THE KIBITZER

SEPTEMBER 1996

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

Welcome to a new season of bridge and tournaments from Unit 390. Your Unit board will be working hard to bring you our annual sectionals in September, November, January and March. The year will culminate in July, 1997 with the 35th anniversary of the first regional in Alberta. We look forward to exciting and challenging bridge, exemplary behavior at the table, and lots of fun for all participants.

At our annual general meeting on April 19, 1996, the new board was elected and the new executive is as follows:

President - Stephanie McAdam VP & Special Events - Dan Bertrand Secretary - Rod Hilderman Treasurer - Dave Christison

Tournament Chair - Keith Falkenberg Assistant Tournament Chair - Barry Emment Future Masters - Tessa Bombenon & Bruce Mottle

Many thanks to Brenda Bertrand, Judy Elson, and Alex Knox who have completed terms on the Unit Board. We will miss their efforts and companionship. Thanks also to Ken Penton, who has served most ably as our Caddy Master for the past four years. He will be replaced by Bruce Mottle.

At the annual general meeting, it was decided to support junior - aged players by offering reduced sectional fees and providing a contribution of \$500 to the CBF which is sponsoring the 1997 World Junior Bridge Championships. We will raise funds through our 50/50 draws and at two Unit games. Watch for further details.

Congratulations from all of the members of Unit 390 to Judy and Nick Gartaganis who were members of the team which finished second in the 1996 Canadian National Team Championships. Special recognition also goes to Judy who recently won the Hattie Joffe trophy at the Edmonton Regional. The trophy is awarded to the Alberta player who wins the most masterpoints at the Alberta regional each year. It's nice to see the trophy remain in Calgary. In addition, Judy is the first woman to win the award.

July 14 - 20, 1997 will be the White Hat Regional in Calgary at the Marlborough Inn. Heather Girvitz has volunteered this mammoth undertaking. Calgary is famous for its hospitality and I am confident that we will all work together to make 1997 the best one yet. Don't wait to be called - volunteer now to help.

I hope you have a great year. Let's work hard to make this the wonderful game that it is. Have fun and see you at the table.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Judy Elson

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following new Life Master: Jim Hawkes.

HELLO AND GOODBYE

A warm welcome to our new members:

Greg Bedard Willa Dumka Mickey Hawrelak Marjorie Laing Melinda Price Sheldon & Geoffrey Spier	Lois Ebbels Annette Heasman Grant Lee Hazel Skelton	Alan & Carolyn Gomes Gordon Houston James Lore George & Val Sinclair			
and those transferring into our unit:					
Nan Fryers Unit 573, South Saskatchewan Fern Hunter Unit 354, Phoenix		Percy Schacter			
A fond farewell to the following people who have moved elsewhere:					
Mike Christensen Red Deer, A	AB	Ray Grace Edmonton, AB			

SPRING SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

99ER PAIRS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Flight A:	1 2 3	Ed Popp - Ian Boyd Stephanie McAdam - Marion Pennell Fran Walton - Paul Graham	Flight A:	1 2/3 2/3	Donna McElroy - Inez Watt Jacqueline Syer - Bruce Syer Don Ryan - Elaine Ford
Flight B:	1 2 3	Ed Popp - Ian Boyd Edna Olson - Liz Allen Carole Anne Bozohara - Pat Jorgenson	Flight B:	1 2 3	Donna McElroy - Inez Watt Marlene Lenstra - Pat Cochrane Terri Pollard - Murielle Pritchard
Flight C:	1 2 3	Carole Anne Bozohara - Pat Jorgenson Doug Holder - Jnan Sarkar Vince Machacek - Betty Machacek	Flight C:	1 2	Terri Pollard - Murielle Pritchard Randy Gaudet - Celia Gaudet
	S	TRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS			FRIDAY EVENING
Flight A:	1 2	Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis Fi Nadir - Ron Pongar	Flight A:	1 2	Anne Thompson - Mickey Hawrelak Bob Thompson - Nancy Grainger
	3	Judy Elson - Elaine Stewart		3	Jeff Robertson - Laurel Chrumka
Flight B:	3 1 2 3	•	Flight B:	3 1 2 3	Anne Thompson - Mickey Hawrelak Bob Thompson - Nancy Grainger Mary Ross - Sharon Lutz

