

THE KIBITZER

MARCH 2000

Calgary New Year's Sectional

January 7 - 9, 2000

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

Open Events

Future Masters Events

Friday, March 3rd, 2000

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

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

Saturday, March 4th, 2000

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, March 4th, 2000

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, March 5th, 2000

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, March 5th, 2000

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

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

**The 1000th table will get to play for free. The count stands at 763 tables after the first
three sectionals of the Unit's fiscal year.**

NOTES FROM THE UNIT BOARD

By Greg Bedard
Unit 390 president

The Unit will celebrate another successful year after the March Sectional. The January Sectional produced a whopping 288.5 tables which puts our total table count after three tournaments at 763.

A milestone will be broken at the March Sectional. With the total table count sitting at 763, only 237 tables are required to break the 1000 table plateau. The Unit will mark this milestone by paying the card fees for the 1000th table during Sunday's Swiss Team event. The Unit would like to thank everyone for coming out and making our Sectionals a huge success.

Watch for a third director at the March Sectional. Mickey Hawrelak has resigned from the Unit Board to focus more on directing. Mickey will be a 'Director in Training' as she tries to fill the void in Calgary. Let us give her all the support we can. Good luck, Mickey!

On a different note, the ACBL has increased the fees for Directors and table count that will effect the March Sectional. At this time, the Unit has decided *not* to increase entry fees for this event. We will, however, revisit this item and, based on the bottom line from the March Sectional, decide on an increase for September's Tournament.

The Unit will not be holding elections this year as the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies on the board. The Unit's Annual General Meeting will be held on April 15th. The format will be the same as last year, all that attend the meeting will receive a 'free play' for the bridge game later in the evening. This will be a Sanctioned event, so we hope to see everyone there.

Did you know that when you renew your ACBL membership the Unit receives back between five and six dollars of your membership fee? Remember to support your Unit and your local bridge clubs. Come out, play bridge and have fun.

MEMBERSHIP DESK

By Anne Thompson

Welcome to the following new ACBL Members: Nancy Calis, Beverley Cumming, Eileen Faichuk, Carol Anne Faulkner, Linda Frape, Bill Ingles, Miranda Kwan, Anita Mamen, Franca Matheson, Jean Mathieson, Elaine McQuitty, Joan Shannon, Deborah Schultz, Nalini Singhal, Darlyne Wastle, Bill Wastle.

Also please welcome the following players: Steve Geczy and Carole Kirk.

Congratulations to the following who have achieved new milestones:

JUNIOR MASTER (5-20):

Lamya Abougoush, Rita Dodge, Louise Gramlich, and Teresa Hyde.

CLUB MASTER (20 – 50):

Marilyn Blair, Barbara MacLean, and Millie Shyba.

SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 100 including 5 silver points):

David Johnson, Helen Klassen, Frank Poce, and Diane Thompson.

REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 200 including 15 silver and 5 red or gold):
Simon Farrer, Marjorie Laing, Barry Pashak, and Sharon Wilcox.

NABC MASTER (200 - Life Master including 25 silver, 5 gold, and 15 red or gold):
Kathleen Blaxley and Marguite Perry.

LIFE MASTER (at least 300 including 50 silver, 25 gold and 25 red or gold):
Torchy McCarthy and Dick Yuen.

SILVER LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 1000):
Ian Boyd and Yvette Tapuska.

