

THE KIBITZER

OCTOBER 1995

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

The September Sectional at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre was our most successful tournament in quite some time. Attendance was up 25% from a year ago and feedback was generally positive. The stratiflighted event on Saturday was well received and we will continue with that format in January and March. Our future masters and newcomers events were very well attended. It was terrific to see a future masters team game on Sunday. Congratulations to all winners (and placers). Many thanks to all members of the Unit Board for their assistance at the tournament. Special mention to Keith Falkenberg, our Tournament Chair, and Tessa Bombenon and Rick Stevens, our Future Masters Coordinators.

Our next Sectional is the Banff Classic, November 3, 4, and 5 at the Inns of Banff Park. A film festival is being held at the same time so be sure to make your reservations early. Banff is always an enjoyable weekend getaway. Plan to attend.

The Unit Board has decided to purchase bidding boxes for use at our tournaments. We have been considering this investment for quite some time and have finally decided to take the plunge. Bidding boxes are the rule rather than the exception at most tournaments these days and most players are quite comfortable with them.

We also decided at our last meeting to explore the possibility of hosting a NABC in 2002/3. District 18 is slated to host and there is considerable support for a Calgary bid at the district level. Floyd Derkat, the Alberta rep on the District Board, will provide direction for us.

Finally, congratulations to two members of our Unit Board, Dan Bertrand and Brenda Murchison, who were married on October 14.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following new Life Master, Perry Chan, and to Irv Rubin a New Bronze Life Master.

HELLO AND GOODBYE

A warm welcome to our new members: Ross Bennett and Orlando Pereira

A fond farewell to the following people who have moved elsewhere:

Janet Ducharme Houston, TX Allan Terplawy Edmonton, AB

NEW AND CHANGED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pereira, Orlando 251-0526 Neustadt, Ruth 258-1860
Grace, Ray 288-8828

ALBERTA SECTIONALS MASTERPOINT RACE (INCLUDING SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL)

1	Nick Gartaganis	Calgary	80.08	26	Piotr Klimowicz	Edmonton	28.67
2	Judy Gartaganis	Calgary	69.66	27	Kaz Walewski	Edmonton	28.37
3	Allan Simon	Calgary	53.04	28	Alex Knox	Calgary	26.28
4	Dann Kramer	Calgary	49.59	29	Ian Boyd	Calgary	26.26
5	Rick Tewari	Calgary	48.60	30	Andrew Proczkowski	Edmonton	26.04
6	Gerry Marshall	Calgary	48.30	31	Frank Ratai	Drumheller	25.80
7	Ron Rodvick	Wetaskiwin	46.12	32	Earl Knipfel	Calgary	24.34
8	Lucille Barton	Edmonton	45.83	33	Ron Pongar	Calgary	23.86
9	Ray Grace	Calgary	41.66	34	Michael Hurka	Edmonton	23.57
10	Peter Jones	Edmonton	40.92	35	Ron Kupchanko	Edmonton	22.97
11	Vince Lambert	Leduc	40.19	36	Janice Bodnarchuk	Calgary	22.31
12	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary	39.77	37	Helen Mitchell	Edmonton	22.11
13	Doug Deschner	Red Deer	39.59	38	Fi Nadir	Calgary	22.03
14	Gordon Campbell	Calgary	35.74	39	Dick McKinney	Edmonton	21.77
15	Glenn Lefebvre	Calgary	34.16	40	Lloyda Jones	Edmonton	21.31
16	Bob Santa	Lethbridge	33.78	41	Richard Sochacki	Edmonton	21.24
17	Barry Pritchard	Edmonton	32.97	42	Jim Berglund	Calgary	20.96
18	Paul Graham	Calgary	32.96	43	Murray Peterson	Calgary	20.74
19	Fran Walton	Calgary	32.96	44	Jan Sorensen	Sherwood Park	20.74
20	Don Gladman	Calgary	31.53	45	Adolph Feingold	Edmonton	20.73
21	Steve Lawrence	Calgary	31.37	46	Lorna McDonald	St-Albert	19.84
22	Ken Penton	Calgary	29.57	47	Barry Emmment	Calgary	19.80
23	Gary Boe	Spruce Grove	29.32	48	Lee Barton	Edmonton	19.57
24	Keith Falkenberg	Calgary	28.98	49	Heinz Weis	Calgary	19.24
25	Bruce Mottle	Calgary	28.76	50	Rod Hilderman	Calgary	18.95