FLIGHT A OPEN PAIRS SATURDAY AFTERNOON Flight A: 1 Dann Kramer - Piotr Klimowicz Jacqueline Syer - Bruce Syer Flight A: 1 2 Gladys Minor - Alfred Nykolyn 2 Marlene Lenstra - Pat Cochrane 3 Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis 3 Mary Ross - Kathleen Gleeson STRATIFIED B/C OPEN PAIRS Flight B: Marlene Lenstra - Pat Cochrane 1 Flight B: Doug Holder - Ran White 2 Mary Ross - Kathleen Gleeson Stephanie McAdam - Rod Hilderman 3 Barb Kryski - Barry Robey 3 Debbie Ignacz - Michael Hurka Flight C: 1 Barb Kryski - Barry Robey Flight C: 1 Fran Madge - Laurel Chrumka 2 Margaret Bartley - Kay Grove Bob Willson - Rae Haaland

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Rodney Ward - Aileen Waugh

Flight A: 1 Judy Gartaganis - Nick Gartaganis Dann Kramer - Stephanie McAdam 2/3 Steve Lawrence - Ken Penton

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2/3 Steve Lawrence - Ken Penton
Don Gladman - Gerry Marshall
Bob Santa

2/3 Doug Deschner - Allan SimonGordon Campbell - Daniel Bertrand

Flight B: 1 Glenn Lefebvre - John Ferguson Rodney Ward - Kevin Miner

2/3 Barry Emment - James Boyd Debbie Ignacz - Michael Hurka

2/3 Ron Pongar - Fi Nadir Raj Agrawal - Dinesh Agrawal

Flight C: 1 Gloria Guy - Mike Guy Diane Clements - Bob Clements

2/3 Gharib Mohamed - Anne Kozak Lloyd Pirzek - Vince Machacek

2/3 Joy Gloin - Sue BlaineBruce Dennis - Joanne Dennis

99ER SUNDAY EVENING

SWISS TEAMS

Flight A: 1/2 Don Ryan - Lawrence Owens Lorraine Van Dusen - Bob Copley

1/2 Jacqueline Syer - Bruce SyerAnnette Heasman - Moira Misselbrook

Flight B: 1/2 Fiona Boyd - Keith Hoyland Sheldon Spier - Geoff Spier

> 1/2 Bob Sprague - Liz Sprague Carolyn Gomes - Robert Yelle

SATURDAY EVENING

Terri Pollard - Murielle Pritchard

Flight A: 1 Kathleen Blaxley - Ken Baher

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2 Carolyn Gomes - Alan Gomes

3 Sam Huculak - Pauline Huculak

Flight B: 1 Carolyn Gomes - Alan Gomes

2 Jacob Piera - Charles Wehnes

3 Barry Robey - Barb Kryski

Flight C: 1 Carolyn Gomes - Alan Gomes

2 Jacob Piera - Charles Wehnes

3 Barry Robey - Barb Kryski

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SWISS TEAMS

Flight A: 1/4 Jacqueline Syer - Bruce Syer
Annette Heasman - Moira Misselbrook

1/4 Terri Pollard - Murielle PritchardWayne Johnson - John Serra

1/4 Sally Graboski - Isabelle Wintrip Diane Eason - Tom Eason

1/4 Gordon King - Mona King Sam Huculak - Pauline Huculak

Flight B: 1 Terri Pollard - Murielle Pritchard Wayne Johnson - John Serra

2/3 Howard Bursey - Don Seidle Keith Hoyland - Sharon Lutz

2/3 Marion Hinch - Alan Hinch Celia Gaudet - Randy Gaudet

Flight C: 1 Terri Pollard - Murielle Pritchard Wayne Johnson - John Serra

Last call had arrived at the Rehash Cafe and Pub with Mutt and Jeff trying to glean more sage advice from the Champ, now smiling mindlessly at the waitress who was waiting patiently for these three clowns to clear the tab.

"How do handle yourself when you see people being rude at the table?" Jeff asked the Champ who looked like he needed help in deciding what topic would best suit his need to babble.

"Well there is rudeness and there is rudeness" started the Champ. "I guess I should be clearer than that." he continued. Having gathered his thoughts together he started to make a little more sense.

"Mostly I find that players aren't rude to me because they are lower in the pecking order than I am and save their bad manners for the people they can peck upon." "So you think rudeness comes mostly from bullies?" Mutt asked clearly dissatisfied with the quality of the

answer.

"No the bullies are in the minority and can be dealt with by simply standing up for yourself and calling for the Director, or filling out a player memo when they try out their routines. You may not believe this but one of life's most satisfying moments in a director's career is being able to tell a bully where and when to go. Nope most of the rudeness comes from one of the following reasons:

1) Players who grew up playing bridge like a poker game and honestly believe that Uncle Fred really knows all about the game and how it should be played. Education takes care of those problems without any fuss or bother.