NEW YEAR'S SECTIONAL RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Brenda Bertrand – Gerry Marshall
2 Paul Graham – Warren Allen
3 Gord Sharp – Garry Lietz
- Flight B:** 1 Simon Farrer – Philip Chen
2 Judy Chapman – Rod Hilderman
3/4 Hazel Skelton – Barry Pashak
3/4 Mary Ross – Jim Berglund
- Flight C:** 1 Alice Whitty – Lucie McBrearty
2 Doris Johnson – Kathleen Gleeson
3 Diane Thompson – Carole Ann Snow

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Garry Lietz – Paul Graham
2 Simon Farrer – Rodney McKnight
3 Thomas Gandolfo – Debbie Ignacz
- Flight B:** 1 Rita Dodge – Lamy Abougoush
2 Jim Broadbent – Keith Falkenberg
3 Rodney Ward – John Ferguson
- Flight C:** 1 Rita Dodge – Lamy Abougoush
2 Diane Thompson – Carole Ann Snow
3 Howard Bursey – Sharon Wilcox

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

- Flight A:** 1 Elizabeth Graham – Nancy Calis
2 Gladys Minor – Alfred Nykolyn
3/4 Sharon Wilcox – Howard Bursey
3/4 Willa Dumka – Anne Stang

FUTURE MASTERS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- Flight D:** 1 Hilary Bean – Nancy Calis
2 Patricia Purvis – Barrie Purvis
3/4 Millie Shyba – Madeline Grainger
3/4 Tina Gokturk – Bill Wastle
- Flight E:** 1 Hilary Bean – Nancy Calis
2/3 Millie Shyba – Madeline Grainger
2/3 Tina Gokturk – Bill Wastle
- Flight F:** 1 Tina Gokturk – Bill Wastle
2 Egon Jensen – Bruce Massie
3 Robin Beddis – Susan Pattillo

FRIDAY EVENING

- Flight D:** 1 Joy Gloin – Lucy Miller
2 Doreen Green – Phyllis Allen
3 Yvonne Snowdy – Lorne Hanson
- Flight E:** 1 Yvonne Snowdy – Lorne Hanson
2 John Dix – Carroll Smith
3 Bob Crawford – Alice Crawford
- Flight F:** 1 Yvonne Snowdy – Lorne Hanson
2 Bob Crawford – Alice Crawford
3 Roxanne Rees – John Card

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Flight D:** 1 Roxanne Rees – John Card
2 Joy Gloin – Lucy Miller
3 Yvonne Snowdy – Lorne Hanson

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS
(Continued)

Flight B: 1 Elizabeth Graham – Nancy Calis
2/3 Sharon Wilcox – Howard Bursey
2/3 Willa Dumka – Anne Stang

FLIGHT A OPEN PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Tom Gandolfo – Gord Sharp
2 Stan Matheson – Sharon Dalton
3 Nicholas Gartaganis – Peter Jones

STRATIFIED B/C OPEN PAIRS

Flight B: 1 Tanja Hurlbert – Pat Butler
2 Greg Bedard – David Johnson
3 Jim Broadbent – Hazel Skelton

Flight C: 1 Greg Bedard – David Johnson
2 Diane Thompson – Carole Ann Snow
3 Marcel Claeys – Robert Copley

SATURDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

Flight A: 1 Dawn Perreault – Gilles Perreault
2 Bev Miles – Carol Martell
3 Delores Hedley – Elsie Johnson

Flight B: 1 Bev Miles – Carol Martell
2 Michael Guy – Clyde Archer
3 Geraldine Johnson – Rich Suprunowicz

OPEN STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Flight A: 1 Dann Kramer – Piotr Klimowicz
Tom Gandolfo – Daniel Bertrand
2/3 Bernie Lambert – Gerry Marshall
Mike Chomyn – Linda Thierman
2/3 John Lang – Donald Gladman
Elaine Stewart – Francesca Walton
Paul Graham

Flight B: 1 Ron Grove – James Lee
Andrew Speers – Bryant Hawthorne
2 Gordon Moir – Bob Comer
Ran White – Walter Brock
3 Dinesh Agrawal – Raj Agrawal
Ronald Pongar – Fi Nadir

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
(Continued)

Flight E: 1 Roxanne Rees – John Card
2 Yvonne Snowdy – Lorne Hanson
3 Edward Faichuk – Eileen Faichuk

Flight F: 1 Roxanne Rees – John Card
2 Yvonne Snowdy – Lorne Hanson
3 Edward Faichuk – Eileen Faichuk

