

THE KIBITZER



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Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association: Unit 390

***Happy Holidays and Best Wishes
for 2003!***

SILVER POINT WEEK: February 17 – 23

The Canada Wide Sectional Tournament at the Clubs (StaC) is being held this week. Hands are duplicated across the country and Silver Points are awarded to overall placings. Enjoy the benefits of playing in a tournament without ever leaving your club. Contact your local club to see if they are holding sanctioned events.

The Martinique Bridge Club will be holding two sessions during this week, for an extra \$1.50 charge.

Wednesday, February 19th, 7:30 (Stratified Pairs)

Friday, February 21st, 12:30 (NLM and Stratified Open Pairs)

Thank you to the Unit 390 Board, who is picking up half of the sanction fee for all clubs who wish to be involved during the week.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS QUALIFYING:

It's that time of year again! Come out to the Martinique Bridge Club with 3 friends and qualify for the District 18 Finals, which will be held the Victoria Long Weekend in Great Falls, MT.

The top team in each category will represent the District at the Summer NABC in Long Beach, CA.

Categories are SuperFlight (> 5,000 pts), Flight A (> 2,000 pts), Flight B (< 2000 pts), and Flight C (NLM and Under 500 pts)

You qualify at the club level as an individual, so if you don't have a final team worked out yet, it doesn't matter until May.

Qualifying dates are: Thurs. Jan 23rd, and Thurs. Feb 27th
Martinique Bridge Club. 7:30 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Calgary is hosting the August 2003 Regional.

John Gilchrist is looking for volunteers who can help with Hospitality and Registration. If you can help in anyway, contact John at : joru@telusplanet.net or 272-7958.

We need to show our visitors a good time!

Defensive Problem:

Your Hand

Ax

AKQx

KJxx

xxx

DUMMY

Xxx

Jxxx

Atx

AQX

Auction:

S	W	N	E
1S	Dbl	Rdbl	P
2S	P	4S	

You are on lead and cash the AK of Hearts. Partner shows you count and three hearts. What do you do to guarantee 4 defensive tricks?

What do you know already?

- Declarer has bid and rebid spades. He likely has 6, maybe 7 spades
- He has only 2 hearts
- With only 12 points outstanding in the deck, likely declarer has all of them, and your partner has nothing.
- Declarer's hand looks something like this:
 - KQJxxx xx Qx(x) KJ(x)

What happens if:

- **You play AK Hearts, then exit a Diamond?**
 - You give up an easy trick to the Q of D, and declarer scores 5 trumps, 3 Clubs and 2 Diamonds.
- **You play AK Hearts and then a Club?**
 - Declarer wins the trick, drives out the A trumps, plays 3 rounds of clubs, runs trumps, and comes down to :
Dummy: J Hearts, AT Diamonds
Hand: trump, Qx Diamonds
You are now squeezed, trying to hold Q Hearts, and KJ Diamonds. What card can you pitch in front of Dummy when declarer plays his last trump? Nothing good will happen for you here! The same result occurs if you exit a trump after the AK hearts.
- **You continue with the Q hearts?**

Declarer will ruff, and eventually play trumps. You can win the first Spade and play your last Heart. Your partner will be able to ruff declarer's J if declarer only started with 6 trumps. Declarer can play clubs and trumps, but will eventually be left with Qx opp AT in Diamonds, and you can easily hold on to your KJ Diamonds to score a 4th trick. If declarer started with 7 trumps and your partner could not ruff the J Hearts, nothing is lost, as you were not getting a trick any other way.

SWISS TEAM SCORING – January, March & September Tournaments

This article was published last year for the trial Victory Point tournament. Since Unit 390 plans to use this system at all sectionals except Banff, which will remain Win-Loss, we want to repeat this item to help newer players understand how the system works. If you have any strong feelings as to which system you prefer, please voice them to any Unit Board member.

District 18 currently uses the Win-Loss system at many tournaments. Those of you who have travelled to tournaments outside our area, or have attended Nationals, are aware of the other system, called Victory Point scoring, which allow matches to be won on a sliding scale, depending on the margin of victory.

If you look at the back of a convention card, you will see areas marked “20-PT VP SCALE” and “30-PT VP SCALE”. Each has columns marked with ranges of IMPS (International Match Points) and VPs (Victory Points). This allows you to convert your margin of victory into another number, which is used to keep running total throughout the event, resulting in a final score after all matches.

If, for example, you lose a match 23 – 14: (A difference of 9 points)

	Winning Team:	Losing team:
Win/Loss :	WIN	LOSS
20 Pt scale:	14	6

If you lose another match by 4 points, you will score 8 of a possible 20 points, for a total of 14 (8 + 6) of a possible 40 points (2 matches x 20 points each). In Win/Loss, you would just have 2 losses.

