

THE KIBITZER

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2004

Calgary Winter Sectional January 9-11

Marlborough Park Community Association, 6021 Madigan Dr. NE



Open Events

Friday, 9th January, 2004

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

Saturday, 10th January, 2004

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 Side Games on
Saturday**

Sunday, 11th January, 2004

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

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams
(2nd Session)

Victory Points

Flighting for Friday & Sunday Games

A: 750⁺ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300

Future Masters Events

Friday, 9th January, 2004

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

Saturday, 10th January, 2004

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

Sunday, 11th January, 2004

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

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

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**

Checkout the new Unit Web Site www.calgarybridge.com for the latest news and special prizes.

President's Message

At the Banff Sectional, complaints were made to board members about the playing facilities. These were primarily about the crowded conditions but the heat at one end of the room was also a concern. This is not the first time that concerns have been raised.

It is important to look at the history of this tournament to understand why these problems are not easy to address. When I was last on the board, about 9 years ago, the sectional was held in the Banff Park Lodge. This is one of the more expensive hotels and as a result, many players found alternate accommodation. Since room occupancy is an important factor for most sites, the BPL was not eager to have our business. To compensate them for this, we guaranteed that a certain number of players would partake in their Sunday brunch between sessions. As I recall, this cost at least \$18 and again, many players had no interest in paying this sum. Despite this, the hotel then proposed a considerable increase in rent, essentially an admission that they did not value our business. To accept their terms would have made this sectional a significant money loser and so we attempted to find an alternate site.

A Calgary player generously agreed to check out the Banff and Canmore area for possible locations. He did an extensive search and his results were disappointing. The only possible locations that would allow us to avoid a significant loss were community halls, a high school gymnasium and a motel in Canmore with a rather shabby room that had been unsuccessfully used as a tavern. Given these unappealing options, the board decided that Banff should be cancelled.

When word of this got around, another member came to us with a suggestion that we look at our current site. This venue had been considered in our original search but we had decided that the playing area was too small. However, we were informed that the hotel was very interested in our business (but only for the particular week that we held the sectional) and would do their best to accommodate us. They also cut us a very favourable deal. In consultation with the head director, we determined that while space would be tight, it would be worth a try. Since then, we have been running the only tournament I am aware of where a major concern is that we will get too many attendees!

Many players remember the sectionals of decades past when the site was the Banff Springs and wonder why we cannot get into such places again. The answer is that in the past two decades, Banff has become an international destination and has been priced out of the reach of most Canadians. The community is overflowing with tourists nearly fifty weeks a year and many hotels consider a brief respite much preferable to hosting a sectional.

We have discussed the problem with heat with the hotel, but given the layout of the room, it may be difficult to find an entirely satisfactory solution since to reduce the heat would result in the area near the windows to likely be too cold, but they are aware of this problem. As for the crowding, our only possible option, if we stay in the current site, is to do less promotion and thereby decrease attendance.

We are interested in finding a better site. Dave Johnson and I checked one possible location before leaving Banff, but it was only a marginal improvement and required the use of two rooms. Doris Fishman has agreed to do some further searching. But as is often the case, assistance of the membership may be the critical factor. We are very interested in any specific suggestions about alternate sites. Banff must regularly have new hotels and renovated facilities. Perhaps someone is aware of one. However, unit finances make the alternative of paying an additional \$2000 or more to get a less crowded site, not a realistic option. We have a record of room occupancy at the current site that we believe consideration for favourable rates at any new venue.

Steve Lawrence

ACBL Unit 390

MEMBERSHIP DESK

by Delores Hedley

We are sad to report the passing of Emily Follensbee just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday.