SATURDAY EVENING

Flight D: 1 Marjory Allen – Marjory Hanley
2 Eveleine King – Marjorie Laing
3 Patricia Purvis – Barrie Purvis

Flight E: 1 Marjory Allen – Marjory Hanley
2 Bobbie Dodds – June Brooks
3 Roxanne Rees – John Card

SUNDAY MORNING TEAMS

1 Doreen Green – Phyllis Allen
Sheryl Roesch – Albert Roesch
2/3 Anne Primeau – Hilary Bean
Nancy Calis – Yvonne Snowdy
2/3 Linda Harrison – Shelia Ross
Wilda Pashak – Beth Massie

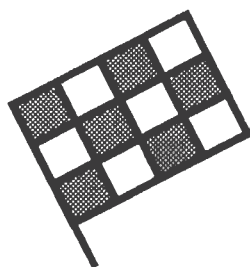
SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAMS

1 Anne Primeau – Hilary Bean
Nancy Calis – Yvonne Snowdy
2 Lucy Miller – Joy Gloin
Sally Graboski – Isabelle Wintrip

OPEN STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Flight C: 1 Gordon Houston – Eleanor Houston
Don Dumka – Willa Dumka
2/3 Dana Gaudreau – Shelia Gaudreau
Marcel Claeys – Norman Dodd
2/3 Doris Johnston – Ron Carswell
Ruth Duplisea – Patricia Blochert

ALBERTA SECTIONALS MASTERPOINT RACE



1	Tom Gandolfo	36.40	25	Warren Allen	7.13	49	Gordon Moir	4.60
2	Paul Graham	25.98	26	Ron Grove	6.79	50	Walter Brock	4.60
3	Daniel Bertrand	20.09	27	Judith Gartaganis	6.79	51	Ran White	4.60
4	Gord Sharp	19.84	28	Bryant Hawthorne	6.79	52	Bob Comer	4.60
5	Gerry Marshall	19.68	29	Nancy Calis	6.68	53	Alex Knox	4.59
6	Dann Kramer	19.60	30	James Lee	6.59	54	Willa Dumka	4.34
7	Stan Matheson	15.62	31	Andrew Speers	6.59	55	Bruce Mottle	4.31
8	Piotr Klimowicz	15.50	32	Jim Broadbent	6.49	56	Jim Clark	4.31
9	Garry Lietz	15.31	33	Diane Thompson	5.79	57	Doreen Green	4.24
10	Nicholas Gartaganis	14.55	34	Carole Anne Snow	5.79	58	Phyllis Allen	4.24
11	Peter Jones	14.36	35	Rod Hilderman	5.75	59	Terri Bedard	4.22
12	Simon Farrer	13.10	36	Gordon Campbell	5.72	60	Valerie Ling	3.83
13	Sharon Dalton	10.88	37	Philip Chen	5.70	61	Dinesh Agrawal	3.78
14	Bernie Lambert	10.78	38	Don Gladman	5.37	62	Raj Agrawal	3.78
15	John Lang	10.46	39	Hilary Bean	5.26	63	Ruth Duplisea	3.77
16	Debbie Ignacz	10.28	40	Judy Chapman	5.19	64	David Johnson	3.76
17	Francesca Walton	10.18	41	Hazel Skelton	5.11	65	Lamya Abougoush	3.75
18	Linda Thierman	10.18	42	Elaine Stewart	5.09	66	Rita Dodge	3.75
19	Mike Chomyn	10.18	43	Perry Khakhar	4.96	67	Pat Butler	3.74
20	Brenda Bertrand	9.50	44	Keith Falkenberg	4.94	68	Tanja Hurlbert	3.74
21	Brian Saville	9.22	45	Lucy Miller	4.91	69	Ron Carswell	3.67
22	Joy Saville	9.22	46	Joy Gloin	4.91	70	Hal Jones	3.66
23	Steve Lawrence	8.18	47	John Ferguson	4.89			
24	Rodney McKnight	7.15	48	Yvonne Snowdy	4.71			