- 2) Not being skilled at confrontation. People are trained to get along with others at home, in sports, in business etc. Consequently when something happens at the bridge table and the director is called; players are reacting to something strange: a situation of confrontation rather than reconciliation. The Director arrives at the table and is asked to solve the following: The bidding went like this and then Fred paused for at least a minute - I did not - Yes you always pause - No I don't. Regardless of the ruling all the players would leave the game talking about the rudeness of their opponents. Contrast the above with the following scenario: The auction went bid bid and then my opponent had a problem which he considered and then bid and I am calling for protection for both sides. Players have to learn to use noninflammatory language when involved in a confrontation.
- 3) Bad choice of remarks. Your opponents reach a grand slam in an 8 card fit which requires not only a finesse of the trump king but it must fall doubleton. As your opponent drops your king, smiles at you and says Thank You, you feel your hands reach out and tear out his throat. Which of the two of you is the rude one?
- 4) You get to a contract and it comes through and hear one opponent tell the other that he never heard such a stupid auction in all of his life.
- 5) Ego bashing. A typical remark would be: Just follow my defence since you don't know enough about the game to feed a hummingbird.

Anyway I think that I had better call a cab and be off so see you guys later. "

PHONE LIST



The new phone list is available. You will be able to pick it up from one of the main clubs. Or, if you prefer you can phone Dan Bertrand at 288-8828 and have it mailed to you.

INTERNET

Ernie Boushy is trying to create a list of Unit members who are on the Internet. If there is enough interest, various articles might be transmitted through the information highway. Please email Ernie at *Boushye@cuug.ab.ca* to give him your email address and suggestions on how our Unit could use the Internet.

NEW ALERTS

- Limit or forcing jump-raise over take-out double (1S X 3S; 3S is assumed to be weak unless alerted)
- Strong or intermediate jump-overcalls (1H 2S; 2S is weak unless alerted)
- Penalty doubles of overcalls below 3NT (1H 2D X; the double is assumed to be negative)
- Non-forcing 2C opening bids
- Very light ('Drury') 3rd and 4th seat openings
- Non-forcing 3-level suit responses to 2NT
- Canape openings, such as Precision 1D

NEW NON-ALERTS

- Two-over-one forcing to game
- 2NT 'asking" response to weak two-bids
- Negative doubles below 3NT if they
 - a) follow a natural overcall of a 1-level opening;
 - b) are intended for takeout; AND
 - c) focus on unbid major suits

NOTE: it does not hurt to **ANNOUNCE:** 'Negative'

- Cuebids which are forcing and 'unsurprising'
- 1H/S over 1C possibly bypassing a diamond suit
- 1S showing 5 cards over:
 - a) Partner's 1H opening; OR
 - b) RHO's 1H overcall
- 2C/D on 3 cards after a forcing 1NT response
- Non-specific "waiting" responses to strong openings:
 - a) 2D negative or waiting over a strong 2C; OR
 - b) 2NT negative or waiting over strong 2-bids

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1NT range not completely within 15-18 HCP (Announce range; example: say '11 to 14')
- Jacoby transfers over 1NT openings (Announce: 'Transfer')
- Forcing 1NT responses to major-suit openings (Announce: 'Forcing')
- Optional: non-alertable negative doubles (Can announce: 'Negative')

Note: A failure to announce is a failure to alert. But let's be understanding as we all attempt to learn this new procedure.

What is the difference between IMP Pairs and Matchpoints? At Matchpoints, you score 1 point for each pair you beat on a board, at IMPs, your score is compared to the average score on every board. For example, in a 10 table event, you get to 6 NT for a score of 990 while everyone else get to 6 Spades for 980. At matchpoints, this is a Top because you have beaten all the other Pairs (who sit in your direction). But at IMPs, you get the same score as everyone else. Everybody gets 0 because no one did much better than anyone else. Another example: everyone is in 2 Spades making 3 for a score of 140, but you make 4. At Matchpoints, it is irrelevant whether or not you bid 4 Spades since you have already beaten everyone else for a Top. But at Imps it makes a huge difference: if you have not bid 4 Spades you will get 1 Imp while everyone else in your direction gets 0 Imps because your score of 170 is slightly above average; but if you have bid 4 Spades and are vulnerable for a score of 620, you will get 10 Imps because your score is so much more above average. Also at Matchpoints, you cannot get a negative score since the worst you can do is get the lowest score on a board for a 0. But at Imps, if your score is below the average for a board you lose Imps.

