

THE KIBITZER

JANUARY 1996

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

Happy New Year to all members. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year of bridge. Work is well underway for the 1996 tournaments and we are looking for input from our members. At the January Sectional we will have a survey for players to fill out requesting your views on playing sites, costs, events, etc. We ask all of you to complete this survey so that we can tailor our tournaments to the wishes of the majority. We will try very hard to address your concerns.

The New Year is traditionally the time for resolutions. I would like to encourage and promote resolutions which lead to the greater enjoyment of our game for all participants. Let's be pleasant to our partners and opponents, be ethical at all times, and remember to have fun at the table.

The next tournament is January 12 - 14 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. We look forward to a good turnout and lots of fun. As usual, there are events for everyone from Newcomers to Flight A. See you there.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Judy Elson

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following new Life Masters, Eileen Brown and Rod Hilderman and New Bronze Life Master Paul Graham and Eileen Brown.

HELLO AND GOODBYE

A warm welcome to our new members:

Laurel Chrumka, May Jackman, Barb Krydi, Paul and Claudette Pichette, Glyn Roberts, Barry Robey, Lorna White, and Robert Wallace who is transferring from Mesa, AZ.

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

Marjorie Grubb.....Las Vegas, NV
Edmund Ridgen.....Edmonton, AB

TELEPHONE CHANGES:

Al Andrukow.....	547-2009	Barb Krydi.....	246-4657
Sue Blaine.....	255-4759	Carol McManus.....	270-8090
Ernest Carter.....	286-5670	Kevin Miner.....	275-6376
Laurel Chrumka.....	255-9211	Marguerite Perry.....	279-6465
Ervin Dan.....	280-3521	Claudette and Paul Pichette.....	256-7036
Nigel Gates.....	225-2704	Patricia Pryde.....	244-6708

Ray Grace.....284-9881
 Doug and Mary Lou Holder.....242-6589
 Keith Hoyland.....232-6464
 May Jackman.....252-8976
 William Kozma.....245-9348

Glyn Roberts.....337-3086
 Barry Robey.....246-4657
 Rick Stevens.....283-5341
 Lorna White.....282-5906

The Calgary Bridge Club located at the Calgary Jewish Centre (1607 - 90th Avenue SW) offers an Open Stratified Game on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M.

BANFF SECTIONAL RESULTS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Gordon Campbell - Ian Boyd
 2 /3 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 2/3 Yvonne Hess - Marlene Fuller

Flight B: 1 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 2 Anne Kozak - Kathy Bohn
 3 Dave Christison - Caroleigh Houghton

Flight C: 1 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 2 Carole Ann Bozohora - Pat Jorgenson
 3 Clifford King - Monica King

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Ray Grace - Daniel Bertrand
 2 Maureen and Michael Newcombe
 3 Maurice De La Salle - Susan Culham

Flight B: 1 Dave Christison - Murray Peterson
 2 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 3 Art Peddicord - Ed Popp

Flight C: 1 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 2 Doug Holder - Mary Lou Holder
 3 Vince Machacek - Betty Machacek

SPEEDBALL SWISS TEAMS

1 Doug Holder - Mary Lou Holder
 Stephanie McAdam - Keith Falkenberg

SATURDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Allan Simon - Daniel Bertrand
 2 Ruth Gilchrist - Rao Darci
 3 Doris Fishman - Elsie Johnson

Flight B: 1 Ruth Gilchrist - Rao Darci
 2 Warren Allen - Bernie Michaud
 3 Pat Jorgenson - Carole Ann Bozohora

Flight C: 1 Pat Jorgenson - Carole Ann Bozohora
 2 Sam Huculak - Pauline Huculak
 3 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment

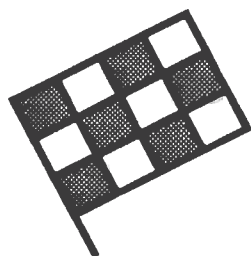
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Flight A: 1 Gordon Campbell - Carol McManus
 Dave Whitmore - Hattie Whitmore
 2 Caroleigh Houghton - Dann Kramer
 Heather Girvitz - Brian Girvitz
 3/4 Eldon Godfrey - Dave Christison
 Bruce Mottle - Gordon Moir
 3/4 Marcia West - Ian Boyd
 Allan Simon - Daniel Bertrand

Flight B: 1 Eldon Godfrey - Dave Christison
 Bruce Mottle - Gordon Moir
 2 Jo Peterson - Murray Peterson
 Keith Falkenbergh - Rod Hilderman
 3 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 Joanne Dennis - Bruce Dennis