Welcome to the following new ACBL Members: Bev Butler – 240-2366, John Carlson – 620-6086, Shellan Chaney – 335-8340, Karen Chapple – 251-3899, Sheila Clapham – 243-0330, Gerald Eichhorn – 288-1048, Sharon Horung – 686-7243, Philip Oldale, - 282-5096, Thea Paul – 686-7243, Donald Van Mierlo – 289-2718, Menno Westra – 247-2137

Welcome to the following players who are now living in Calgary: Linda Martin – 246-8240, Martin McDonald – 238-9790, Marlene Nelson – 934-5989, Pat Pangracs – 532-0016, Douglas Root – 226-9195, Karen Spencer – 465-6783

Please make the following changes to your Telephone List: Add Mildred Eckford – 282-6745, Gerald Eichhorn 288-1048, Violet Hergert – 274-5542, Change Simon Farrar to 945-0401, Change Dann Kramer to 246-8224,

Congratulations to the following who have achieved new milestones:

JUNIOR MASTER (5-20): Lorainne Curr, Gail Gorman; Susan Groundwater, Peter Kroeger; Jean Mathieson; Cyd O'Callaghan,

CLUB MASTER (20 - 50): Heather Bowyer; Jenna Dumka; Arthur Iwasa; Michael Lang; Milt Mansell; Francis Somerville

SECTIONAL MASTER (50 – 99): Patricia Arnott; Doug Biggs; Patricia Biggs; Lance Cooke; Louise Gramlich, Gretta Hinton; Evelyn Iwasa; Patricia Martin; Sami Naydani; Phyllis Nield; Phyllis Nychkalo; Edward Trewin, Brian Willett, Robert Wright

REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 200 including 15 silver and 5 red or gold): Arlene Brand, Margaret Cooke; Marek Foff; Ken Green; Joan Johnston; Fred Klein; Robert McGregor; Barbara MacLean, Jan McLeod, Mary Royal; Lucielle Smith; Carol Szabo; Jim Thompson; Lyman Warner

NABC MASTER (200 – 300): Helga Baldwinson; Greg Bedard; Ross Bennett; Diana Burn; Wenda Donoghue; Jack Driscoll; Marie Driscoll; Gordon Gair; Tanja Hurlbert; Elaine McQuitty; Millie Shyba; Cora Steemers; Larry Sutter; Bob Vanwart

LIFE MASTER (300 – 50 silver, 25 gold, 25 red or gold): Sharon Dalton; Michael Farebrother; Donna Gellatly; Douglas Marwood; Hash Mohamed; Jnan Sarkar; Alice Whitty

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 500): Donna Gellatly; Tanja Hurlbert, David Johnson, Valerie Ling; Jnan Sarkar; Donald Smith, Marilyn Wiggins

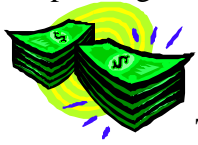
SILVER LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 1000): Joyce Mackie

Mrs. Emily Follensbee, passed away on Oct. 22 2003 just three weeks short of her 100th birthday. Her funeral was at Hillhurst United Church on Oct. 27 2003. Emily was an active member of the Calgary Duplicate Bridge community. She was a schoolteacher and with Christine Meikle started classes for students with special needs in various locations throughout Calgary resulting in the opening of the “Christine Meikle” school in the fall of 1958. In 1964 a second school, the “Emily Follensbee Centre”, was opened as a place where children are rewarded and given dignity and where their lives are celebrated. In 2001 the Emily Follensbee award was created to raise awareness and provide inspiration for parents of children with disabilities. Mrs. Follensbee was president of the Hillhurst United Church Women's Association. Emily became involved with the Calgary duplicate world through the American Women's bridge club and she became a Certified Director. She was an active organizer and player in the Wednesday open pairs and the club's Thursday night game.

Treasurer's Report



As most members know, the 2003-2004 Unit 390 phone booklets are now available at your local bridge club. In the Unit's continued effort to cut costs such as the expense of printing booklets, at the August meeting this summer, the Unit passed a motion to charge members \$1 for the booklets. Half of the revenue goes to the Unit for the printing of the booklets and the other half to the bridge club that sells the booklet for their effort.