Advantages:

1. You receive credit for losing a close match, instead of just getting a LOSS
2. You are never out of a match.

If you give up 1100 on the first board, it is hard to come back in a W/L system. With a point system, you may still lose the match, but you will have a chance to get something out of it. This means that every board is important, and you should never give up, no matter what disaster befalls you.

3. Your team is never eliminated before it gets going.

Do you have team mates who are asleep for the first two matches on a Sunday morning? Currently, if your team loses two matches early in the day, you have very little chance of doing well, and the team can end up coasting through the day knowing it cannot win. Not much fun.

However, with the VP scoring, losing two matches is not the end of the game. You can still triumph if you can win some matches in decisive fashion. Winning matches by 11 or more will give you 75% + of the available VPs, and can rocket you up the leader board if you put some of those wins together.

3. More definitive matchups

When teams are matched up according to points, there is an easy hierarchy to follow. With teams having equal numbers of Wins and Losses, it is a more random matching.

4. Fewer ties at the end of the event

How many of us have ended up with 5.25 wins, and been tied 5th – 8th in the standings? With a point system, these ties are virtually eliminated, and definitive placings can be achieved.

One disadvantage to the system is random shuffling. If you are playing a match with a lot of strange boards, resulting in some big swing results, you could win or lose a match by a lot. Meanwhile, at another table, where your nemesis at the top of the leader board is playing, the boards have been shuffled differently, and everything is a nice easy part score, resulting in a close match. The result here is that they lose by 3, and you get annihilated, scoring 0 of 20. NOW you are wishing for a Win/Loss system!

Note: Since the scoring is so important, please be sure to take extra care when scoring your match, and to record an exact number on the ticket (no “3+” allowed!)

CALGARY SECTIONAL January 10th – 12th

Marlborough Community Centre

Entry Fees: \$8 Open \$7 Future Masters

Open Events

Friday, January 10th, 2003

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs

8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

Saturday, January 11th, 2003

Edna Lougheed Pairs

1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
(playthrough)

FlightA: Open Pairs
Stratified B/C Pairs: B: 300 to 500
C: 0 to 300

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

NOTE: SINGLE SESSION SIDE GAMES ON SATURDAY

Sunday, January 12th, 2003

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

TBA: (2nd Session)

20 POINT VICTORY SCALE

Friday & Sunday Stratification:

A: - 750⁺ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300

Future Master Events

Friday, January 10th, 2003

1:30 PM: Stratified Pairs

8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

11:30 PM: Reception

Saturday, January 11th, 2003

1:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs

Sunday, January 12th, 2003

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams

Stratified Events:

A: 50 - 100

B: 20 - 50

C: 0 - 20

All Future Masters Events are Single Session

President's Trophy Awarded to the Future Master Who Wins the Most Masterpoints in Future Masters

CALGARY SECTIONAL March 21 – 23rd

Marlborough Community Centre

Entry Fees: \$8 Open \$7 Future Masters

Open Events

Friday, March 21st, 2003

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs

8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

Saturday, March 22nd, 2003

**1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs
(playthrough)**

A: Unlimited (Stand Alone)

B: 300 to 500 (Stratified)

C: 0 to 300 (Stratified)

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

**NOTE: SINGLE SESSION SIDE GAMES ON
SATURDAY**

Sunday, March 23rd, 2003

Swiss Teams - 20 Pt Victory Scale

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

TBA: (2nd Session)

**Stratification for Friday & Sunday
Games:**

A: - 750⁺ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300

Future Master Events

Friday, March 21st, 2003

1:30 PM: Stratified Pairs

8:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

11:00 PM: Reception

Saturday, March 22nd, 2003

1:00 PM: Stratified Pairs

7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs

Sunday, March 23rd, 2003

10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams

Stratified Events:

A: 50 - 100

B: 20 - 50

C: 0 - 20

*All Future Masters Events are Single
Sessions*

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Events**

Membership Desk

**Special Congratulations to Judy Gartaganis, winner of the
2002 Alberta Sectionals Masterpoint Race!!!!!!!**

Welcome to New Members!

Kathryn Bagg	281-7707
Carole Dodds	242-9691
Patricia McKenzie	298-2436
Jeffrey Thom	298-2436
Zhen Wang	263-8895

Welcome to Calgary!

Marcel Claeys	295-0516
Donna Marlette	243-1446
Laura Mooney	807-7518
Douglas Tuck	240-4631
Brian Turner	547-4470
Dianna Wreford	547-4470

CONGRATULATIONS on these new MILESTONES!

