

THE KIBITZER

SEPTEMBER 1997

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

by Stephanie McAdam

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we are gearing up for another season of bridge in Calgary. All members of Unit 390 should be proud of the success of the White Hat Regional in July. Under the most capable leadership of Heather Girvitz who was assisted by scores of volunteers, the tournament was a rousing success with attendance up more than 10 per cent. I spoke with numerous visitors from all over North America and all had nothing but praise for the organization, the hospitality, and most importantly, the friendly and welcoming reception that they received from Unit 390 members. A big thanks to all who helped in any way, big or small, to make this Regional so successful. Calgary's reputation as the most hospitable and fun tournament around will live on. Congratulations to all local winners, placers, new Life Masters and others who reached significant milestones.

The 1997-98 Unit Board is now in place. Officers for the coming year are:

President - Stephanie McAdam
Vice-President/Special Events - Rod Hilderman
Secretary - Dave Horton
Treasurer - Dave Christison
Tournament Chair - Keith Falkenberg
Asst. Tournament Chair - Barry Emmment
Future Masters - Tessa Bombenon
Caddy Master - Bruce Mottle

We are looking for a volunteer to handle our Membership duties. Judy Elson has capably performed this task for the past few years and has asked for a replacement. Thanks Judy, for a job well done. The job requires basic computer skills and a couple of hours per month. If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Board.

The Unit has developed its policy regarding the use of bidding boxes at our tournaments in order to provide consistency and clarity for all of our members. Look for the policy later in this Kibitzer and at the September Sectional.

Our first Sectional will be held on September 12 to 14 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. We look forward to a good turnout and lots of fun. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Judy Elson

PEOPLE UPDATES

Congratulations to the following new Silver Life Masters: Ernie Boushy, Phyllis Boushy, and Irene Cull; and to the following new Bronze Life Masters: Ian Boyd, Joan Clark, Keith Falkenberg, Esther Jordison, and Bruce Mottle; and to Ranald White who has become a Life Master.

HELLO AND GOOD-BYE

A warm welcome to those transferring into our Unit:

Mike Bouclin	North Sask.....	252-1757	James Jardine	Montreal.....	201-3848
Edward Brougham	Ontario.....	249-4913	Mark Napiorkowski	Ontario.....	285-6748
Carol Cault	Montreal.....		Patricia Young	Kootenay.....	217-6161
Steve Geczy	Florida.....	242-4199	Witold Zalewski		

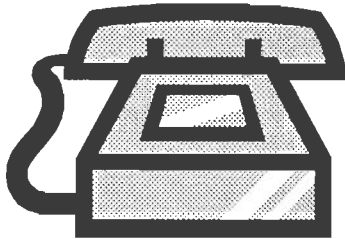
It is with sadness that we announce that Millie Payne has passed away.

Barbara Webster and Stan Matheson have moved to Chase B.C.; we would like to thank Stan who wrote many articles for the Kibitzer and Barbara who handled membership before Judy Elson took on the thankless task.

NEW MEMBERS

Jan Bregazzi	287-7023	Eleanor Houston.....	244-7351	Jean Seaver	282-8327
Sharon Crowle	281-7773	Terrie Matz.....	280-1859	Walter Senkuley.....	238-0300
Diane Eason	251-5880	Lucy Miller	240-2014	Lore Shymanski	284-2907
Carmen Gallant.....	295-1611	Vinesh Naidoo.....	637-3820	Victor Shymanski.....	284-2907
Jean-Paul Guillemine.....	255-0507	Brian Price.....	641-4121	James Stewart.....	289-3108
Trevor Haight.....	590-4174	Ron Pritchard	259-4951	Lorna Stewart.....	289-3108
Leslie Holmes.....	289-7981	Terry Schreder.....	948-4586		

PHONE LIST



The new phone list will be available sometime in September. You will be able to pick it up from one of the main clubs. Or, if you prefer you can phone Stephanie McAdam at 256-2563 and have it mailed to you.

CNTC RESULTS

The final of the Canadian National Team Championship was held in Surrey B.C., June 9-14. The team of Judy Gartaganis, Nick Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell, Doug Deschner, Peter Jones, and Ron Gardiner narrowly missed the play-offs. The team of Ken Penton, Allan Simon, Don Gladman, Daniel Bertrand, Ken Gee, and Cliff Campbell made the play-offs but lost by one imp in the quarter-final. Mike Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond, Allan Graves, and Joey Silver won it all. Congratulations to all the players involved.

TEWARICK

by Rick Tewari

Doubling with trumps
is lots of fun,
Be wary with them
when under the gun.