The Banff sectional was a big success again this year! Table count was up and a great time was had by all. There were only two 50/50 draws at this sectional, before each of the Saturday sessions. Doris Fishman (who does an excellent job as Tournament Chair) and I decided to use a roll of tickets for the draws instead of ripping cards in half and what a difference it made in the sales! Normally one deck or a deck and a half of cards are used for the 50/50 draws but for the afternoon session 108 tickets were sold in the afternoon (with \$54 going to the winner) and 84 tickets sold at the evening session (\$42 to the winner). Definitely a 50/50 record! Incidentally, Gladys Grant won the afternoon draw and in the evening her partner Ann Primeau won with a ticket that Gladys bought for her! Some people have all the luck! Gladys bought dinner for all her friends that evening. Wow, lucky and a wonderful generous lady (booked for the January sectional Gladys?). Terri Bedard / Unit 390 Treasurer

POST 2003 / PRE 2006 White Hat Regional Meeting

A well attended meeting was held on Saturday, November 15, to review the past White Hat Regional and to start planning for a bigger and better event in 2006. Our thanks to **John & Ruth Gilchrist** for chairing the past successful tournament and a hearty welcome to **Keith Falkenberg** for volunteering to chair the next one.

We have almost 3 years to plan for 2006 and with the enthusiasm shown and the new ideas that were presented we are already off to a great start. We hope we can count on all of you to participate in one way or another. Watch for special events and games at the Aurora and the Martinique, plan to attend, and most of all, when asked, please help out.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Martinique Bridge Club

Knights of Columbus Hall

2419-54 Ave. S.W.

243-4353

Mon 12:15 Open Swiss Teams
7:00 99er Swiss Teams
Wed 12:15 99er Pairs
7:30 Open Pairs
Fri 12:15 Open Pairs
7:30 NLM Pairs

Tue 12:15 Open Pairs
7:30 Open Pairs
Thu 12:15 Open Pairs
7:00 Novice Pairs
Sat 7:30 Open Swiss Teams

We wish a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season to all our patrons.

The Aurora Bridge Club

Lorne & Debbie Hanson 239-2806 Brian & Joy Saville 239-2768
North Haven Community Assoc. 5003 North Haven Drive N.W.

Monday 12:30pm Open Pairs Stratified

Thursday 7:15pm Open Pairs Stratified

Friday 12:15pm Non-Life Master Pairs

(Non-Life Master Pairs (Life-Master can play with a partner who has less than 5 master points)

Varsity Community Centre 4303 Varsity Drive N W

Wednesday 12:15pm Open Pairs Stratified

Please do not wear perfume or cologne. Web Site: <http://www.calgarybridge.com>

Emergency phone # 1 hour before to ½ hour after game time 860-7079

The STAC will be held February 16th to February 20th/04 and ACBL-Wide Charity Game will be held on March 24th/04.

The Kibitzer Soap Box

From time to time a concerned player writes an original article for publication in The Kibitzer. We are pleased to edit and reprint these essays with the usual editorial comment that “the views expressed here are not necessarily those of the editor or any unit member”. This article is from Martin McDonald.

WHY DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE ?

There are diverse views on the value of bridge. Since the invention of playing cards circa 1300, war games have been emulated in the pasteboard jungle. Moreover the heroes of our deck are the great Kings and Emperors of ancient times joined with their knights and subalterns. Latter day Sultans play bridge too. Amanullah II gave up his Persian throne rather than the deck's unveiled queens. Trump has become synonymous with power or success. Bridge is played by members of Congress, the business establishment and your golf, petroleum or ranchmen's clubs. Some dilettantes gamble when they play bridge; but real experts invest. The second Earl of Yarborough's hand occurs 1 in 1837 on average. The late Duke aka Charles Anderson Worsley (1809-97) learned to his chagrin that bridge like life does not always conform to probability theory when he is said to have unsuccessfully bet 1,000 to 1 against the occurrence of a yarborough. The nines are the curses of the four United Kingdoms. The diamond nine (“Curse of Scotland”) sealed the fate of Mary, Queen of Scots in the Tower of London. Harold Sterling Vanderbilt; railroad magnate, three times skipper of the America's Cup winning yacht, scion of financier Commodore Vanderbilt's progeny; and his foursome restated the rules of contract bridge aboard the S.S. Finlandia mired in the Panama Canal Zone in 1925. In the era of Lindbergh, bridge was the Grand Game of the New America for royalty, generals and gigolos alike. The Manhattan Regency Whist Club founded in 1936 on E 67th Street in a magnificent old townhouse has earned a well-deserved reputation for exquisite dining. Among its membership to name a few rank Harold Vanderbilt, Baron Von Zedtwitz, General Alfred Gruenther, Oswald Jacoby, Charles Goren and Harold Ogust. In Duplicate Bridge it's not a pecking order it's a biting order; but you are welcome, if you can shuffle, deal and play. The odds are the same for peer and peerless pro, Indian Chief and CEO. The real beauty of the game is that the laws and the proprieties emphasize ethics and disclosure. It is against the rules in Duplicate Bridge to lie, cheat and steal. They may be the devil's tickets but the cards do not lie. No matter. The moot point is: Why do you play bridge?