Flight C: 1 Glenn Spencer - Barry Emmment
 Joanne Dennis - Bruce Dennis
 2/3 Janice Bodnarchuk - Vince Machacek
 Carole Kirk - Joan Dupuis
 2/3 Gloria Guy - Mike Guy
 Bob Willson - Diane Clement

ALBERTA SECTIONALS MASTERPOINT RACE (FINAL RESULT)



1	Nick Gartaganis	111.64	25	Glenn Lefebvre	36.37	49	Earl Knipfel	24.34
2	Judy Gartaganis	101.22	26	Don Gladman	36.32	50	Carol McManus	23.92
3	Dann Kramer	73.47	27	Lee Barton	35.18	51	John Bithell	23.89
4	Allan Simon	72.15	28	Dick McKinney	34.92	52	Lloyda Jones	23.88
5	Daniel Bertrand	62.60	29	Maurice De La Salle	33.40	53	Ron Kupchanko	23.75
6	Ron Rodvick	61.86	30	Caroleigh Houghton	33.17	54	Rod Hilderman	23.74
7	Lucille Barton	61.44	31	Alex Knox	29.73	55	Helen Mitchell	23.43
8	Peter Jones	57.05	32	Piotr Klimowicz	29.71	56	Elsie Johnson	23.16
9	Gordon Campbell	55.12	33	Barry Emmet	29.59	57	Fi Nadir	22.03
10	Gerry Marshall	52.07	34	Ken Penton	29.57	58	George Kelly	21.82
11	Ray Grace	51.90	35	Kaz Walewski	29.41	59	Lisa Cabay	21.67
12	Rick Tewari	49.64	36	Tom Gandolfo	29.31	60	Stan Cabay	21.67
13	Ian Boyd	46.16	37	Murray Peterson	28.52	61	Jim Berglund	21.41
14	Doug Deschner	44.34	38	Faith Pritchard	27.80	62	Dave Christison	20.95
15	Gary Boe	43.46	39	Andrew Proczkowski	27.72	63	Susan Culham	20.80
16	Steve Lawrence	42.07	40	Richard Sochacki	27.52	64	Jan Sorensen	20.74
17	Vince Lambert	41.95	41	Steve Willard	26.88	65	Anita Lambert	20.44
18	Barry Pritchard	41.20	42	Frank Ratai	25.80	66	Ernie Bell	20.27
19	Adolph Feingold	38.76	43	Lorna McDonald	25.64	67	Brian Girvitz	20.05
20	Bruce Mottle	38.17	44	Ruth Gilchrist	25.36	68	Heather Girvitz	20.05
21	Keith Falkenberg	36.76	45	Lawrence Dubrofsky	25.30	69	Larry Corns	19.94
22	Fran Walton	36.70	46	Michael Hurka	24.96	70	Donna Fuller	19.60
23	Paul Graham	36.70	47	Janice Bodnarchuk	24.95			
24	Bob Santa	36.40	48	Ron Pongar	24.64			

HESITATIONS DURING THE AUCTION

by Gordon Campbell

Over the last few years, it seems that bridge ethic has become the most upsetting and controversial aspect of the game. Some players say: "Let's avoid all these director calls and committees and let's get on with playing the game of bridge". Others say: "Ethic is just as much a part of bridge as any other aspect, we have laws and standards of conduct, everyone should adhere to them to create an even playing field".

It is amazing how many articles on ethics have appeared in bridge magazines in the last few years. It has been an overdue catch-up, possibly as far back as when bridge began. Everyone, with no exceptions, (from novices to experts, and even directors), needs to be continually educated. Unfortunately, the process has been controversial and often filled with tension.

Everyone is unethical from time to time, almost always unconsciously, so we must “lighten-up” when we are the subject of a director call. Calling the director and suggesting an opponent’s action is unethical is often taken as a personal affront to one’s honesty and integrity. That is not so, but many aggravate the situation by holding to this belief and compound it with a large amount of stubbornness.

Even if you are certain that you would have made a particular call without partner’s hesitation, now you usually **CANNOT**. You have received unauthorized information. You are not allowed to make a bid that uses this information to your probable advantage. Yes, it may be tough on aggressive bidders who are adamant that they would have bid anyway, but too bad. If you think about it, the law must be this way to be fair to everybody.

After partner hesitates, sometimes you must Pass, sometimes you may bid on, and sometimes you can do whatever you want. These three examples illustrate this. (You are South).