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Martinique

Gord Sharp and Delores Hedley will be hosting an evening of bridge on Friday November 10 at the Martinique Bridge Studio to celebrate our Kibitzer Editor (Dan Bertrand) finally coming to his senses and marrying Brenda Murchison (an event which occurred on October 14). Come to say congratulations to the pair, enjoy Delores' chili, and win points at the club championship. Please phone and make a reservation (would not want to run out of chili!): 243-4353.

Nov 6-11	Bridge Week	Come play now that you have tuned up in Banff!
Fri	Nov 10 8:00	Dan and Brenda's congratulation game
Fri	Nov 17 8:00	Getting ready for Christmas pairs (everyone will leave better prepared!)
Sun	Nov 19 12:00	Canadian National Team Championship Qualifier
Fri	Nov 24 8:00	Canadian Open Pairs Qualifier (National Final in Saskatoon)
Dec 11-16	Bridge Week	Extra money goes to support the Food Bank
Fri	Dec 15 8:00	Christmas Party
Sat	Dec 16 TBA	Charity Individual Come have fun and bring a donation for the Food Bank to be eligible for prizes
Sun	Dec 17 12:00	Canadian National Team Championship Qualifier

Bow River

A new game has started on Saturday evening. It is a 199er Swiss team game. Also, on Tuesday December 5, the Bow River Bridge Club will be hosting a Rookie-Master Game. Anyone who is interested can phone the club for details.

Sun	Nov	12	1:00	Open Club Championship
Tues	Nov	14	7:30	Stratified-Open Club Championship
Sat	Nov	18	7:30	199er Swiss Teams Club Championship
Mon	Nov	20	12:30	Student Bridge Party
Mon	Nov	20	7:30	Student Bridge Party
Wed	Nov	22	7:30	Stratified 99er Club Championship
Sun	Dec	3	1:00	Christmas Party (Second game starts at 5:00 PM)
Mon	Dec	4	12:30	Stratified 99er Club Championship
Tues	Dec	5	7:30	Rookie-Master Game

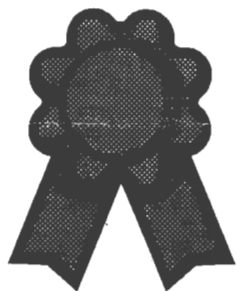
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Thur	Nov	9	7:30	Jack Murphy Memorial Trophy
Mon	Nov	20	7:30	ACBL Wide Charity Game
Thur	Dec	7	7:30	Club Championship
Thur	Dec	28	7:30	Christmas Party

ADOPT-A-NOVICE

Charles Porter and David Boyd from Unit 144 have come up with a great idea; they call it adopt-a-novice. The idea is simple: an experienced player agrees to play with a novice once a month for a year. The pairing accomplishes two objectives: the experienced player helps the newcomer learn while easing him or her into the mainstream of duplicate competition. Also whenever the novice encounters a bridge problem, he is encouraged to contact his "expert" for advice. Please contact Dan Bertrand at 288-8828 to let him know what you think of this idea.

REGIONAL RESULTS



The team of Yvette Tapuska, Olga Furlan, Ernie Bell, and Larry Corns went undefeated to win their bracket on Sunday in Red Deer. (Sorry about the late reporting).

Fred and Fred Vs Mutt and Jeff - The game is afoot

by Stan Matheson

"OK folks tonight we have 9 tables playing 27 boards with an 8 top and a 108 average. Please shuffle deal and play." The director's largely unheeded voice announced the start of tonight's adventures. "Fred and Fred had managed to start East-West against a spluttering Alice only after Fred assured the director that Fred was on his way. Mutt And Jeff were also sitting East-West. The Card Imps (bad but could not be resisted) were busy setting a weird set of hands guaranteed to give stories to both partnerships.