Somerset Maugham's attribute is oft quoted but bears repetition: “I would have children taught bridge. It will be useful in the end. When all else fails --- sports, love, ambition --- bridge remains a solace and an entertainment.” C.C. Wei, shipping magnate and the founder of Precision Club, subscribed to the maxim “mens sana in corpore sano” as did Ira Corn who hired Air Force Lt.-Colonel (Ret.) Joe Musemeci to whip the vaunted Dallas Aces into shape. Dr. James A. Nicholas, founding director of the Institute of Sports Medicine and Athletic Trauma proved the ancient apothegm correct. “What makes bridge a sport is that it is a recreational activity pursued by thousands in their leisure time. Out of twenty-one performance factors, the game of bridge meets some requirement in twelve of those categories....In our opinion a sport does not require physical exertion, since mental and environmental factors are all part of the sport's total demand. However most sports have a combination of all three factors, including bridge. Obviously bridge is the strongest in the mental and psychometric factors having 11 out of a possible 15 demand points.” Even the “Peace through Bridge” slogan of the WBF and Jose Damiani's neighbourly relations with Juan Antonio Samaranch have not been enough to vault bridge from a demonstration sport onto the Olympic calendar. The real beauty of bridge is that the competitors' true regime will keep the sport clean. There is no tetrahydrogestrinone for the brain and no substitute for real brain activity. At this juncture Canada's greatest success to date in World Bridge was our victory in the Salt Lake City Grand Prix 2002 where our disciplined team of amateurs beat the pros. The one imp win by USA I over Italy in the 2003 Bridge World Championships ranks as the most exciting if error-filled Bermuda Bowl of all time. Discipline was sorely tested in the face of fatigue and stress. Kathie Wei-Sender's students on the Chinese women's team playing Precision in the manner in which the Master CC Wei had dreamed almost dethroned USA in the 2003 Venice Cup. Clear eyes and clean veins are the benchmarks for all world-champions. Participants in Duplicate Bridge which is now the world's most popular mind-sport strive for the zone with a sober mien and pleasant demeanour. In the third millennium the world bridge community plays the Grand Game in the global village and watches simultaneous vu-graphs of World Bridge Federation Championships via the internet. Future masters and Grand masters alike earn masterpoints on-line. No worries. The moot point is: Why do you play bridge?

From the dawn of time, homo sapiens sapiens has known innately that you use it or lose it. More recently theories that mind-building hobbies such as bridge help prevent Alzheimer's disease are the norm. The New England Journal of Medicine June 19/03 edition reports: "Participation in leisure activities has been associated with a lower risk of dementia. Among leisure activities reading, playing board games and musical instruments, and dancing were associated with a reduced risk of dementia." Researchers in brain chemistry studied nuns in San Diego because their life-style risks were minimized. Those engaged in psychic endeavours more than menial activities enjoyed seven plus years longer life span on the average. In essence brain neurotransmitters are grown or regenerated while you play. The dopamines created during the game produce a low level feeling of euphoria and enhance the operation of your immune system. So bridge is good for your health. Moreover you can compete against World Champions in bridge at tournaments and test your skills against the best. In no other sport or game will you find as level a playing field. S.J. Simon explained the reasons for the contra-positive in "Why You Lose At Bridge" which he wrote before Roth defined the negative or "Sputnik" double. "Do not redouble. From the glutton the plate is taken away." Rules of Auction Bridge 1899. Rubber Bridge is not for the faint-hearted or impecunious, but corpulence will not disqualify you. Bridge Calcuttas afford you an opportunity to avoid bitter euchres and earn sweet lucre especially when you win and own a percentage of your partnership. The Cavendish in Vegas regularly has a Calcutta pool in excess of \$2 Million CDN with 40% for top spot. The moot point is: Why do you play bridge?