1. Here, South must Pass, he cannot bid 4S:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1S
Pass	2S	Pass	3H ¹
Pass	3S ²	Pass	4S ³

¹ Alerted as a help-suit game try

² Long hesitation

³ Usually not allowed

- South cannot help noticing that his partner was thinking of bidding game. What else could he be thinking about?
- South cannot justify bidding game when he only invited to game with 3H and North declined.
- Rarely, South may have bid 3H as a slam try, in which case he will continue on to game, even with the hesitation, but he must have a very strong hand.

2. Here, South does NOT have to Pass:

South holds S: QJxxxx H: A9xxxx D: x C: void

West	North	East	South
	1D	Pass	1S
3C	Dbl ¹	Pass	3H ²

¹ Long hesitation

² Allowed

- Again, South is unavoidably aware that his partner had a problem and that his double was not clear-cut.
- South cannot take advantage of this unauthorized information but he is not obliged to take an action that is clearly unreasonable.
- An interpretation of the Law says: “if a number of the player’s peers would seriously consider Pass then he must Pass”. This is a very strong statement.
- However, with South’s extremely distributional hand, Pass is clearly an unreasonable action. So, South can pull the “slow” double.

3. Here, South can do whatever he likes:

West	North	East	South
		1S	Pass
2S	3H ¹	Pass	4H ²

¹ Long hesitation

² Allowed

- What could North have been thinking about? On this auction, it could be many things, but the most likely would be Pass or Double.
- South has an obligation to make the bid that is least likely to be successful based upon the implications of the hesitation.
- Here, South cannot reasonably know what partner was thinking about. North may have bid 3H, either when over-stretching with a 2¹/₂H bid, or when under-stretching with a 3¹/₂H bid. Accordingly, South can bid whatever he wants, because there are no suggestions from partner's hesitation that one course of action is likely to be more successful than another.

These examples are guidelines. Most situations are less black and white, and benefits of the doubt will generally not accrue to the hesitating side. We are all learning, so the "accusers" and the "accused" should be a little more tolerant during the learning process.

BALL AND CHAIN DEPT.

By Auntie Pickle

Auntie Pickle threw on her best fall outfit to attend the social event of the season, the wedding of Dan Bertrand and Brenda Murchison. Brenda looked gorgeous in her white wedding gown with matching leg hold trap. Dan was resplendent as well, and hardly looked drugged at all. The highlight of the event other than the vows themselves was the Trivial Pursuit game where a team captained by Terri Walters was annihilated by superior mental forces. Modesty prevents this reporter from naming the winning team captain...



TOURNAMENT REPORT

by Keith Falkenberg

The first two tournaments of the year were big successes with attendance up in a big way - 249 tables at the September event and 191 tables in Banff in November. This compares with about 210 tables and 140 tables the year before. Besides a larger turnout, the number of future master players in September increased enough to hold two Swiss Teams sessions on Sunday. I also received favourable reports on the change of format for the Saturday event (going to a two session playthrough with the 'A' players segregated).

There have been complaints, however, and the Unit Board wishes to hear from you on the way tournaments are organised. To this end, I'd like to provide some information for your consideration.

First, we have received assurance from the Polish-Canadian Cultural Centre that greater efforts will be made to keep the venue clean and tidy. We are planning to use this facility again next year as most players appreciate its accessible location, free parking, and large size. Also, comparable sized facilities will cost us at least 50% more in terms of rent and associated costs (restrictions on catering, high bar and refreshment costs, etc. A large increase in rent will necessitate an increase in card fees.

Complaints were received about the Banff site - the Inns of Banff. Mostly, the problems were with the variable temperature, the poor night lighting, and the cramped playing rooms. It was frustrating for the Directing staff as they were harassed about conditions when everything possible was being done to solve the problems. At times, the Directors were receiving simultaneous complaints that it was too hot **and** too cold in the same room. On the plus side, we were pleased with the quality of the hotel rooms, their reasonable price, the availability of the dining room for meals, and the excellent service by the hotel's staff and management.

Other sites for the Banff tournament have been investigated (it is a Banff tournament and we wonder if it should be held in Canmore). The only other facility with a large enough playing area is the Banff Park Lodge. They have declined to rent us the playing area unless the Unit guarantees 50 hotel room rentals at \$69 per night plus taxes. This is an exposure of over \$5,000 and the Unit obviously cannot take this risk. Even at \$55 per night at the Inns of Banff, we do not attain this level of hotel patronage.

