	987642	♦	QJT3
♣	KJ3	♣	AQT984
		<u>South</u>	
		♠	432
		♥	T932
		♦	AK5
		♣	765

Status: South is the dealer, E/W Vulnerable

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
Pass	1 Club	2 Clubs	3 Hearts (1)
4 Diamonds	4 NT!	5 Diamonds	Double (2)
5 Hearts	6 NT!!	7 Hearts!!!	Double
Pass*	Pass	Pass	

- (1) Splinter (Heart shortness and club support)
- (2) 1 keycard for clubs

Opening Lead: Ace of Clubs

*I do not remember if South shredded only his Pass card or all his cards!

Conventions

by Stan Matheson

Starting Tuesday Sept 12 at 7:30 and Friday Sept 15 at 12:45 the Martinique will be holding a series of lessons on conventions. These lessons will follow the format of the convention card and will help you to select and how to defend against common conventions. Each lesson will start with a discussion of the week's material and problem hands. (study material for the next week will be given at the end of each lesson). Cost will be \$100 for the course or \$15 per lesson and the instructor will be Stan Matheson. The following discussion on the "unusual 2NT" is a sample of what you can expect.

One of a major followed by 2NT normally shows 5-5 or better with 8-12 hcp. The suits should be of good quality and the vast majority of the high cards should be in the two suits. As your distributional values increase, your hcp's can be reduced.

♠ 5
♥ J3
♦ KQ874
♣ QJT73

♠ 8
♥ 7
♦ J87642
♣ KQ652

♠
♥ 9
♦ T87542
♣ KT9532

All are suitable for a 2NT call after the opponents open 1 of a major.

♠ A4
♥ 7
♦ K8532
♣ Q7642

♠ 5
♥ K5
♦ AJ987
♣ AQ873

♠ J82
♥ 5
♦ KQJ4
♣ QJ983

All are unsuitable for the unusual 2NT. The first hand has poor suits and outside defence; the second is too strong; the third one has the wrong shape.

Responding to the Unusual 2NT

With a weak hand, bid your longer minor or the stronger one with equal length. Pass shows a double stopper in opener's major and at least one in the other major. Jump to game with a great fit and little defence. With a good hand jump to 4 of a minor, bid game, or use Blackwood. 4 of their major asks partner to bid their better minor.

After 1 Heart 2NT pass

	♠ K76	♠ A7	♠ QJT9	♠ AK64	♠ 75
	♥ KQ43	♥ A9842	♥ KQT5	♥ A53	♥ A32
	♦ Q987	♦ K952	♦ K6	♦ 4	♦ K753
	♣ 86	♣ 43	♣ AJ3	♣ KQ764	♣ AT86
Bid	3D	4D	3NT	4NT	4H

Defence to the Unusual 2NT

Simple defence: double for penalty, 3 of your suit is a sound raise, 3 of the other major is natural and forcing, and 3 of a minor asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in the cued minor.

More complex defence: double shows 10+ hcp with a strong 4+ card holding in at least one minor and a poor fit with partner, 3 of your suit shows a sound single raise to a minimum limit raise, 4 of your suit is to play, 3 of the other major is non-forcing, 3C is invitational or better in hearts, 3D is invitational or better in spades, 4C and 4D are splinters.

Countermeasures

1 of a major - 2NT - double: Make your normal call except if you have no preference pass and let partner choose his better minor. Redouble asks partner to bid 3C and then pass whatever you bid next.

1 of a major - 2NT - 3C/D: If you double now, it is only a lead director and does not signal to continue bidding.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Judy Elson

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following:

New Life Masters

Stephanie McAdam
Jo Peterson
Frances Tadros

New Silver Life Masters

Barbara Bond
Sheila Evans
Russ Peterson
Frieda Webb

HELLO AND GOOD-BYE

A warm welcome to our new members:

Mike Burtlehaus

Jerry McCarthy

Stefan Nowakowski

Evelyn Ward

Angelica and David Williams

Marilyn Williams

and those transferring into our unit:

Betty Gladu- East Texas

Ronald Mawhood- Ontario

A fond farewell to those who moved elsewhere:

Iris Torfason- Las Vegas, Nevada

Eva Pistone- Moncton, NB

Gladys Grant moved to Radium Hot Springs. She and her husband, Don, operate the Lido Motel. If you go through Radium, stop and say "Hi". (Thanks to Marion Pennell for the info)

Marjorie Andrukow

Calgary bridge players were privileged to have Marj Andrukow at the bridge table for more than twenty years. She was classy, fun, dedicated to the game, and her behaviour at the table was a role model for all of us.