	North	
	♠ Qxx	
	♥ KTxx	
	♦ KQT	
	♣ xxx	
East		West
♠ JT9x		♠ xxx
♥ x		♥ xx
♦ A987		♦ J53
♣ QJxx		♣ Kxxxx
	South	
	♠ AKX	
	♥ AQJxxx	
	♦ 642	
	♣ A	

Alice and her partner the Queen of Hearts managed to get to the contract of 6 hearts, played fittingly by the Queen. Fred led the spade ten, just to be deceptive and also acting in character. The dummy was placed down. The Queen snorted, won the trick and pulled trumps in two rounds ending in her hand. She then led a small diamond toward the KQT, Fred played small smoothly causing her Majesty to call for the K. Fred clearly now took a second or 2 or...to clear his thoughts. After successfully clearing them Fred played the 5. Her Majesty looked at Fred and said "We are not amused." Then returning to her hand she promptly led another diamond toward the QT pausing for thought only after Fred smoothly played the 8. The Queen huffed and called for the Ten. The contract was set, the Queen was DEMANDING the removal of heads, the director was running to the scene and the Freds were mystified. The Director ruled that the result stood as there was no way to disprove Fred's claim that his decision whether to show count or not was the reason for his hesitation. The fact that the director couldn't remember him using that one before also contributed to his unhappy decision. The director, Alice and the Queen of Hearts all filled out player memos regarding Fred and Fred.

Fred bought Fred a coffee. "Thank you " said Fred. " My pleasure" said Fred.

A few rounds later Mutt and Jeff were in the spotlight defending 6 hearts on board one. The lead and declarer's plan of leading twice toward the KQT of diamonds were the same but this time they were playing against their hero the Champ. Mutt played low in tempo and Jeff fumbled before playing the 3. The Champ returned to his hand and led a diamond toward the QT, Mutt again playing small in tempo the Champ again going wrong and again going down.

"Nice duck of the ace Mutt but why the hesitation Jeff?"

"Fred did it to me last week and said nobody gets it right against him."

"I see, let me explain the problem like this. The declarer has the problem of guessing how to play KQT opposite xxx for 2 tricks right? So I led small toward the KQT and played the K after Mutt had ducked smoothly, then you Jeff seemed to have a problem. What could that problem be but whether or not to win the trick or not? So I returned to my hand and led small toward the QT with Mutt ducking smoothly again, having anticipated the problem and totally convinced about the location of the Ace, I played the Ten as my only hope. Jeff if you had played smoothly, I still would have gone wrong but you would have beaten me by being at the bridge table rather than beating me by using a ploy from the hustler's handbook. Of course Jeff if you held the Ace and Mutt the Jack you also must duck the king smoothly so when I lead small to the QT I can never know which hand I'm facing."

"Should we change the result."

"No can't do that. I took the inferences at my own risk but I will say one more thing. You guys have a great attitude so learn all about the game including how to handle the ethical problems."

FALL SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

99ER PAIRS

OPEN IMP PAIRS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A: 1 John Lang - Don Gladman
2 Walter Brock - Dave Christison
3 Ian Boyd - Jim Berglund

Flight B: 1 Walter Brock - Dave Christison
2 Ian Boyd - Jim Berglund
3 Rod Hilderman - Linda Olbort

Flight C: 1 Cora Steemers - Inez Watt
2 Arie Struik - Olga Jones
3 Clifford King - Monica King

Flight A: 1 Sam Huculak - Pauline Huculak
2 Pat Cochrane - Marlene Lenstra
3 Shirley Klassen - Lily Halliday

Flight B: 1 Pat Cochrane - Marlene Lenstra
2 Anne Primeau - Diane Eason
3 Betty Dix - John Dix