We have therefore gone back to the Inns of Banff and made the following arrangements. We will be able to use the second floor Japanese restaurant as an extra playing site - in place of the small room where most of the temperature problems were experienced. This restaurant space is right across the hallway from the main playing room. The hotel has also assured us they will improve the temperature, airflow, and lighting conditions. We believe this is the best solution for our Banff tournament.

What do you think? The Unit would appreciate your constructive comments and suggestions via a questionnaire that will be available at the January sectional. Please let us know what your thoughts are for your Unit's tournaments.

FRED AND FRED VS MUTT AND JEFF - WEAKER MINOR

by Stan Matheson

The second board of the round was interesting because Alice had only one reason to call against the Freds. The Freds had filled out their convention card showing that the opening bids of one Club and one Diamond promised 3+. Fred had opened one Club and after various bids had been made ended by declaring 3NT. Alice had led a diamond into Fred's AQT rather than a club into his 432 giving Fred the time needed to make 6 on the hand. Making 6 would have given the Freds a second top except for a director call and the subsequent ruling. Frank and Helen had the top on the board by being in a well bid 6 diamond contract.

Alice knew something was wrong and so called the director. The director asked Fred why he had opened one club rather than one diamond. Fred, remembering something similar from last week, quickly replied that he had pulled the wrong card from the bidding box and had not noticed until it was too late to correct. The director not having heard that one for at least two weeks awarded Alice and the Queen of hearts Average+, the Freds Average-, and walked away from the table with the warm glow in his heart that can only come from ruling against the Freds.

Mutt and Jeff played the board later in the game, in their round against the Champ. They reached 3NT, after a club opening by Jeff, making three for an average minus result. At the end of the round they asked the Champ for advice on the hand. The first question posed by the Champ was "Jeff, why did you open one Club with that hand?"

Jeff responded that they agreed to open one Club with all hands containing 3-3 in clubs and diamonds.

"That's certainly playable but a couple of suggestions if I may? First playing what you are playing, mark your card as clubs 3+ and diamonds as 4- with an arrow pointing towards the three and every player will know that sometimes you might hold AQT for one diamond. From the point of your own best interest, a one Diamond opening is also better since you bid where your values are. Now Mutt has an easy two Diamond inverted minor game force which would get a 2NT response. At that point Mutt could bid 3 Diamonds and after a few cuebids, you guys would end up in 6 Diamonds." The hands were:

S-Kxx	AQx
H-KJT _x	Qxx
D-AQT	KJxxx
C-xxx	Ax

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Bow River

Tues	Jan	16	7:30	Stratified Club Championship
Sun	Jan	21	1:00	Club Championship
Fri	Feb	2	7:45	Swiss Teams Club Championship
Mon	Feb	25	12:30	ACBL Wide Senior's Game
Wed	Feb	14	12:30	Valentines Day Party
Wed	Feb	14	7:30	99er Valentines Day Party
Sat	Mar	2	7:30	Invitational Teams Club Championship
Mon	Mar	11	12:30	99er Club Championship
Mon	Mar	25	12:30	Student Bridge Party
Mon	Mar	25	7:30	Student Bridge Party
Sun	Mar	31		Thirteenth Anniversary Party

Canmar

The Canmar Bridge Club will be moving to a **new location** in the lower hall of the South Calgary Community Centre located at 3130 16 Street South West. The Club will hold its first game at the new location on Thursday the Fourth of January. The new phone number will be 244-5411.

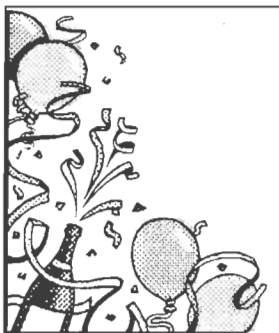
Thur	Jan	4	7:30	Move to new location
Thur	Jan	18	7:30	Club Championship
Mon	Jan	29	7:30	CBF Club Charity
Mon	Feb	12	7:30	Ike Landon Trophy
Thur	Feb	29	7:30	Membership Game
Mon	Mar	11	7:30	Club Championship
Thur	Mar	28	7:30	John Howard Society - Club Charity

Martinique

The Martinique is compiling a club photo album. If any player has pictures that he would like to donate, please contact the Martinique.

