

THE KIBITZER

JANUARY 1997

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all Unit 390 members. We hardly have time to catch our breath before the tournament season begins anew. January 10-12, we will be at our usual site at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. Hopefully the weather will co-operate and we will start the year with a great turn-out. See you there! Please support the Unit-sponsored Rookie-Master game on January 19, 7:00 PM at the Bow River Bridge Club. Volunteer to play with a rookie; do not wait to be asked. Contact any Board member if you can play.

On a sadder note, we note the passing of Pepita Tokarski in late November. Pepita was a former member of the Unit Board and we will all miss her.

Soon it will be time to be thinking about the 1997-98 Board. Dan Bertrand will be out twisting arms as he seeks candidates. Please give it some thought.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Judy Elson

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following new Life Masters: David Madge and Virginia Youens; new Bronze Life Masters: Rodney McKnight and Gordon Moir; and new Gold Life Master: Ken Penton.

HELLO AND GOOD-BYE

A warm welcome to those transferring into Unit:

John and Agnes O'Neil.....	Unit 230, Acadian	(403) 239-4552
Matthias White.....	Unit 431, Victoria	
Michael Balchunas.....	Unit 136, Miami Valley	
J.N. Broadfoot	Unit 181, Manitoba	(403) 653-5793

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

Grace Anderson.....	Beaverton, OR	Earl Knipfel.....	Moose Jaw, SK
Patricia Cochrane	Kelowna, BC	Percy Schacter.....	Deerfield Beach, FL
Helen Donison.....	Edmonton, AB		

PHONE CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS:

Janice Bodnarchuk and Keith Falkenberg..... 275-8274

BANFF SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Gordon Campbell - Don Gladman
2 Garry Karst - Maureen Jensen-Karst
3 Gerry Marshall - Rick Tewari

Flight B: 1 Garry Karst - Maureen Jensen-Karst
2 Judy Chapman - Ed Popp
3 Annabelle Gurevitch - Carol Cassidy

Flight C: 1 Annabelle Gurevitch - Carol Cassidy
2 Shelley Mardiros - Michael Shuster
3/4 Joan Dupuis - Carole Kirk
3/4 Randy Gaudet - Celia Gaudet

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Peter Jones - Gordon Campbell
2 Kiz Fung - Piotr Klimowicz
3 Rita Beny - Hubert Hunchak

Flight B: 1 Kiz Fung - Piotr Klimowicz
2 Michael Hurka - Barry Emmment
3 Judy Chapman - Debbie Ignacz

Flight C: 1 Toni D'Apice - Elisabeth Larock
2 Shelley Mardiros - Michael Shuster
3 Annabelle Gurevitch - Carol Cassidy

SATURDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Dann Kramer - Piotr Klimowicz
2 Judy Gartaganis - Nick Gartaganis
3 Garry Lietz - Bev Pyper

Flight B: 1 Bev Jones - Darold Jones
2 Matthew Greenways - Pat Greenways
3 Nadine McInnis - Lyn Luxton

Flight C: 1 Annabelle Gurevitch - Carol Cassidy
2 Annette Brown - Corinne McCartney

99'ER PAIRS

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

1 Don Cooke - Alex Macdonell
2 Marlene Lenstra - Patricia Cochrane

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

1 Leslie Holmes - Jean Seaver
2 Gordon King - Mona King

SATURDAY EVENING PAIRS

1 Joan O'Reilly - Kathleen Gleeson
2 Alex Macdonell - Don Cooke
3 Patricia Cochrane - Marlene Lenstra

SPEEDBALL SWISS TEAMS

FRIDAY NIGHT

1 Rod Hilderman - Shirley Klassen
Ken Baher - Janice Bodnarchuk
2 Bruce Mottle - Judy Chapman
Michael Hurka - Steve Bates
3/4 Marguerite Perry - Rosella Ellis
Elaine Winter - Helen Signer
3/4 Corinne McCartney - Annette Brown
Lyn Luxton - Nadine McInnis

SATURDAY NIGHT

1 John Cox - Joan Block
Steve Bates - Bruce Mottle
2 Pat Greenways - Matthew Greenways
Maureen Jensen-Karst - Garry Karst

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS

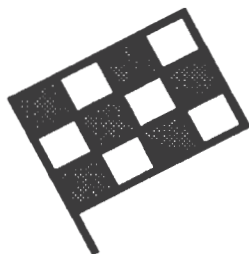
Flight A: 1 Dave Horton - Dann Kramer
Stephanie McAdam - Daniel Bertrand
2/3 Yvonne Hess - Marlene Fuller
David Christison - Gordon Moir
2/3 Judy Gartaganis - Nick Gartaganis
Lloyda Jones - Peter Jones
Lorna McDonald