Junior Masters (5 – 20)	Bill Klym Andrew Lyon Eva Nagan	Edward Trewin Andrea Willett Robert Zipp
Club Masters (20-50)	Dave Armstrong Jan Bregazzi Ron Bullen Lance Cooke Lynne Dutton Lois Faris Jan Galenza Alan Hochstein	Nancy Klym Jeanne Lefebvre Patricia Martin William McQuitty Karen Mitchell Lee Poirier Christopher Tame Mary Ungar James Porter
Sectional Masters (50-100, 5 S)	James Brown Margaret Cooke Jim Corley Marie Eliot Eileen Grady Franca Matheson	Annette McCollum Robert McGregor Susan McLure Tom Nault Brian Turner Beverly Wardop
Regional Masters (100-200, 15 S, 5 R/G)	Helga Baldwinson Jack Driscoll Edward Faichuk Ilya Kuzkin	Elaine McQuitty Hash Mohammed Carol Porter Yvonne Snowdy Roger Staneslow
NABC Masters (200- LM, 25 S, 5 G, 15 R/G)	Robert Dow Penny McQuarrie	Tammy Purkin Patricia Purvis
LIFE MASTERS 300+, 50 S, 25 G, 25 R/G)	Tina Gokturk Rae Haaland Linda Harrison David Johnson	Donald Smith Diane Thompson Bob Willson
BRONZE LMs (LM over 500)	Hugh Dinzey Lily Halliday Ross MacLean Laura Mooney	Russell Purdy Donald Thompson Elaine Winter Chris Wuerschler
SILVER LMs (LM over 1000)	Walter Brock Mickey Ferguson	Carol McManus

WINNERS AT THE SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL:

Friday	Stratified IMP Pairs	A	Rick Tewari, Dan Bertrand
		B/C	Eldred Brown, Verna Holen
	Afternoon 99er Pairs	D	Jeanette Kish, Joan Shedden
		E	E. Robert McGregor, Ron Bullen
		F	Freda Nychkalo – Doreen Hartog
	Evening Open Pairs	A	Judy Chapman – Michael Hurka
		B	Fi Nadir – Ron Pongar
		C	James Brown – Ilya Kuzkin
	Evening 99er Pairs	D	Margaret Cooke – Lance Cooke
		E	Jim Thompson – Lynne Dutton
		F	William McQuitty – Chris Tame
Saturday	Flight A Pairs	A	Peter Jones – Gordon Campbell
	Stratified B/C Pairs	B/C	James Brown – Ilya Kuzkin
	Afternoon Side Game	A	Michael Farebrother – Martin McDonald
		B	Russell Purdy – Helen Purdy
		C	Sheila Ross – Joan Garland
	Afternoon 99er Pairs	D	Nancy Klym – Gwenn Brusset
		E/F	Ken Hardy – Olaf Hardy
	Evening Side Game	A/B	Hannah Moon – Amy Peregoodoff
		C	Noel Purkin – Tammy Purkin
	Evening 99er Pairs	D/E	Alan Hochstein – Lynne Dutton
		F	Ken Hardy – Olaf Hardy
Sunday	Stratified Swiss Teams	A	Tom Gandolfo – Piotr Klimowicz-Dann Kramer – Dan Bertrand
		A/B	Dick Yuen – Hash Mohammed – James Brown – Ilya Kuzkin
		C	Lynn Warner – Tom Nault – Marie Driscoll – Jack Driscoll
		C	Syd Holberton – Carol Szabo-Bobbie Dodds – Sheila Ross

Congratulations to the following local North American Open Pairs Qualifiers who will represent District 18 at the Philadelphia Nationals in March:

Flight A: 3rd Dann Kramer – Piotr Klimowicz
 Flight B: 1st Brenda Bertrand – David Johnson
 2nd Lois Dunsmore – Elsie Johnson
 3rd Jim Clark – Janet Dunbar
 Flight C: 1st James Brown – Ilya Kuzkin

WINNERS AT THE BANFF SECTIONAL:

Friday	Stratified IMP Pairs	A	Judy Gartaganis – Nick Gartaganis
		B	Molly Jones – Bernie Lefebvre
	Afternoon 99er Pairs	D	Fred Klein – Jim Christie
		E	Gretchen Perla – Gwen Hewitt
		F	Fran Jeffery – Adrienne Moore
	Evening Open Pairs	A	Judy Gartaganis – Nick Gartaganis
		B/C	James Brown – Ilya Kuzkin
	Evening 99er Pairs	D	David Renwick – Bonnie Renwick
		D/E/F	Thelma Nesbitt – Philip Robertson
	Speedball Swiss		Janice Bodnarchuk – Keith Falkenberg – Bruce Mottle – Elaine Ware – Steve Bates
Saturday	Flight A Pairs	A	Kiz Fung – Piotr Klimowicz
	Stratified B/C Pairs	B	Dave Adelman – Marlene Lenstra
		C	Hugh Price – Chris Buchanan
	Afternoon 99er Pairs	D	Gretchen Perla – Gordon Brown
		E	Yvonne Edwards – Gretta Hinton
		F	Robin Beddis – Susan Pattillo
	Evening 99er Pairs	D	David Renwick – Bonnie Renwick
		E	Rick Kroetsch – Lynne Kroetsch
		F	Fran Jeffery – Adrienne Moore
Sunday	Stratified Swiss Teams	A	Lorna McDonald – Kiz Fung Tom Gandolfo – Piotr Klimowicz
		B	Jim Berglund – James Brown Hash Mohammed – Ilya Kuzkin –
		C	Chris Buchanan – Hugh Price – Patty Metcalf – Jim Metcalfe
	Morning 99er Swiss	D	Rick Kroetsch - Lynne Kroetsch Bonnie Renwick - David Renwick
		E	Susan Stanley - Wayne Stanley - Sandra Lawson - Doug Lawson
	Afternoon 99er Swiss	D/E	Jim Thompson - Doug Lawson – Sandra Lawson - Lynne Dutton

Ode to a Bad Partner:

My Partner does not answer, his lips are pale and still
My Partner does not answer, alas he never will
My Partner does not look at me, his eyes are closed instead
For on the floor my Partner lies, fallen cold and dead
Since he did not lead my suit, I shot him in the head

Martinique Club Championship Week
January 13th – 18th

Extra Masterpoints all sessions!

**The
Aurora
Bridge Club**
(Northern Lights)



Haven North Community Association
5003 North Haven Drive N.W.

Manager: Lorne Hanson 239-2806

Director: Joy Saville 239-2768

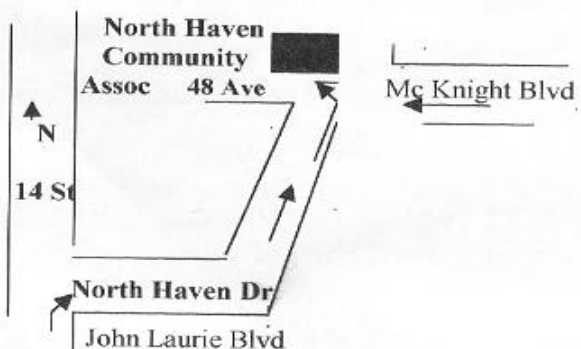
Coordinators: Connie Studer 239-0212
Elaine Smith 286-5522

Game Time:

Monday 12:15 pm Open Pairs Stratified

Friday 12:15 pm N L M Pairs Stratified

NOTE: *Please No Perfume or Cologne,
some players have severe allergies*



***North Ladies Bridge
Club
invites you to their
weekly game at the
Martinique Bridge Club***

Tuesday @ 12:15

No Partner Required!

Upcoming Events:

January 2003:

10 – 12	Calgary Sectional
17 – 20	Missoula Sectional
23	GNT Qualifying
24 – 26	Red Deer Sectional (SENIORS)

February:

14 – 17	Edmonton Sectional
17 – 23	Canada Wide StaC
17 – 23	PORTLAND REGIONAL
27	GNT Qualifying
27- 02	Great Falls Sectional

March:

6 – 16	NABC Philadelphia
21 – 23	Calgary Sectional
27 – 30	Regina Sectional

April:

1 - 6	VICTORIA REGIONAL
12 – 13	CNTC Zone Final – Martinique Bridge Club
15 – 20	TORONTO REGIONAL
25 – 27	Kimberly Sectional

ZONE V CNTC A and B Finals will be held at the Martinique Bridge Club,
Saturday – Sunday, April 12 – 13.

Please check www.cbf.ca for details as to registration dates and entry fees. This Zone (Alberta – Saskatchewan) can qualify 3 Flight A teams and 3 Flight B teams for the Canadian Finals in Penticton, June 2 – 9

If you have not earned a club qualifier, you can pay a fee of \$100 to the CBF in order to be eligible.

Note: The date has been changed to the above , although the website flyer reads April 5-6.

If you have any submissions for the Kibitzer, please send them to dunbarj@telusplanet.net prior to March 31, 2003.