Flight C: 1 Anne Primeau - Diane Eason
2 Betty Dix - John Dix

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Jean Kittlitz - Paula Sisko
2/3 Fran Walton - Paul Graham
2/3 Alex Knox - Daniel Bertrand

Flight B: 1 Fran Walton - Paul Graham
2 Fi Nadir - Ron Pongar
3 Trent Bessette - Pat Butler

Flight C: 1 Trent Bessette - Pat Butler
2 Bodgan Gorski - Andrzej Walny
3/4 Barry Emmment - Glenn Spencer
3/4 Mary Lou Holder - Tanya Hurlbert

Flight A: 1 June Brooks - Jim Brooks
2 Carol and Bernie Kowalchuk
3 Fran Madge - Laurel Chrumka

Flight B: 1 June Brooks - Jim Brooks
2 Lorraine Van Dusen - Connie Studer
3 Chuck Pinkney - Rob Onlock

Flight C: 1 Chuck Pinkney - Rob Onlock
2 Anne Primeau - Diane Eason
3 Betty Dix - John Dix

SATURDAY STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Bob Van Wart - Rick Tewari
2 Gerry Marshall - Bob Santa
3 Allan Simon - Lorne Russell

Flight B: 1 Linda Olbort - Bruce Mottle
2 Ruth Gilchrist - Rao Darsi
3 Sue Walker - Paul Trott

Flight C: 1 Clifford King - Monica King
2 Maggie Rogers - Janice Bodnarchuk
3 Bogdan Gorski - Stefan Nowakowski

Flight A: 1 Carol and Bernie Kowalchuk
2 Aurelia Vangrud - Doris Johnston
3 Dan Bolianatz - Kathleen Gleeson

Flight B: 1 Dan Bolianatz - Kathleen Gleeson
2 Don Seidle - Howard Bursey
3 Robert Copley - Lorraine Van Dusen

Flight C: 1/2 Bill O'Rourke - Trudy O'Rourke
1/2 Chuck Pinkney - Kier Dorrance

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

- Flight A:**
- 1 Regina Shedd - Stan Shedd
Ron Pongar - Fi Nadir
 - 2 Gerry Marshall - Steve Lawrence
Don Gladman - Rick Tewari
Ken Penton - Bob Santa
 - 3 James Boyd - Ben Chee
Samir Majumdar - Jim Berglund
- Flight B:**
- 1 Al Kahanoff - Berny Kahanoff
Russ Purdy - Helen Purdy
 - 2/3 Murray Peterson - Keith Falkenberg
Janice Bodnarchuk - Rod Hilderman
 - 2/3 Dave Chambers - Lucinda Chambers
Dorothy Hauck - Bob Albrecht
- Flight C:**
- 1 Percy Schacter - Helen Signer
Bob Nabata - Bernice Jeske
 - 2/3 Marjorie McLeod - Adam Wiggins
Garth Wiggins - Jnan Sarkar
 - 2/3 Clifford King - Monica King
Gordon King - Mona King

SATURDAY EVENING PAIRS

- Flight A:**
- 1 Don Ryan - Glyn Roberts
 - 2 Nigel Gates - William Kozma
 - 3 Jeannette and Len Smallenburg
- Flight B:**
- 1 Don Ryan - Glyn Roberts
 - 2 Nigel Gates - William Kozma
 - 3 Jeannette and Len Smallenburg
- Flight C:**
- 1 Nigel Gates - William Kozma
 - 2 Jeannette and Len Smallenburg
 - 3 Chuck Pinkney - Kier Dorrance

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAMS

- Flight A:**
- 1 Lorraine Van Dusen - Bob Copley
Jim McConnell - Trish McConnell
 - 2 Chuck Pinkney - Kier Dorrance
Laurel Chrumka - Marlene Lenstra
- Flight B:**
- 1 Lorraine Van Dusen - Bob Copley
Jim McConnell - Trish McConnell