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS (Continued)

Flight B: 1/3 Bruce Dennis - Joanne Dennis
Rod Ward - Kevin Miner
1/3 Ken Baher - Shirley Klassen
Rosella Ellis - Elaine Winter
1/3 Bruce Mottle - Dave Madge
Fran Madge - Glenn Lefebvre

Flight C: 1 Bruce Dennis - Joanne Dennis
Rod Ward - Kevin Miner

ALBERTA SECTIONALS MASTERPOINT RACE (FINAL RESULT)



1	Dann Kramer	136.59	25	Bob Crosby	35.96	49	Ed Popp	22.81
2	Nick Gartaganis	123.08	26	Susan Culham	35.43	50	Floyd Derkat	22.47
3	Judy Gartaganis	118.21	27	Michael Hurka	35.12	51	Rod Hilderman	22.28
4	Piotr Klimowicz	107.31	28	Ian Boyd	34.32	52	Steve Willard	21.14
5	Bob Santa	77.58	29	Debbie Ignacz	34.04	53	Shirley Klassen	20.88
6	Gerry Marshall	68.39	30	Lucille Barton	33.31	54	Bob Copley	20.74
7	Steve Lawrence	68.26	31	Glen Andersen	32.67	55	Gurcharan Bhatia	20.51
8	Paul Graham	67.97	32	Glenn Lefebvre	32.28	56	Caroleigh Houghton	20.49
9	Fran Walton	67.49	33	Fran Madge	30.54	57	Art Peddicord	20.41
10	Ray Grace	65.71	34	Kenneth Baher	30.06	58	Lisa Cabay	20.30
11	Peter Jones	65.14	35	Dave Madge	29.93	59	Judy Chapman	20.13
12	Bruce Mottle	54.90	36	Rick Tewari	29.70	60	Mona King	20.05
13	Kiz Fung	48.90	37	Venora Galon	28.39	61	Gordon King	20.05
14	Vince Lambert	48.08	38	Janusz Gorzko	28.37	62	Ray Riege	20.04
15	Stephanie McAdam	47.38	39	Don Gladman	28.14	63	Lee Barton	19.81
16	Maurice De La Salle	45.54	40	Donna Fuller	28.04	64	Basil Thompson	19.76
17	Daniel Bertrand	44.70	41	Dick McKinney	28.01	65	Alex Knox	19.37
18	Ken Penton	41.57	42	Adolph Feingold	27.71	66	Bernice Pickard	19.31
19	Faith Pritchard	41.38	43	Allan Terplawy	26.91	67	Helen Mitchell	19.07
20	Tom Gandolfo	39.62	44	Dave Horton	25.19	68	Stan Cabay	18.52
21	Lloyda Jones	38.76	45	Jim Drysdale	25.10	69	Rod Ward	18.50
22	Barry Pritchard	38.29	46	Maurice Wuetherick	24.95	70	Lawrence Dubrofsky	18.45
23	Allan Simon	36.21	47	Doug Deschner	24.51			
24	Gordon Campbell	36.00	48	Lorna McDonald	23.43			