Sun	Jan	7	12:00	Last chance to qualify for CNTC
Fri	Jan	19	8:00	GNT Qualifying (Stratified B, C, and D)
Fri	Jan	26	8:00	Pre-SuperBowl Party
Sat	Jan	27	12:00	CNTC Unit Final (Regular Saturday evening game is still on)
Week of Feb 13-17				Charity Bridge Week
Wed	Feb	14	7:30	Joyce Millward Queen of Hearts Trophy
Fri	Feb	23	8:00	GNT Qualifying (Stratified B, C, and D)
Mon	Feb	26	12:30	ACBL Wide Seniors' Game
Wed	Mar	6	7:30	ACBL Wide Charity Game
Week of Mar 19-23				Bridge Week (All games club championships)
Sun	Mar	24	12:00	COP Unit Final
Wed	Mar	27	7:30	Helen Shields Rookie Master Game

Lessons will also be offered in late January; the ♦ series starting Monday evening on January 22, the ♣ series starting Tuesday evening on January 23, the ♥ series starting Wednesday evening on January 24, and Tips for Tops starting Thursday evening on January 25. The Thursday night lessons are designed to improve everyone's game; they will improve your thinking about bidding, card play, and defense. Some of the topics will include slam bidding, defensive signalling, visualization of hands, etc. On behalf of the Martinique, Merry Christmas and the Best Wishes for 1996.



SQUEEZE HAND

Playing Imps, South opened a strong no-trump and competed to three Clubs when East-West found their Heart fit. But North decided to bid game due to his nice club fit. (Or maybe he was annoyed that he could not double 2 ♥).

West found the best lead of a spade. On any other lead, declarer can get at least 6 clubs, 2 diamonds, and 1 heart. But even with the spade lead declarer was able to succeed. He won the first trick with his Queen and played 6 rounds of clubs pitching two hearts from dummy. Poor West had to come down to 6 cards. She had to keep all four of her spades or declarer would play on diamonds to get his ninth trick. She also had to retain two hearts to avoid barring down to a stiff King. So she could not keep any diamonds.

Declarer read the situation perfectly. He exited with his 5 of Spades. West was able to cash her four spade tricks, but then she was forced to lead away from her King of Hearts. Since West had to hope that her partner had the Ace of Diamonds and at least the Jack of Hearts, she should come down to a stiff King of Hearts and hope that declarer misread the position. But declarer should still succeed. He should realize that West cannot be 5-5 in the majors since East did not take a preference to spades in the bidding.

North-South Vulnerable

North

♠ J86
♥ A643
♦ K7
♣ 9864

West

♠ AKT73
♥ K987
♦ 93
♣ QT

East

♠ 942
♥ JT2
♦ AT8642
♣ 7

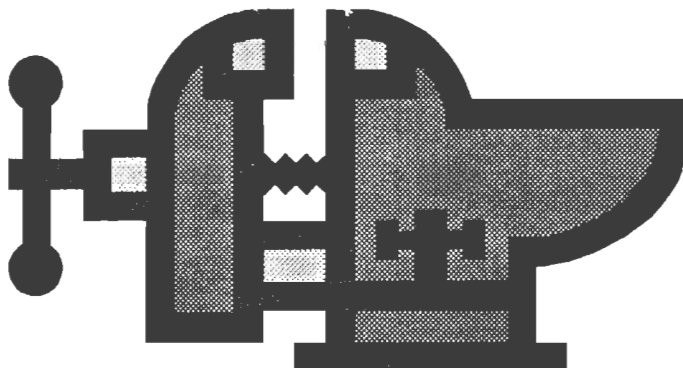
South

♠ Q5
♥ Q5
♦ QJ5
♣ AKJ532

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♦ ¹	Pass	2 ♥	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

¹ Majors

Opening Lead: ♠7



Calgary New Year's Sectional

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

Open Events

Future Masters Events

Friday, January 12th, 1996

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs
8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs
Edna Lougheed Pairs
11:45 PM: Speedball Swiss Teams

Friday, January 12th, 1996

1:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs
8:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs
Newcomer Pairs (0 - 5 points)
11:30 PM: Wine & Cheese Reception for
Future Masters and Newcomers
(Guest Speaker: Judy Gartaganis)

Saturday, January 13th, 1996

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

Saturday, January 13th, 1996

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

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

Sunday, January 14th, 1996

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams
TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams

**Note: Single session players are welcomed
for either session**

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

Sunday, January 14th, 1996

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams
(1st Session)

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams
(2nd Session)

All Future Master Events are Single Session

Flighting for Friday & Sunday Games
A: 750+ B: 200 - 750 C: 0 - 200

**President's Trophy will be awarded to the
Future Master who wins the most
masterpoints in Future Master Events**