The 2003 ACBL on-line Officials/Teachers survey was responded to by 1505 of 3660 ACBL teachers and officials. Their primary motivators are to encourage others to play the game, to enjoy bridge as hobby, to give back to the game and to be part of a group. As most of the bridge community appreciates earning income is a distant fifth for our stalwart bridge club owners and teachers. However Duplicate Bridge now supports a cadre of professional players who give playing lessons or are hired for tournament success. Marketing drives professional bridge with sponsorship like the 1975 Lancia traveling roadshow with members of the World Champion Italian Blue team augmented by Omar Sharif. Ira Corn founded the Dallas Aces to bring the Bermuda Bowl back to the U.S.A. after ten consecutive World Championship victories by Italy. C.C. Wei sponsored the Precision Team to market the features of his Precision System of bidding. It is not inconceivable that MS might improve the marketing of its Gaming Zone with bridge sponsorship. There is now a Pro Bridge Series which may grow into a money bridge tour. When recruiting for membership in the ACBL, most bridge club owners and teachers posit the main reasons for joining are to have fun, stay mentally active, improve your game and meet new people. On average by far the bulk recruited 1 to 5 new members per year. Their ratings of their level of satisfaction with the service provided at the ACBL departments were: Education 86.1%; Club/Membership 92.7%; Bridge Bulletin 96.1%; Accounting 90.6%; Sales 88.9%; Special Events 88.2%; Tournaments 90.3%; Computer/Internet 88.7%; Customer Services 91.9%. It's hard to argue with those statistics. If every-one of the 165,000 elite in our league recruited one more player per year, we would double our membership annually. It is our respectful submission that there are few bridge players who do not acknowledge the reality of Malthusian economics. No beef. The moot point is: Why do you play bridge?

There are many local experts whose personal experiences include traveling in the company of friends to Sectional, Regional and North-American Duplicate tournaments throughout the breadth and depth of this immense continent. Upon your arrival at a bridge club anywhere on the third rock from the sun, there are friends of bridge and bridgeurs who ensure you are welcome and feel right at home. Whether you speak Polish or enjoy Blue Club with canapes, the same 38 calls are at your fingertips. Declaring and bringing home 7 NT redoubled is the ultimate contract for caliphs and captains of industry there too. Most importantly, the camaraderie and esprit de corps are second to none. Every bridge club is replete with fine human beings who are examples of discipline, intellectual and intestinal fortitude, empathy, tolerance and understanding: and they all want to win. You gain credibility by association with such confreres or their conference. You grow in maturity with every passing hand. The opportunities to help other aficionados better enjoy their time at and away from the bridge table are plentiful. When your students win their first gold points you enjoy their success vicariously. Your first Regional win is a triumph that you never forget. Canada's gold medal performance at Salt Lake City Grand Prix 2002 by our own Gartaganis team with its Calgary and Alberta core was a source of personal pride for us all. In each and every bridge career, the journey is its own reward. So when you see your partner or venerable opponents give back to the bridge community, does it inspire you to do your best to grow the Grand Game. No problem. The moot point is: Why do you play bridge?

Bridge has seen an immense rise in popularity since the Culbertsons bested Lenz and Jacoby in the bridge match of the Century at the Waldorf- Astoria in 1931 fortified with Josephine's cunning and Ely's gamesmanship. Moreover bridge bidding systems, defensive carding and declarer play have been developed and refined. Reverse suit preference and upside-down attitude and count are norms for Hamman and Soloway. Meckstroth and Rodwell's convention card and bidding system should be called Rosetta Club instead of Meckwell Precision. The Grand Game continues to grow and mature with the development of zero tolerance for bad behaviour and the insistence on the principles of full disclosure and no unwarranted hesitation. In summation, it is clear that at the start of the third millennia bridge, cruising and golf are the staple recreations of the leisure class. There are no other avocations that emphasize proper decorum and good manners to such an extent as to elevate them to laws and proprieties. There are no other passions that constitute healthy elements of lifestyle choice for amateurs and create lucrative incomes and endorsements for professionals. There are no other sports that resound with the truth that life is a marathon not a sprint. Discipline, demeanour, decency and determination are prerequisites for success over the long run. Winning at all costs is a pyrrhic victory. Living in accordance with a win-win philosophy helps our neighbours and ourselves. Think globally and act locally. The Grand Game continues to evolve and become more civilized. Perhaps life will imitate art and our planet will follow a similar progress towards the light. Bridge is a beacon for humanity. What are you doing to ensure "Peace through bridge" is more than an empty slogan? No argument. Why do you play bridge?