We often met Marj at the table. She loved to play bridge. You may not all know it, but she even had a hand named for her. "Marj's hand" was any four triple three, put down as dummy. Declarer always would say "Nice shape - Thanks Pard."

Besides being famous for her "nice shape", Marj had control of the table. There were no fights allowed at her table; those icky situations were turned by a word from Marj, and everyone felt better. Usually the word was "pooch". We will miss her ability to intervene in a kind way.

From her early wins in Ladies Pairs to her double wins at the Edmonton Regional's Flight 'A' teams in 1990 and 1993, countless sectional wins, and her stranglehold on the IMP League, Marj was a consistent achiever at bridge. Not only did she have technical ability, she was a wonderful partner, who would raise spirits or deflate active egos with equal panache.

To many of us Marj was more than a bridge player, she was a friend. She loved her friends and took fabulous care of them with the same ease she used at the table. From the simple (everyone knew Marj had Tylenol and Tums in her purse) to the complex (Ray tells us that in the past seven years he's learned both the form and function of the vacuum cleaner from her), Marj was a friend who gave and gave.

Marj died this summer. She left most of us last fall after she told us of her illness. We've missed her for a year. We want to hear her hearty laugh again, to see her slap her knee again as she tries to hold back the tears from a particularly funny story someone has told her. We want to go to her house for an apparently impromptu dinner with 10 or 20 of her friends. Stan & Regina, Dan & Brenda and Brian & Heather would love to go back to Marj's place for just one more evening of rubber bridge with Ray and Marj.

Our deepest condolences to her family and those who loved her.

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Standings

(as of August 1995)

Ace of Clubs

Mini-McKenney

CATEGORY A - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Peter Meier	12.43	Marlene Lenstra	15.04
Betty Dix	9.02	Patricia Cochrane	13.89
Patricia Cochrane	8.36	Peter Meier	13.42

CATEGORY B - JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

John Ferguson	19.56	John Ferguson	25.78
Mary Ross	13.67	Mary Ross	15.81
Devinder Sood	13.27	Devinder Sood	13.27

CATEGORY C - CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

Garth Wiggins	18.06	Rodney Ward	25.69
Rodney Ward	14.32	Garth Wiggins	24.92
Peter Bradbury	14.30	Rick Stevens	20.61

CATEGORY D - SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Stan Halluk	27.70	Tanja Hurlbert	33.47
Tanja Hurlbert	27.09	Stan Halluk	30.88
Percy Schacter	20.09	Barry Emmet	30.00

CATEGORY E - REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ian Boyd	31.86	Glenn Lefebvre	62.68
Glenn Lefebvre	31.18	Ian Boyd	61.80
Bruce Mottle	21.22	Bruce Mottle	39.65

CATEGORY F - NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Perry Chan	41.40	Perry Chan	49.82
Stephanie McAdam	29.65	Stephanie McAdam	41.37
Keith Moores	23.42	Heinz Weis	35.85

CATEGORY G - LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Paul Graham	48.65	Paul Graham	103.38
Rae Cram	27.15	Caroleigh Houghton	59.42
Edmund Ridgen	23.72	Keith Falkenberg	39.52

CATEGORY H - BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Francesca Walton	48.44	Daniel Bertrand	106.90
Marion Pennell	40.59	Francesca Walton	101.07
Susan Clayton	35.07	Alex Knox	67.22

CATEGORY I - SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Gladys Minor	52.68	Ray Grace	68.25
Elaine Stewart	45.80	Paul Sorensen	67.07
Paula Sisko	30.13	Steven Lawrence	65.14

CATEGORY J - GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Helen Roche	43.36	Gerry Marshall	138.19
John Lang	34.63	Nicholas Gartaganis	133.45
Nicholas Gartaganis	28.01	Judith Gartaganis	123.79