CARIBBEAN BRIDGE CRUISE



Join Al Simon and Gordon Campbell on a bridge cruise to the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands November 28 to December 6. The bridge program will appeal to experienced duplicate players. For more information or brochure, please **email** bridgescape@cadvision.com or **phone** Al 289-0161 or Gordon 270-0315. Visit our **website** at <http://www.cadvision.com/bridgescape>

SPRING SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 John Lang - Don Gladman
2 Jean Kittlitz - Paula Sisko
3 Brenda Bertrand - Gerry Marshall
- Flight B:** 1 Lawrence Dubrofsky - Basil Thompson
2 Matthew and Patricia Greenways
3 Barry Emmment - Michael Hurka
- Flight C:** 1 Carole Ann Snow - Pat Jorgenson
2 Jim Brister - Garth Wiggins
3 Annabelle Gurevitch - Pat Roberts

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Gordon Campbell - Allan Simon
2 Ruth and John Gilchrist
3 Martin McDonald - Vincent Lacoste
- Flight B:** 1 Ruth and John Gilchrist
2 Raj and Dinesh Agrawal
3 Jim Berglund - Dave Adelman

99'ER PAIRS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Rose Hall - Marj Middagh
2 Gordon and Eleanor Houston
3 Lorraine Van Dusen - Robert Copley
- Flight B:** 1 Gordon and Eleanor Houston
2 Mickey Hawrelak - Anne Thompson
3 Norman Dodd - Jim Wilson
- Flight C:** 1 Gordon and Eleanor Houston
2 Mickey Hawrelak - Anne Thompson

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Jim and Lorna Stewart
2 Joy Gloin - Lucy Miller
3 Mary Lou Holder - Anne Powell
- Flight B:** 1 Jim and Lorna Stewart
2 Joy Gloin - Lucy Miller
3 Kevin Thomas - John Serra

Flight C: 1 Rod Ward - Jeff Robertson
 2 Douglas Holder - Jnan Sarkar
 3 Clyde Archer - Jim Bradley

Flight C: 1 Jim and Lorna Stewart
 2 Joy Gloin - Lucy Miller
 3 Terry Schreder - Trevor Haight

SATURDAY STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Gerry Marshall - Bob Santa
 2 Judith Gartaganis - Dann Kramer
 3 Gordon Campbell - Nick Gartaganis

Flight B: 1 Barry Emmment - Judy Chapman
 2 Rod Ward - Jeff Robertson
 3 Don Ryan - Ross Bennett

Flight C: 1 Rod Ward - Jeff Robertson
 2 Don Ryan - Ross Bennett
 3 Ken Baheer - Tony Vissers

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Lucy Shannon - Helen Degenstien
 2 Mickey Hawrelak - Sharon Crowle
 3 Gordon and Eleanor Houston

Flight B: 1 Lucy Shannon - Helen Degenstien
 2 Mickey Hawrelak - Sharon Crowle
 3 Gordon and Eleanor Houston

Flight C: 1 Mickey Hawrelak - Sharon Crowle
 2 Gordon and Eleanor Houston
 3 Jean Seaver - Leslie Holmes

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Flight A: 1 Allan Simon - Ken Penton
 Gerry Marshall - Bob Santa
 2 Judith Gartaganis - Nick Gartaganis
 Gordon Campbell - Doug Deschner
 3/4 Joy Saville - Brian Saville
 Ernie Boushy - Phyllis Boushy
 3/4 Steven Lawrence - Stan Matheson
 Dinesh Agrawal - Raj Agrawal

Flight B: 1 Douglas Holder - Jnan Sarkar
 Karl Meyer - Loic Seheult
 2/3 Art Peddicord - Liliane Peddicord
 Nick Mogus - Kay Mogus
 2/3 Barry Emmment - Judy Chapman
 Debbie Ignacz - Michael Hurka

Flight C: 1 Douglas Holder - Jnan Sarkar
 Karl Meyer - Loic Seheult
 2 Garth Wiggins - Ron Pritchard
 Kevin Thomas - Peter Bradbury
 3 Rae Haaland - Bob Willson
 Rick Stevens - Donna Lea Anderson

SATURDAY EVENING PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Ron Pritchard - Peter Bradbury
 2 Isabelle Wintrip - Sally Graboski
 3 Howard Bursey - Don Seidle

Flight B: 1/2 Jean Seaver - Leslie Holmes
 1/2 Anne and Robert Thompson
 3 Norman Dodd - Jim Wilson

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAMS

1 Glyn Roberts - Lawrence Owens
 Lorraine Van Dusen - Robert Copley
 2/3 Diane Eason - Anne Primeau
 Sally Graboski - Isabelle Wintrip
 2/3 Barney Paterson - Geraldine Paterson
 Fiona Boyd - Walter Semkuley