HOW TO BE A SLOW PLAYER

by John Davison

1. Never arrive before game time. The game never starts then anyway. They're always dealing or duplicating boards for the first few minutes. Why rush? No one will think you're rude or selfish or thoughtless or too stupid to tell time.
 2. If you do arrive early, stand around and chat with everyone you know. You can fill out your card while the opponents are preparing the boards.
 3. Complex systems and conventions help to confuse the opponents. Play as many of them as you can. Don't worry about getting all the details right.
 4. Never think until it's your turn. What's the point? You can't be sure what to do until you have all the information.
 5. Write down the contract and the opponents' names before you lead. This will conceal the fact that you hadn't even begun to think about what to lead until the auction was over.
 6. As Dummy, wait for the lead then carefully write down the contract, then table your cards neatly, one at a time, all nicely perpendicular to the edges of the table.
 7. Never make a bid or play until you are absolutely sure that there could never be the slightest possibility that there could be some other bid or play you might, at some future time in some possible world, wish you had made instead.
 8. If you have a choice of cards to play, detach each one from your hand to see how you feel about playing it. Once you have decided, inspect the card carefully to make absolutely sure it is indeed the card you want to play.
 9. In an unmakeable contract, try to imagine some miracle that will save you. Play slowly. If the opponents become bored or confused they might slip up and then, even if you still get a zero at least you can change the subject.
 10. When the director comes to your table to remind you that you are falling behind, be sure to take time to point out that it's not your fault.
 11. Discuss each hand as soon as you have played it, when the emotions are fresh. Do not distract yourself from this important discussion by doing anything like scoring or putting your hand back in the board.
 12. If you are North you will score twice. First, enter the score correctly in your card, then scribble something on the score sheet. Don't worry about accuracy — it's the director's job to check all the scores anyway.
 13. Bridge is a social game, so don't forget that little bit of banter or idle gossip, at least with those people you like enough to talk to. This must be done before you start playing so it doesn't interfere with the post-mortem.
 14. If you see your next opponents are still playing after the round has been called, first call the director to point this out (see point 10) then, when the late pair starts to move, go for a glass of water.
 15. Be sure to take the full time allotted for your break. After all, teachers don't make children finish their homework during recess.
 16. If there's not enough time to go for a smoke between rounds, leave when you are Dummy. Let partner worry about revokes or disputes. Enjoy your cigarette.
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The Unit is looking for volunteers to help with phoning. This is not a big commitment - just a few hours in the week leading up to our tournaments. If you can help, even just a little bit, please contact Tessa at 269-7389.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Martinique

Sun	Jan	19	12:00	CNTC Unit Final
Sun	Feb	9	12:30	99er-Master Team Game

Here are the rules for the 99er-Master Team Game: anyone under 100 points can play with anyone; anyone over 100 points must play with someone under 100 points. The game will last two sessions and there will be pizza between sessions! If you need a partner or a team, give us a call at 243-4353 and we will do our best.

Bow River

Sun	Jan	19	7:00	Master-Novice Pairs
Sun	Feb	2	1:00	Open Club Championship
Sat	Feb	8	7:30	199er Teams Club Championship
Wed	Feb	26	12:30	Open Club Championship
Wed	Feb	26	7:30	199er Stratified Pairs Club Championship
Tues	Mar	4	7:30	Stratified Open Club Championship
Mon	Mar	10	12:30	99er Stratified Pairs Club Championship

UNDISCUSSED AGREEMENTS

by Stan Matheson

Playing duplicate against similar opponents, the following takes place: 1 Club, 2 Clubs (Michaels by you), 3 Hearts, Double by partner followed by RHO asking what the double mean. You answer : "Undiscussed" which brings forth the question: "Well, how are you taking it ?" Grasping frantically at straws you ask your RHO: "Well what's 3 Hearts?" and receive back the answer: "Undiscussed !" So naturally you continue: "How are you going to take it?" Does anyone yet notice something absurd is going on?

This comic situation is caused by both partnerships having no idea of what you are supposed to know when you elect to play a convention. When you play a convention you should know the most common rebids and how your partnership handles simple interference. Active ethics demand that you know the methods that you and your partner use and to fully tell them to your opponents so that all players are competing on a level playing field. A partnership that has played a thousand sessions together has no excuse for not having answers for most common situations and not being able to describe them to their opponents.

When you receive the answer undiscussed you now know that there is no agreement between your opponents and that the opponents are depending on their general bridge knowledge to solve their problem and they that have no obligation to tell you their conclusions. The question how are you going to take that bid should not be asked because either they have no knowledge or they are deliberately withholding information. Back to the same board but it is now played by two partnerships who have discussed their conventions: 1 Club, 2 Clubs, 3 Hearts (Alerted), Double. The 3 Hearts bid is alerted as a splinter showing clubs and a stiff heart. "What's the double?" "It shows a limit raise in hearts or a forcing raise in spades."

Calgary New Year's Sectional

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

Open Events

Future Masters Events

Friday, January 10th, 1997

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs
8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs
Edna Lougheed Pairs

Friday, January 10th, 1997

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

Saturday, January 11th, 1997

1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
(1st session of playthrough)
A: Unlimited (Stand Alone)
B: 300 to 500 (Stratified)
C: 0 to 300 (Stratified)

Saturday, January 11th, 1997

1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs
7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs

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

Sunday, January 12th, 1997

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 12th, 1997

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

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams
(2nd Session)

Flighting for Friday & Sunday Games
A: 750⁺ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300

All Future Master Events are Single Session

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

Next Unit 390 Sectional: Spring Sectional, March 21-23