Martin McDonald

Puzzle Corner

This edition of Puzzle Corner has some actual hands from the Red Deer Calcutta. A Calcutta is an event where each pair is auctioned to the highest bidder, a somewhat humbling experience when you find out what other people

really think of your bridge abilities. This money goes into an auction pool to be split by the owners of the winning pairs. The bridge scoring is IMP-pairs and each pair has the option of buying 50% of themselves. Winning can be worth \$5000 or more. In a Calcutta, a lot of money can be at stake on one decision – especially on slam and vulnerable game hands. A better result on only one of these hands would win more than \$1000. Remember, this is IMP scoring.

1) ♠ Q76
♥ 873
♦ AK72
♣ Q64

The bidding goes:

North	East	South	West
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	3N	Pass
?			

You might have some reservations about this, since you are an unfamiliar partnership. What does partner show?
What is your next call?

2) ♠ 83
♥ 4
♦ AKQJ7
♣ AJ754

The bidding goes:

North	East	South	West
1NT	2♣	Dbl	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	?	

1NT is 15 to 17 HCP and the 2♣ bid shows either diamonds or both majors. The subsequent 2♥ shows the majors.
Your double shows clubs. What do you do next?

3) ♠ AT85
♥ 9732
♦ 53
♣ K86

The bidding goes:

North	East	South	West
	1♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	?	

What is your bid?

Answers on next page

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The GNT District Final will be held in Calgary this year, not Great Falls, with a subsidy to the New York Summer NABC as the reward. A good turnout from the Unit and Edmonton will justify the decision to move the event. This is very significant as the majority of teams showing up every year in Great Falls

are Canadian. Now is the time to show our support for this event and ensure that the event is moved north of the border. People qualify for this event as individuals and not as a team. Qualify with one team, play on another one if you like. The more teams we have in May the better. Friends and family who do not play bridge always ask what we win at this game and find the concept of masterpoints odd. Would it not be nice to say you won a subsidized trip to New York and became North American Champions, C Players pay special attention to this. Being a C Player does not last long. Take advantage of this opportunity to **WIN** something. Flight C Teams do not have to play against Flights B and A to qualify, only against other C Teams.

The turnout for the first GNT Qualifier was disappointing. However the turnout for the 2nd qualifier was much better. Edmonton will bring a lot of teams. Let's have more than them.

GNT Club Q Martinique Friday Jan 16 @ 7:30

COPC Pairs Club Q - Check the local clubs for these Hi-Masterpoint games and qualify to play at Bridge Week in St. Catherines, Ontario - 20 minutes from Niagara Falls, June 19 - 26th

There is no extra charge for the COPC club qualifying games - the Unit is paying the extra sanction fees to get large turnouts.

A special 15-minute lecture program is being considered. This would be just prior to a novice, 199'er, or non-life master game at local clubs and would include a questions and answers period. The unit is looking for volunteers – please contact Frank Ayer at fwayer@shaw.ca if you are interested. We would like to have one lecture per week.

Calcutta Answers:

1. A 2NT in this sequence shows 18 or 19 HCP so the 3NT bid is used to show a hand with a long, near solid club suit with some outside stoppers. It is called a “Gambling 3NT Re-bid”. It should have approximately the same point range as a (non forcing) jump re-bid to 3 C but shows a hand that is too good to risk having partner pass. Expect a seven-card club suit headed by the AKJ and a good stopper in each major – perhaps more since partner is missing the club queen. Partner wants quick tricks to scramble home with game so aces and kings in the majors are preferable to QJx. I don't expect slam to be common, but it is worth a try. **Bid 4C (or 4D as a cue bid if you trust partner to understand this)** Scoring is IMPs so stopping at 5 Clubs if slam is not making is not a concern. (as it would be in matchpoints) Who knows. 5C may make when 3NT doesn't.