SUNDAY EVENING TEAMS

1 Anne Powell - Mary Lou Holder
 Terrie Matz - Carmen Gallant
 2 Eleanor Houston - Gordon Houston
 Lucie McBrearty - George McBrearty
 3 Don Adams - Lily Halliday
 Victor Shymanski - Lore Shymanski

THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

by Allan Simon

In June 1969 the **Bridge World** magazine published an article by Jean René Vernès entitled “The Law of Total Tricks”. The author was not a well-known player and few people took notice at the time. The word spread slowly until Larry Cohen published “To Bid or not to Bid” in 1992. The book became a bestseller and now all experts follow “The Law”.

What is “The Law”? First of all, it is not a law, no more than “with 26 points and two balanced hands you belong in 3NT” is a law.

But instead of helping you bid balanced hands, “The Law” is a tool that helps you make the right bidding decision in competitive situations. Should you bid one more or should you defend?

“The Law” says:

The total number of tricks available in any deal is equal to the number of trumps.

The **total number of trumps** means the number of cards in **both sides’** longest fit. If North-South have a 10-card spade fit while East-West have a nine-card club fit, the total number of trumps is 19.

The **total number of tricks** means the sum of tricks that **both sides** can make if each plays in their longest fit. If North-South can take 12 tricks in spades and on the same deal East-West could take 7 tricks in clubs, the total number of tricks is 19.

“The Law” says that on most deals these two numbers will be equal. How does that fact help your bidding? Let’s look at two examples.

Example 1:

IMPs, neither vulnerable, you hold: ♠xxx ♥Axxx ♦Qxxx ♣xx. The bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
1♠	3♦	4♠	??

Partner probably has six diamonds; your side has ten trumps. The opponents probably have a nine-card fit (we cannot be sure of course but that is the most likely scenario); so the total number is 19.

How many tricks do you suppose the opponents can make? I would assume they can take 11 tricks. You have one trick and partner might chip in with one if we are lucky. The **Law tells us that if the opponents can take 11 tricks we can only take 8** (Remember, the total number of tricks is 19) and we will go for 500 in 5♦, more than the value of their game. It is correct to pass 4♠. If the opponents were vulnerable however, 500 would be a good save and you should bid 5♦.

Example 2:

♠Qx ♥Kxx ♦Kxxxx ♣xxx

West	North	East	South
P	1♥	Dbl	2♥
3♣	P	P	??

We apparently have an eight-card heart fit, the opponents an eight-card club fit (if partner had a singleton club he should compete to 3♥ on his own). There are 16 tricks available. If you can make 3♥ (9 tricks) you can beat them two tricks in 3♣ (they can take only seven tricks for a total of 16). It is clearly wrong to bid 3♥. I would double at matchpoints, and I would pass at IMPs.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

The President's trophy is awarded to the future master who wins the most masterpoints in future master events at the Calgary sectional. These are the results for the March sectional:

1/2	Lawrence Owens	3.60	3/4	Eleanor Houston	3.44	5	Mickey Hawrelak	3.07
1/2	Glyn Roberts	3.60	3/4	Gordon Houston	3.44			

UNIT 390 BIDDING BOX POLICY

One innovation in duplicate bridge that has become very widespread in recent years has been the availability and use of bidding boxes. The use of bidding boxes should enhance everyone's enjoyment of the game. For instance, the use of bidding boxes allow for a quieter time, there are fewer misunderstood calls, and their use largely does away with the need for reviews of the bidding. All these aspects improve the flow of the game and allow players to concentrate on the more important aspects of bidding and play.

Of course, as with verbal bidding, irregularities in an auction using bidding boxes must be avoided. For example, the fingering of bidding cards in contemplation of making a call should not occur.

Bidding boxes have been available in local clubs for several years. The Calgary Unit purchased bidding boxes in 1995 for use in sectional tournaments. The Unit Board has recently considered a policy concerning the use of bidding boxes at all sectional tournaments and Unit sponsored games at clubs. The local Unit has the authority to set a policy in this area, subject to the overriding policies of the ACBL (eg. Non-discrimination) and the Laws of the game. The policy approved by the Calgary Unit Board is set out below:

1. The use of bidding boxes is mandatory in all events at Calgary sectional tournaments and Unit sponsored games at clubs and other venues (whenever they are available).
2. An exception to this mandatory use policy will be made when a player is unable to use bidding boxes because of a physical impairment. If questioned, a simple statement or notice (eg. A card on the table) of the fact that one is unable to use bidding boxes because of a physical impairment is sufficient explanation.
3. Where one player at a table is unable to use bidding boxes, then no player at the table should use them and all auction calls should be made verbally. An acceptable alternative to this practice is that someone else at the table may place bidding cards on the table in response to a verbal call by the player unable to use the bidding boxes. This other person could be the playing partner or an assistant. This alternative practice must be agreed upon by all players present before the round commences. In case of disagreement, all bidding should proceed verbally.
4. Intermittent or inconsistent use of bidding boxes is not allowed. If a player is unable to use bidding boxes at the start of a session or at any time during the session, they must finish that session without using bidding boxes.
5. The use or non-use of bidding boxes by any player in contravention of the Unit's stated policy may result in disciplinary action.