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 New Year's Sectional:

1	Hilary Bean	5.26	5	Yvonne Snowdy	4.71	8/9	Roxanne Rees	3.28
2/3	Joy Gloin	4.91	6/7	Phyllis Allen	4.24	10	Anne Primeau	2.77
2/3	Lucy Miller	4.91	6/7	Doreen Green	4.24	11/12	Patricia Purvis	2.56
4	Nancy Calis	4.73	8/9	John Card	3.28	11/12	Barrie Purvis	2.56

Congratulations to Hilary Bean for winning the President's trophy.

THE FIVE LEVEL BELONGS TO THE OPPONENTS...SOMETIMES

By Judith Gartaganis

Everyone knows that preempts are designed to put pressure on the opponents. Aggressive preemptors often uncover sacrifice situations that won't be found by other pairs. Sometimes it will be obvious which side is sacrificing (for example, the vulnerability is favourable or the previous bidding has shown weakness). Other times it won't be so clear and you may be faced with a tough decision at the table.

Increasing the sacrifice level is almost always bad tactics at matchpoint scoring. Even when your sacrifice is profitable, it loses to pairs holding the same cards that were allowed to play the contract one level lower. At IMP scoring, however, there is more to think about. It may pay to prevent the opponents from scoring game, even when you have to go one level higher to do so.

Test your decision-making skills on these hands played at IMP scoring. You are East:

NS VUL, E dealer

YOU	South	West	North
P	P	1♦	2♣
P	2♠	3♦	4♠
5♦	5♠	P	P
??			

Hand #1:

♠	K92
♥	K103
♦	10632
♣	J98

All VUL, W dealer

YOU	South	West	North
---	---	P	P
1♠	2♦	2♠	5♦
??			

Hand #2:

♠	KQ1073
♥	KJ985
♦	3
♣	A3

NS VUL, E dealer

YOU	South	West	South
P	P	1♥	4♠
??			

Hand #3:

♠	109
♥	QJxx
♦	x
♣	KQxxxx

EW VUL, N dealer

YOU	South	West	North
---	---	---	1♣
1♠	2♦	3♦	DBL
4♠	P	P	5♦
??			

Hand #4:

♠	KQJxxxx
♥	Q10
♦	x
♣	Axx

TEWARICK

By Rick Tewari

Does it force or
does it invite?
Am I wrong or
am I right?
Our simple bridge
has several schools.
Discretion is your guide
rules are for fools.

THE FIVE LEVEL BELONGS TO THE OPPONENTS...SOMETIMES (SOLUTION)

By Judith Gartaganis

On Hand #1, the ♠K and balanced distribution should discourage a further sacrifice. Maybe the opponents have made a mistake bidding 5♠ over 5♦. No such luck! +4 IMPs if you pushed on to 6♦, flat board if you defended 5♠. The full hand is at the right.

Hand #1	North	
	♠ Q853	
	♥ 4	
	♦ J95	
West	♣ AKQ102	East
♠ 4		♠ K92
♥ A876		♥ K103
♦ AKQ874		♦ 10632
♣ 64	South	♣ J98
	♠ AJ1076	
	♥ QJ952	
	♦ ---	
	♣ 753	

On Hand #2, partner could easily have the cards to make 5♠ – after all, you didn’t hear a preemptive raise! A pass here should not be considered forcing on partner – you have merely opened at the one level so there is no certainty that your side has game. Despite this, partner should be allowed to make the final decision on this hand. Whenever possible, the person holding length in the opponents’ trump suit should make the choice between bidding on, passing or doubling. On this hand, the opponents have bid well. They scored +620 with your cards at the other table. At your table, North’s unusual leap to 5♦ has put you under enormous pressure. –13 IMPs if you, like the well-known Montreal expert who actually held this hand, unilaterally bid 5♠!