2. Partner has heard the bidding and showed little interest in either of your suits. RHO's length in both majors is a warning that indicates a probable bad break in the minors. **Pass.** Without the bad breaks, slam was actually quite a reasonable contract. Without interference, others got to it.

3. Some might respond **2S** since “the suit is better”. This is the correct bid but for the wrong reason. When responding to partner's opening bid of 1C or D, holding 4-4 in the majors it is standard to bid “up the line”. However, after a double, this does not apply. Here you wish to be well placed to compete to the 3 level but not force partner to the 4 level. Bid 2 spades first so you can follow through with 3 Hearts. Strangely, what cost on this hand was that 2H wrong-sided the contract. Holding a big hand with 2 spades, a good heart suit and KJ doubleton of diamonds, I was initially amazed that partner was responding in hearts. When I doubled, I expected a 2S response, so I doubled rather than making an underbid of 2 hearts.

Bermuda Bowl Brouhaha

Did you get a chance to watch the finals of the Bermuda Bowl live and online with expert commentators and free beer (at least at my place!)? If not, you missed a great show, even if it was at 4am. The live Vugraph was presented by BridgeBase (www.bridgebase.com) and was completely free and very easy to use. BridgeBase has free online play and practice sessions and other features and is run by a Canadian, Fred Gitelman, although he now lives in Las Vegas. Check it out, you won't be sorry. Fred also played with Nick, Judy, and Gordon when they won the gold medal in Salt Lake City at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

I just got to tell you about the very last hand (board 120). USA was leading Italy by 64 IMPs with about 28 boards to go. Italy went on a big run (96-11) and led by 21 with 2 boards left. USA won 10 IMPs on the penultimate board (#119) and then the last one (Italy NS, USA EW):

	Lauria	
	♠ - x	
	♥ - A J 9 x	
	♦ - K Q 10 9 8 x x x	
Hamman	♣ - x	Soloway
♠ - J 10		♠ - A 6 x x x
♥ - x x x		♥ - K Q 10 8 x
♦ - A 2		♦ - 4 3
♣ - K 10 9 x x x		♣ - A
	Versace	
	♠ - K Q 9 8 7	
	♥ - x	
	♦ - J x	
	♣ - Q J x x x	

In the closed room where Italy was EW they got to 4♥ and went for -400 (down 4 vul, not a good result) so USA had to get +100 to win 11 IMPs and tie the match or +200 to win. The auction in the open room was:

North	East	South	West
1♦	2♦	Dbl	2♥
3♦	pass	pass	3♥
pass	4♥	pass	pass
5♦	Dbl	all pass	

If Italy had passed 4♥ they would win but now if Italy went down 1 the match would be tied (NS nonvul, EW vul). The play: East led ♣A and now a Diamond to the Ace and another Diamond leads to down 3 (3 aces and 2 hearts) but East led the ♥K which North won. A Heart ruff, Club ruff, Spade toward KQ at this point is likely down 2 (losing 3 aces and a heart) but North ruffed a Heart, ruffed a club, ruffed another heart, and led the ♠K to the J, x, A. Now Soloway can cash the ♥10 for down 2 and be World Champion but he led ♠6. Perhaps, influenced by Hamman's 3♥ bid and ♠J, he thought his partner had 4 hearts and only 1 spade; in any case Lauria can play the ♠Q and discard his small heart to only go down 1 and tie the match for an 8-board playoff. However, Versace had left the table and North was playing dummy's cards and "played" the ♠7 (thinking East was cashing his Heart, I suppose) and quickly tried to change it to the ♠Q but EW objected (West had already played ♠10) and all hell broke loose - Lauria throwing his cards, Italian spectators screaming (it was played in Monaco), directors running back and forth. The director ruled ♠7 was played, Italy appealed, although the director's decision here is not subject to appeal, and lost so USA became Bermuda Bowl Champions by 1 IMP over 120 boards!!