Approved by
Unit 390
Board of Directors
August 21, 1997

ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

MINI-MCKENNEY STANDINGS

Rookie of the Year

Eleanor Houston	6.19
Trevor Haight	6.04
Kevin Thomas	5.86

Eleanor Houston.....	9.63
Kevin Thomas.....	9.26
Sharon Crowle.....	8.96

Junior Master of the Year

Anne Thompson.....	7.57
Grant Lee	6.13
Mickey Hawrelak	5.79

Norman Dodd.....	16.81
Mickey Hawrelak	15.21
Anne Thompson	12.81

Club Master of the Year

Peter Bradbury	9.95
Sheldon Spier	9.81
Devinder Sood	9.07

Peter Bradbury.....	18.91
Geraldine Paterson.....	18.88
Barney Paterson.....	18.88

Sectional Master of the Year

Terri Pollard	21.83
Jnan Sarkar	18.35
Rodney Ward	16.21

Loic Seheult	34.30
Rodney Ward.....	28.60
Jnan Sarkar	28.26

Regional Master of the Year

Douglas Holder	27.48
Percy Schacter.....	26.68
Tanja Hurlbert	20.23

Percy Schacter	58.50
Ken Baher.....	54.65
Douglas Holder	40.69

NABC Master of the Year

Torchy McCarthy.....	24.28
Keith Moores	20.41
Irma Fleming	15.39

Shirley Klassen.....	41.92
Torchy McCarthy	37.80
Adele Johanson.....	29.26

Life Master of the Year

Perry Chan.....	22.36
Audrey Degner.....	18.45
Rod Hilderman.....	16.15

Ian Boyd	37.15
Glenn Lefebvre	29.97
Bruce Mottle	27.56

Bronze Life Master of the Year

Steve Bates.....	29.77
Edward Brougham.....	25.48
Margit Davies.....	24.41

Ruth Gilchrist.....	65.68
Paul Graham	65.26
John Gilchrist.....	64.26

Silver Life Master of the Year

Steve Lawrence.....	31.27
Gladys Minor.....	28.14
Juanita Cutmore	28.14

Gordon Campbell	153.25
Francesca Walton	63.69
Dann Kramer	63.67

Gold Life Master of the Year

Helen Roche.....	21.38
John Lang.....	20.63
Nick Gartaganis.....	12.63

Gerry Marshall.....	165.52
Nick Gartaganis	165.26
Judy Gartaganis	124.78

ENDPLAYS

by Daniel Bertrand

<u>North</u>			
♠ Q853			
♥ QJT			
♦ AQ5			
♣ J75			
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	
♠ 762		♠ KJT	
♥ 7653		♥ 4	
♦ J83		♦ KT2	
♣ 863		♣ KQT942	
<u>South</u>			
♠ A94			
♥ AK982			
♦ 9764			
♣ A			
East	South	West	North
1♣	1♥	P	2♣
P	4♥	P	P
P			
Opening Lead : ♣3			

You are South playing in 4 Hearts. Although you have 27 points between you and the dummy, your chances do not look good; you know that East has everything. You play low from dummy and win East's nine with the Ace. Lead a heart to the Queen, and ruff a small club with the heart Ace. Lead the eight of hearts to the ten and play the Jack of Clubs which East covers with the Queen. But instead of ruffing, pitch a spade from your hand. East must now help you. His best move is to play another club. (If he plays a spade, duck to the Queen, then win the spade Ace. Cross to the diamond Ace and duck a spade to East while you discard a diamond. East is endplayed again.)

When East plays another club, you can simply pitch a diamond from your hand and ruff in the dummy. Cross to your spade Ace and pull all the trumps. Your hand is now the spade 9 and three small diamonds; the dummy has the 8 and Queen of spades as well as the Ace and Queen of diamonds. Poor East must come down to four cards; he must save King and a small diamond (you will assume that he was 3-3 in spades and diamonds), he must also keep the King of Spades. So now you play a spade, South can win two tricks but then he must lead a diamond away from his King. You make 4 Hearts because you put South in twice to give you two extra tricks.