Imp Pairs require a slight change in strategy from Matchpoints. When playing a hand, your goal is to make your contract. Do not try for overtricks unless your contract is secure. On defense, try to beat the contract; look for any chance even though it could give the declarer some overtricks. Bid aggressively to vulnerable games since you gain many Imps when they make. Do not make aggressive doubles: if you beat them by one trick and they are vulnerable, you might get an extra Imp if you have doubled; but if they make it (especially if your double helped the declarer to place the cards around the table), you will lose many Imps. Be relaxed and play good bridge.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

North Calgary Ladies

The North Calgary Ladies Club has moved to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 264 at 1910 Kensington Road NW T2N 3R5. A Ladies Pairs Game is held every Tuesday at 12:30.

Martinique

The Martinique has a busy schedule to get everyone back in the swing of bridge. Besides our regular games, we will host the Unit North American Open Pairs Final on Sunday Sept 8 at noon and TBA. The Martinique will be closed for the Sectional (Sept 13-15); but the following week is our Fall Bridge Week with all games being Club Championships or higher rated. Bridge Week will include two special games:

Thur Sept 19 7:30 ACBL Wide Instant-Matchpoint Game (1 Gold point for the winners)
Fri Sept 20 8:00 Cookie Jar Imp Pairs (Can win Cookie Jar and prizes for best cookies and best judge)
Also in September, starting the week of the 23rd, lessons will be offered (Club, Diamond, Heart, and Advanced if interest warrants). Please call the Martinique at 243-4353 for details or to register. Also the Fall Team League will start on Monday the 23rd; call Dann if interested.

Bow River

Sept 1	3-15			Closed due to Sectional
Fri	Oct	11	7:45	Open Teams Club Championship
Wed	Oct	23	12:30	Open Pairs Club Championship
Wed	Oct	23	7:30	199ers Pairs Club Championship
Thur	Nov	7	7:15	49ers Pairs Club Championship

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Mon	Sept	30	7:30	CBF Club Charity
Thur	Oct	10	7:30	Club Championship
Mon	Oct	21	7:30	Betty Jacques Memorial Trophy
Thur	Oct	31	7:30	Club Charity in support of Youville Women's Residence

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Caroleigh Houghton and Dann Kramer who tied the knot on August 3rd. Apparently Dann enjoys Caroleigh's squeezes and Caroleigh tolerates most of Dann's T-shirts. We wish them all the best.

Congratulations to Gordon Campbell who along with Peter Jones won Flight A of the Calcutta held in Red Deer. The event was well run and most enjoyable.

Judy Gartaganis won the Hattie Joffe Trophy at the Edmonton Regional. She managed to overtake Piotr Klimowicz (an Edmontonian) when she led her team to an exciting come-frombehind victory in the last event of the tournament. Well done!



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Edmonton Regional. Many members of our Unit played very well. We will not attempt to name them all since we always seem to overlook someone.

Congratulations to Nick and Judy Gartaganis who almost won the Canadian National Team Championship held in June. They, along with their teammates, had to settle for second. Most impressive.

If you have any comment about the Kibitzer, please contact Dan Bertrand at 288-8828. Articles and/or ideas would be most welcomed.

ACBL UNIT 390 STATEMENT OF RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENTS For the year ended March 31, 1996

	Year Ended March 31, 1996	Nine Months Ended March 31, 199
RECEIPTS	Wild On 31, 1990	With Cir 31, 177
Sectional Revenue	\$ 15,627.66	\$ 12,974.58
Members Dues	1,648.64	1,870.91
Interest Income	440.58	274.05
Special Events	28.92	430.00
Deposit Refunded		207.00
Novice Programs		151.00
	17,745.80	15,907.54
DISBURSEMENTS	* 1 mp Fig. mm see may see sen der ma der see see	***************************************
Sectional Expenses	12,978.08	11,025.33
Bank Charges	23.15	72.50
Kibitzer	1,508.56	1,588.99
Kibitzer Costs Prepaid	192.94	1,566.55
Office and General	586.42	875.08
Subsidies	821.25	624.00
Special Events	138.90	344.94
Regional Prepayment	1,000.00	
Election Party - Net		482.03
Novice Programs	82.88	122.50
Sectional Expenses Prepaid		350.00
Purchase of Bidding Boxes	1,942.72	
	19,274.90	15,485.37
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,529.10)	422.17
Cash, Beginning of Year	8,940.40	8,518.23
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, End of Year	7,411.30	8,940.40
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS COMPRISE:	1 560 56	1 270 22
Chequing Account Term Deposit - Monthly	1,562.56	1,379.33 5,545.70
Term Deposit - Annual	5,848.74	· ·
Term Deposit - Annuai		2,015.37
	7,411.30	8,940.40
ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:		
Savings Account (Regional)		10.40
Term Deposit (Regional)	1,000.00	
Deposit - Inns of Banff	300.00	300.00
Deposit - Polish Canadian Club	350.00	350.00
	1,650.00	660.40

ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS

	Roo	kie of the Year	
Terri Pollard	31.79	Terri Pollard	39.16
Sheldon Spier	18.32	John Serra	19.73
Geoffrey Spier	17.88	Sheldon Spier	19.18
	Junior I	Master of the Year	
Geraldine Paterson	15.03	Loic Seheult	
Barney Paterson	15.03	Robert Copley	44.24
May Jackman	13.32	Vincent Lacoste	18.15
		laster of the Year	
Don Cooke		Kenneth Baher	
John Ferguson		Don Cooke	30.82
Devinder Sood	15.87	John Ferguson	22.39
		Master of the Year	
Percy Schacter		Percy Schacter	
Jnan Sarkar		Jnan Sarkar	
Elizabeth Stanway	21.62	Patricia Jorgenson	27.27
	Regional	Master of the Year	
Fran Madge		Karl Meyer	47.51
Tanja Hurlbert		Shirley Klassen	
Douglas Holder	22.09	Fran Madge	43.24
	NABC I	Master of the Year	
David Madge		Bruce Mottle	
Bruce Mottle	29.58	David Madge	
Tessa Bombenon	24.82	Tessa Bombenon	41.84
		aster of the Year	
Esther Jordison		Ian Boyd	
Rodney McKnight	28.56	Stephanie McAdam	
Audrey Degner	28.35	Esther Jordison	49.50
		e Master of the Year	
Paul Graham	61.34	Paul Graham	
Francesca Walton	59.91	Francesca Walton	158.57
Terri Walters	33.03	Daniel Bertrand	130.49
	Silver Life	Master of the Year	
Elaine Stewart		Steve Lawrence	205.86
Steve Lawrence	53.77	Dann Kramer	178.10
Earl Knipfel	46.86	Earl Knipfel	97.51
		Master of the Year	
John Lang		Gerry Marshall	
Helen Roche		Nick Gartaganis	
Nick Gartaganis	26.10	Judy Gartaganis	147 86

CALGARY FALL SECTIONAL

Location: Polish Canadian Cultural Centre 3015 15 St NE

Open Events

Future Masters Events

Friday, September 13th, 1996 Friday, September 13th, 1996

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs
1:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs
8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs
8:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs
11:30 PM: Wine & Cheese Reception for

Saturday, September 14th, 1996 Future Masters

1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs

(1st session of playthrough) Saturday, September 14th, 1996

A: Unlimited (Stand Alone)

B: 200 to 500 (Stratified)

1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs

C: 0 to 200 (Stratified)

7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs

7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs

(2nd session of playthrough) Sunday, September 15^h, 1996

NOTE: SINGLE SESSION PLAYERS ARE 10:30 AM: Stratified 99ers Swiss Teams

WELCOMED FOR EITHER SESSION TBA: Stratified 99ers Swiss Teams

Sunday, September 15th, 1996 Stratified Events: A: 50 - 100

Anne Waldie Memorial Trophy

B: 20 - 50
C: 0 - 20

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams

(1st Session)

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams All Future Masters Events are Single Session

(2nd Session)

Flighting for Friday & Sunday Games

Snyder at 946-5344 (Calls are local from Calgary).

A: 750⁺ B: 200-750 C: 0-200 Break

No Smoking in the Playing Area Breaks Will Be Provided

CROSSFIELD ANNUAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Crossfield will be hosting its 7th Annual Bridge Tournament Unit Charity on Saturday October 12. The first session will start at 1:00 PM and the second is to be announced. \$8.00 per person per session. \$10.00 buffet available for Dinner. There will be two stratified open pairs sessions (Flight A: 100-199, Flight B: 20-99, Flight C: 0-19). The tournament will be held in the Crossfield Community Center at 920 Mountain Avenue, Crossfield. \$1.20 per entry will be donated to STARS Ambulance. For more information, please contact Florence Walker at 946-5586 or Ed