SUNDAY EVENING TEAMS

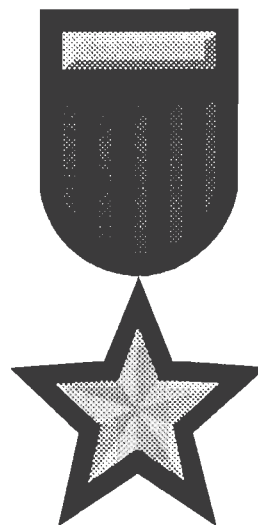
- Flight A:**
- 1 Kenneth Baher - Kathleen Blaxley
Lily Halliday - Shirley Klassen
 - 2 Marlene Lenstra - Laurel Chrumka
Don Seidle - Howard Bursey

SPEEDBALL TEAMS:

- 1/2 Rosella Ellis - Elaine Winter - Ian Boyd - Dann Kramer
- 1/2 Bruce Mottle - James Boyd - Dale Ellwood - Tanja Hurlbert

FRIDAY EVENING NEWCOMER PAIRS:

- 1 Nigel Gates - William Kozma
- 2 Maurice Pithers - Pam Caravan



SLAM BIDDING

♠AKQJT2
♥Q5
♦Q5
♣AKQ

♠86
♥KT32
♦98432
♣85

♠973
♥864
♦AT6
♣JT43

♠54
♥AJ97
♦KJ7
♣9762

North	East	South	West
2♣ (1)	PASS	2♦ (2)	PASS
2♠ (3)	PASS	2NT (4)	PASS
4NT (5)	PASS	5♦ (6)	PASS
6NT (7)	PASS	PASS	PASS

Opening Lead : Heart 2

This hand was from the recent Continent Wide Charity Pairs on Oct 19th. It is remarkable because of the thinking behind the bidding and the defence.

- (1) 2 CLUBS showed a strong game forcing hand.
- (2) 2 DIAMONDS was waiting and showed values but denied a hand with a 5+ card suit containing 2 of the top 3 honours.
- (3) 2 SPADES was natural and forcing. Many players would bid 3 SPADES but this preempts your auction. Partner will not pass 2 SPADES.
- (4) 2NT was a thoughtful bid that eloquently described the SOUTH hand. Scattered values and no 5 card suit.
- (5) 4NT is Roman Key Card Blackwood for the last suit bid, Spades. NORTH can assume that SOUTH has at least an ACE and a KING or two KINGS, therefore 5 SPADES must be safe.
- (6) 5 DIAMONDS was one Key Card.
- (7) 6NT this protected the ACE that SOUTH held from a lead through it.

We now come to the lead.

WEST held only 3 points, one KING. WEST knew that NORTH-SOUTH were missing an ACE or a KEYCARD because NORTH had not bid 5NT showing interest in a Grand Slam. WEST felt that the only chance to set the contract was to find partner with the HEART QUEEN or possibly the HEART JACK. (On a good day the HEART ACE.)

It is possible that the lead may have let the opponents make an unmakeable contract, however it is more likely to setup the second defensive trick than to give declarer his 12th.

A well bid and well defended hand. If SOUTH had not had the HEART JACK he may well have gone wrong by playing small.

BANFF SECTIONAL

LOCATION: INNS OF BANFF PARK

OPEN EVENTS

Friday, November 3rd, 1995

2:00 PM : Stratified Imp Pairs

8:00 PM : Stratified Pairs

11:45 PM : KO Speedball Swiss Teams

Saturday, November 4th, 1995

1:00 PM : Stratified Open Pairs (Playthrough)

7:30 PM : Stratified Open Pairs (Second session)

(Single Session Pairs are welcome for either session)

Sunday, November 5th, 1995

10:00 AM : Stratified Swiss Teams (First session)

TBA : Stratified Swiss Teams (Second session)

(Limited time break between sessions. Lunch available on site. Play to be completed by 6:30 PM.)

FUTURE MASTERS EVENTS

Future masters events will be held if a minimum number of 3 tables are present. All future masters events will be single session.



WARNING

Everyone should start behaving themselves because Auntie Pickle will be back in the next Kibitzer. She has promised to leave no stone unturned to get to the bottom of every incident. You have been warned...