There was a lot of online discussion that declarer should be allowed to play ♠Q - fair play, good of bridge, etc. but my feeling is why should dummy be the only player that can change a played card? If declarer or a defender had dropped ♠7 on the table it would be played and could not be changed - should dummy be any different?

Calgary Fall STRATIFIED I.M.P. PAIRS 62 Pairs

Sectional Winners

A Lana Blackett, Edmonton AB; Ron Grove, Sherwood Park AB

B Cindy Cossey - Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB

C Lyman Warner - Ed Trewin, Calgary AB

FRIDAY AFT 99ER PAIRS 6 Pairs

Edna Gosbee - Margi Molyneux, Calgary AB

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 62 Pairs

A Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB

B Cindy Cossey - Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB

C Joan Finlay - Audrey Clark, Calgary AB

FRIDAY EVE 99ER PAIRS 12 Pairs

Edna Gosbee - Margi Molyneux, Calgary AB

SATURDAY AFT SIDE PAIRS 20 Pairs

A Jean Kittlitz - Paula Sisko, Calgary AB

BC Ruth Duplisea - Patricia Blochert, Calgary AB

SATURDAY AFT 99ER PAIRS 18 Pairs

D Karol Szklarz - Dave Armstrong, Calgary AB

E Olof Hardy - Ken Hardy, Selkirk MB

FLIGHT A OPEN PAIRS 32 Pairs

Nicholas Gartaganis - Dann Kramer, Calgary AB

STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS 22 Pairs

B Pam Peard - Greg Bedard, Calgary AB

C Bob Wright - Olga Wright, Calgary AB

SATURDAY EVE SIDE PAIRS 16 Pairs

A Sandy McIlwain, Invermere BC; Gordon Campbell, Calgary AB

B Gamil Tadros - Frances Tadros, Calgary AB

C Eva Nagan - Robert McGregor, Calgary AB

SATURDAY EVE 99ER PAIRS 12 Pairs

DE Elaine Smith, Calgary AB; Donna Mae Barks, Prince Albert SK

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS 42 Teams

A Janet Dunbar - Hash Mohamed - Terri Bedard - Frank Ayer, Calgary AB

B Diana Burn - Sharon Crowle - Inez Watt - Cora Steemers, Calgary AB

C Ed Trewin - Lyman Warner - Marie Driscoll - Jack Driscoll, Calgary AB

Banff Classic FRIDAY AFT IMP PAIRS 40 Pairs Sectional Winners

A Don Gladman - Dan Bertrand, Calgary AB

B Diane Thompson - Carole Anne Snow, Calgary AB

C Adrienne Moore, Windermere BC; Fran Jeffery, Invermere BC

FRIDAY AFT 99ER PAIRS 15 Pairs

D Gretta Hinton, Calgary AB; Yvonne Edwards, Priddis AB

E Weida Murphy - Hilda Slavin, Canmore AB

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS 52 Pairs

AB Charlotte Jobb, Medicine Hat AB; Mona Girling, Dunmore AB

C Gordon King - Mona King, Three Hills AB

FRIDAY EVENING 99ER PAIRS 16 Pairs

D Freda Nychkalo - Lorraine Weller, Calgary AB

E Dennis Wilson - Kathleen Cooke, Calgary AB

SATURDAY AFT 99ER PAIRS 17 Pairs

DE Kathleen Dinneen - Mary Lou McCormick, Calgary AB

SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS 73 Pairs

A Linda Thierman, Calgary AB; Vince Nowlan, Edmonton AB

BC Carol Staneslow - Roger Staneslow, Calgary AB

SATURDAY EVE 99ER PAIRS 17 Pairs

Kathleen Dinneen - Mary Lou McCormick, Calgary AB

OPEN SWISS TEAMS 37 Teams

A Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB; Andy Stark, Lethbridge AB; Sandy McIlwain, Invermere BC

B Wayne Smith - Gerry Marchant - Noel Purkin - Tammy Purkin, Calgary AB

C Susan McLure - Gordon McLure - Bob Wright - Olga Wright, Calgary AB

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