Never hesitate to elicit the " help " of your opponents to fulfill your contract!

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Bow River

The Bow has two new events; Monday evening at 7:30: beginner pairs for players with less than 5 Mps and Non-Life-Master pairs Thursday evening at 7:30.

Wed	Sept	3	12:30	Open Pairs Club Championship
Sat	Sept	6	7:30	Invitational Teams Championship
Mon	Sept	8	12:30	99ers Pairs Club Championship
Thur	Sept	18	7:30	Non-Life-Masters Club Championship
Tues	Sept	30	7:30	Stratified Pairs Club Championship
Sun	Oct	5	1:00	Open Pairs Club Championship
Mon	Oct	13	12:30	99ers Pairs Club Championship
Fri	Oct	24	7:45	Open Teams Club Championship
Wed	Oct	29	7:30	199ers Pairs Club Championship
Thur	Nov	6	7:30	Non-Life-Masters Club Championship
Mon	Nov	10	7:30	Beginners Pairs Club Championship

Martinique

Effective May 1st, the management team at the Martinique has changed. Brenda Bertrand and Dann Kramer are the new owners of the club. Many changes have been made this summer, and more are planned this fall. Our interior designer, Laurel Chrumka, has done a wonderful job in helping us to make the Martinique a great place to play bridge. We have new carpet, drapes, and the place has been painted top to bottom. We are still waiting for the material to recover the card tables. New bidding boxes are also on the agenda.

Our grand re-opening will be Monday September 22nd. Card fees for this occasion will be \$5.00 per pair. All money collected will go to charity. The charity will be the choice of the winning pair. Please make a reservation for this evening as space may be limited.

Our two new games this fall are the Monday Evening Stratified Pairs (7:30 game time) and a Wednesday afternoon game which will be an introduction to Duplicate Bridge. The afternoon is designed for people who play bridge already but are hesitant to come and play at a "Duplicate" club. The afternoon will start with a short lesson to be followed by a Newcomers' game, duplicate style. If you know of anyone interested in this type of game, please contact Dann Kramer at 258-1454 (home) or 243-4353 (club). Anyone who recommends a new player will receive a free play, if the new player participates in a game.

In addition to our new Wednesday afternoon game, we will give lessons, both for the novice and the more experienced player.

Our next IMP league starts Tuesday September 9th. If you do not have a team or a partner but would like to play, please call Brenda at home (259-2930) or at the club and she will find a team for you.

Our Autumn Bridge Week will be September 15-20. All games will be Club Championship games except Wednesday the 17th which will be the ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game.

LESSONS

Martinique

Gordie Sharp is teaching 2/1; Brenda Bertrand is teaching beginner's bridge. Lessons will start in the fall. Please contact the club if interested.

Bow River

John Davison presents: "How to make your partner a better player", lessons in partnership bidding and play for the advancing player. A series of lessons designed to bring the advancing duplicate player in touch with expert approaches to bridge. Emphasis will be on matters which serious tournament players consider "The Basics", but which are not fully grasped by the majority of casual club players.

In each lesson, hands will be played which both reinforce the points discussed and introduce a card-play problem. After the play the bidding will be reviewed and there will be a discussion of the play problem.

The lessons will be broken into three series. Each series will last 4 weeks. Classes will be on Mondays at 7:30 PM. Series A (commencing September 8) will cover "Technique and Judgement in Bidding", Series B (commencing October 20), "Competitive Bidding and Defensive Play", Series C (commencing November 17), "Favourite Conventions". You can attend all three series, one series, or just one lesson. Please contact the club or John Davison (245-9233) for further information.

CALGARY FALL SECTIONAL

**Location: Polish Canadian Cultural Centre
3015 15th Street NE**

Open Events

Friday, September 12th, 1997

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

Saturday, September 13th, 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)

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

**NOTE: SINGLE SESSION PLAYERS ARE
WELCOMED FOR EITHER SESSION**

Sunday, September 14th, 1997
Anne Waldie Memorial Trophy

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

Future Masters Events

Friday, September 12th, 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, September 13th, 1997

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

Sunday, September 14th, 1997

10:30 AM: Stratified 99ers Swiss Teams
TBA: Stratified 99ers Swiss Teams

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

All Future Masters Events are Single Session

**No Smoking in the Playing Area
Breaks Will Be Provided**

NEXT SECTIONAL: Banff Classic October 31 - November 2 1997

If you have any comment (good or bad) about the Kibitzer, please contact the editor, Dan Bertrand (259-2930) or any member of the Unit Board.