Ethics

by Stan Matheson

The only logical place to start talking about bridge ethics is by alluding to ethical problems that might arise should they occur in other games like poker and golf. Also it will serve as an introduction to our antiheroes Fred and Fred, who when playing as a bridge partnership somehow have acquired the nickname Fred Flatulants. Friday night we spend at a friendly home poker game. Friendly until Fred forgot that the cards were supposed to be dealt from the top of the deck. Friday night ruined but Saturday is beautiful and to spice up the day we agree to play for ten bucks a hole. A beautiful day until Fred, while helping me scour the rough in search of my ball is found standing on it. What has gone wrong? Is it the rules that are wrong or is it that someone has in effect said "I do not care about anyone else I will play this game as I want and if you don't like it then go stuff yourself." Fortunately even our most socially inept players do not normally exhibit such sociopathic attitudes but for players who are coming into the game of duplicate bridge straight from their friendly home games where poker tactics are the norm being treated as a bridge sociopath is to put it mildly a trifle unsettling. These articles will help you from stepping on golf balls and also help you handle yourself when someone steps on your ball.

In bridge as in other games, the rules govern the strategy while the ethics govern how we conduct and play the game. The lawmakers in the game of bridge have concluded that the best way for bridge to evolve is to require total disclosure of your methods to the opponents and to restrict deception to those methods that can be accomplished BY USING the legal vocabulary and BY the choice of call or card to play NOT BY the manner in which a call or play is made. When we enter an ACBL event we agree that for the duration of the event we will follow the laws of the ACBL expecting that others will do the same.

First -lets give specific meaning to some words as they apply to bridge. They are my phrasings; not official ACBL definitions.

Ethics - for the purpose of duplicate bridge an ethical player is one who tries to follow the proprieties as set forth in the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, Laws 72 through 76, the proprieties of. Admittedly we have two types of ethical players -those who are actively ethical (willingly levelling the playing field for their opponents) and those who are legally ethical - those who follow the letter of the Law but not one dot of an "I" beyond. These articles are for those who wish to be actively ethical.

Unethical behaviour - violating some bridge ethic, this may be benign as no budding duplicate player could possibly play a session of bridge without inadvertently violating something or other, or malignant as in the case of an experienced player who chooses to step on golf balls.

Cheating - with intent either by oneself or with another(s) of violating the integrity of the contest.

Second - Perhaps the most important assumption that one has to make about the game is that you, your partner and your opponents are honourable people and being honourable disputes will be resolved in an honourable fashion - the laws of duplicate as applied by an impartial body, usually the director but in some instances a committee. The assumption that we are all honourable carries with it a corollary. To accuse another player of unethical conduct is the most serious charge that one can make against another. A charge so severe that if we cannot backup our charge then we face punitive measures equal to what would be given the subject of your remark. Statements that all of us have heard, such as, " That's unethical you know", should never be heard. If you must say something concerning a player's ethics say it to a director or fill out a player memorandum which will be forwarded to the unit recorder Gordon Campbell.

Third - Duplicate bridge is amongst the most complex games mankind has devised, simple in outline with layers of strategies beneath the surface which provides a compelling game whether you play Goren or the Rosetta Club. It requires a complex code of laws to permit us to play pretty much what we want against people playing pretty much what they want . It is the proprieties which govern our interaction and guarantees everyone at worst a tolerable round and in the vast majority enjoyable ones.

Fourth or perhaps first- duplicate is fun, intellectually stimulating and challenging, but fun, not just for you or me but everyone and that means everyone's restrictions and privileges are equal.

A Bridge Game With Fred And Fred Vs Mutt and Jeff
(The first in a series of articles dealing with duplicate as it should not be.)

Fred and Fred Fill out a convention card

The scene - a seedy coffee shop about ten minutes from the club. Thirty minutes till game time. We listen in and comment on their actions.

" Hi Fred " [mutual greetings so far nothing suspicious or at least provable.]

" Did you call the club and let them know we coming? "

" Yup " [What is this Fred and Fred being considerate?]

" Lets get there 5 minutes late so we will likely start against Alice and she will be so frazzled that she will blow the round like last time." [Law 74a-2 Violation of another's right to enjoy the game. This part of the proprieties is used to handle gratuitous remarks, rudeness, gamesmanship and similar ploys. Simply put deliberately trying to upset or otherwise take away another's enjoyment of their game is a violation of the laws not to mention the spirit of the game.]

" I'll give her a needle or two just to get her going. " [Law 74b-2 Violation gratuitous remarks similar to above]

" Lets play 2/1 game force but remember when you bid a new suit at the 2 level you rebid 2Nt or a new suit to show a good hand, then when you rebid your suit I'll know to take it easy."