Hand #2	North	
	♠ 6	
	♥ AQ32	
	♦ Q62	
West	♣ 109864	East
♠ J852		♠ KQ1073
♥ 107		♥ KJ985
♦ 10954		♦ 3
♣ KQ2	South	♣ A3
	♠ A94	
	♥ 64	
	♦ AKJ87	
	♣ J75	

It would be nice if the opponents were quiet on a hand or two! Hand #3 seems like a clear-cut sacrifice – favourable vulnerability, length in partner’s suit and little in the way of defensive high cards. On a good day 5♥ might even make! Oops! 4♠ can surely be beaten and 5♥ is down. Once again, a non-standard preempt (to 4♠ with a good hand) has forced you into making a poor decision. Flat board if you pass, –8 IMPS if you “save”.

Hand #3	North	
	♠ KQxxxxx	
	♥ AK	
	♦ Kxx	
West	♣ A	East
♠ AJx		♠ 109
♥ xxxxx		♥ QJxx
♦ AQx		♦ x
♣ xx	South	♣ KQxxxx
	♠ x	
	♥ xx	
	♦ Jxxxxx	
	♣ J10xx	

On Hand #4, you must again decide whether to bid on or let the opponents play at the five level. The Q10 of hearts suggest defending but the aceless extra length in spades says otherwise. What about leaving the decision to partner? Although holding the length in their trump suit, partner has no way to know about the seven-card spade suit. This is the wrong time to pass the buck. -8 IMPS if you double (or pass to partner who will double), push board if you bid on to 5♠.

Hand #4	
North	
♠ ---	
♥ Jxxx	
♦ AQJ	
♣ K10xxxx	
West	East
♠ Axxx	♠ KQJxxxx
♥ Axxx	♥ Q10
♦ 8xxx	♦ x
♣ x	♣ Axx
South	
♠ xx	
♥ Kxx	
♦ K109xx	
♣ QJx	

Is there a moral to this story? Only that there are no hard and fast rules for high-level sacrifice situations. Preempts do what they are supposed to do – make life difficult for the opponents. Here are two tips. First, as a preemptive bidder, try to mix it up a bit. If your opponents can always rely on you to have a truly preemptive hand, it will become easier for them to make good decisions. Secondly, learn the propensities of your opponents. You can afford to be bold against people who love to bid one more. But you must be conservative against over-bidders. Don't let them tempt you into taking a pseudo-sacrifice against an unmakeable contract.

CLUB NEWS

Martinique Bridge Club

The Martinique is pleased to announce that Mickey Hawrelak has joined our directing team. Mickey is directing the "Future Masters" game Wednesday's at 12:30 PM as well as our Non Life Master game Friday's at 7:30 PM.

Bridge week will be held March 6th to 11th. All games will be club championship games. The Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game is Monday, April 10th. Last year the Martinique had the second largest turnout for this event in the country. Please phone Elaine at 246-8691, Brenda at 203-0581 or call the Club to arrange partners.

Simon Farrer did a wonderful job designing our web page. If you haven't been to our web page yet come and see it at "<http://members.home.net/mufc/calgary/martinique2.htm>". We post results from each game to the Web after each session.

Beginning Tuesday, March 21st the Martinique will have a stratified team game at 7:30 p.m. Card fees for March 21st will be only \$2.00 per player. If you need a partner or teammates please call the club at 243-4353.

North Ladies Bridge Club

The North Ladies Bridge Club has regular sessions every Tuesday at 12:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The games are friendly and are Zero Tolerance events. New participants are welcomed. For information or partners, please call Tessa at 269-7389.

North Ladies Bridge Club

The Club is located in the Varsity Community Centre, 4303 Varsity Drive NW, in the Vista Room. It is an open stratified game on Tuesday afternoons at 12:30 PM. If you need a partner call Esther at 239-6044 or Eileen at 249-0387. Our director is Susan Clayton