" OK then rebidding 3 of the suit shows I've psyched and then take it real easy." [If these agreements were alerted they would not be allowed, permitted or seriously considered for play by any director in any game. If these agreements are not alerted then Law 74B2 Prearranged Communication has been violated. This Law can carry punishment up to expulsion from the ACBL for provable offences. This a flagrant example of a concealed partnership agreement (unless alerted) which if used would give the offending side a significant advantage, not because of the quality but because of the opponents' ignorance of the agreement.]

" Jacoby 2NT shows 16+ points with Inverted Swiss to show weak balanced minimums "

" OK " [Discussion as to the meanings and limits of bids is essential for any developing player or partnership for at least three reasons:

- 1 - Knowing the meaning of the conventional calls and responses you and your partner(s) choose to use will improve your bidding and bidding judgement.
- 2- You will learn how to evaluate which conventions best fit the needs of your methods.
- 3- Your explanations will be correct and the chances of misinformation will be reduced.

The first example shows a destructive agreement being made while this one shows a constructive albeit superficial discussion.]

" The only other thing I want to make sure of is on defence we use count signals against bad players and attitude signals against the top guys right? "

" We mark the card showing them as attitude signals right? " " Yup " [This last agreement violates Laws 72b-1, 73a-1, 73b-2, 73c, 73e, 75a, 75c. Concealing what you are playing by falsifying the card would be considered cheating and playing different systems based on who you are playing against is not permitted.]

" I'll leave now and see if I can get old Alice going, you grab another coffee since you don't want to get there early."

Mutt and Jeff (our two favourite novices) fill out a convention card.

The scene a deserted table in the corner of the bridge club. Time 30 minutes till game time. Again we will listen and comment.

" Hi Mutt, hey I've got a great joke to play on Alice. Lets fill out the card and then you leave and come back about two minutes after the game starts. She will have a bird. "

" OK That's sounds like fun and she's so stuffy it will do her good." [poor sense of humour but no problem other than education.]

" Lets try this when you open a major and I bid a new suit at the two level you rebid your suit to tell me that you have a bad hand or a psych because I would rebid something else with a good one."

" Sounds good and I could rebid three of my suit and you would know that I psyched. Where do we mark it on the card? "

" I don't know lets find out later when the guys get here."

[they will find out and then they will not play it, no problem]

" I noticed that when we give count signals against the good players they always guess right do you think that we should try something else against them."

" The Champ just arrived lets ask him."

This serves as the introduction to our characters Fred and Fred who throughout this series will continue to be without redeeming qualities and Mutt and Jeff, novice players who will try to do the right thing.

To be continued...

If anyone has an ethical situation or problem that they would like to see discussed
please contact Stan Matheson (228-5245 or 243-4353).

Calgary Fall Sectional

**Location: Polish Canadian Cultural Centre
3015 15 St NE
Open Events**

Friday, September 8th, 1995

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs

8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

11:45 PM: Speedball Swiss Teams

Saturday, September 9th, 1995

**1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
(1st session of playthrough)
A - Unlimited (Stand Alone)
B (200 to 500) & C (0 - 200)**

**7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
(2nd session of playthrough)**

**NOTE: SINGLE SESSION ENTRIES WILL BE ACCOMMODATED FOR
EITHER SESSION**

Sunday, September 10th, 1995

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1st Session)
Anne Waldie Memorial Trophy
A: 750⁺, B: 200 - 750, C: 0 - 200

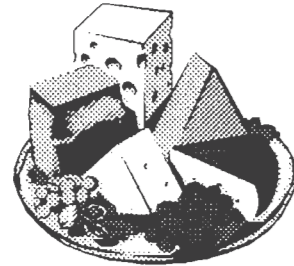
TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd Session)

Future Masters Events

Friday, September 8th, 1995

1:30 PM : Future Master Stratified Pairs
8:00 PM : Future Master Stratified Pairs
Newcomers Pairs (0 - 5 points)

**11:30 PM : Wine & Cheese Reception for Newcomers
and Future Masters**



Saturday, September 9th, 1995

1:00 PM : Future Master Stratified Pairs
7:30 PM : Future Master Stratified Pairs
Newcomers Pairs (0 - 5 points)

Sunday, September 10th, 1995

10:30 AM : Stratified 99ers Swiss Teams

TBA : Stratified Swiss Teams

Stratified Events : A : 50 - 100
B : 20 - 50
C : 0 - 20

All Future Masters Events are single session