

THE KIBITZER

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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President's Message

The ACBL has a policy of "Zero Tolerance" for ACBL sanctioned events. Our Unit subscribes fully to this policy which states:

"The ultimate purpose of the Zero Tolerance Policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our ... (events). We are attempting to eradicate unacceptable behaviour in order to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all. Below are some examples of commendable behaviour, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Greeting others in a friendly manner.
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents.
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (This one is a regulation, not just a nicety)

The following are some examples of behaviour which will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called **immediately**. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties."

If you are subjected to unacceptable behaviour, or if you witness unacceptable behaviour, call the director immediately. Directors are trained to deal with the Zero Tolerance Policy and are the first line of action. Subsequently, Dann Kramer is Unit 390's Conduct and Ethics Recorder charged with reviewing breaches of the Zero Tolerance Policy and recommending additional disciplinary action by the Unit Board.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find our new **Privacy Policy**. The Unit 390 Board wishes to abide by the general intent of the Alberta Personal Information Privacy Act (PIPA), even though our Unit operates under the Societies Act and is exempt from the letter of the Act. The Act protects individual privacy by requiring private-sector organizations to obtain consent for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. Organizations have a requirement to protect the private information that they possess. Unit 390 members who are members of the ACBL supply private information to the ACBL when they apply for membership. The ACBL subsequently gives this information to each Unit.

If you wish to influence how we handle your private information, including updating it, or indicating the specific ways in which it can be used, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Jim Berglund at 217-0768 or jazzzbo@shaw.ca stating your wishes.

"CHALLENGE THE MIND - EXPERIENCE THE PASSION"

Fred Klein
President

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Monsignor Joseph E. Le Fort's Enhancement of Duplicate Bridge in Calgary

by Ken Scott

Joseph E. Le Fort was a catalyst as organized duplicate bridge emerged in Calgary. Born in Medicine Hat, January 8, 1920 Le Fort came to Calgary in 1945 where he was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest. After serving as Secretary to Bishop Carroll he became Chancellor of the Diocese. Elevated to 'Monsignor', he became Pastor at several churches in Calgary including St. Ann's Church in the southeast, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Parish in the northwest, and Sacred Heart Church in the southwest.

Le Fort started playing bridge in his teen years in Medicine Hat. (Carl Forner, a long-time and frequent bridge partner of Le Fort, also grew up in Medicine Hat, although the two did not meet until both were living in Calgary). While at Canadian Martyrs, with the encouragement of Jack Murphy, Msgr. combined his interest in bridge with the availability of space and an opportunity to fund raise for the church, and created the Canmar Bridge Club (from CANadian MARtyrs) on May 7, 1973. The club started with one afternoon game, and then two evening games were added. Eventually the club grew to games of up to 3 sections. The inaugural Committee for Canmar included bridge enthusiasts Lil Murphy, Rita Allen, Anne Romanzin and Noemi Chiess.

In 1982 Msgr. Le Fort became Pastor at Sacred Heart Church and the Canmar Bridge Club relocated with him, games being held in its basement until 1993. When Sacred Heart needed the space for other purposes, the Canmar moved to the South Calgary Community Association (16th Street SW) for about 2 years. Following a few months of 'homelessness', the club found space at St. Joseph's Church (19th Avenue NW) for a few months. As neither of these last two spaces was totally satisfactory, the Canmar was disbanded in September of 1996, with players gravitating to the Martinique and other clubs.

In fact, Father Le Fort played a key role in the Martinique's move to its current location, the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Martinique was looking for new space and Le Fort became aware of the KoC facility's availability, linking the two parties together.

Central to the success of any bridge club is a strong cadre of Directors and the Canmar had its share of Director talent – Maddie McGill was the inaugural Director, followed by Marguerite (Swanson) Perry, Stan Matheson., Steve Bates, Vaughn Johnson, Doris Fishman, and Carl Lawless.

Those who played at the Canmar describe Monsignor as very keen about bridge (whether duplicate, rubber bridge, or cruises), competitive while gentlemanly, very well liked, and dedicated to the community. He had a most persuasive way about him, and was a master of energizing volunteers. Carefully selected words such as "Will you be bringing a turkey for the December game" and "I'm suggesting you as Treasurer because we really need a second signature" were very hard invitations to which to say 'no'. He also had a wonderful way of sensing friction and finding the right words to defuse it. Many a partnership would move to his table in heated discussion of previous bidding or play only to have the sparks neutralized with Monsignor's gentle "welcome to our table"!

More than a man, more than a priest, more than a friend, more than a community leader: Monsignor Le Fort was all of these and more.

Monsignor Le Fort retired in 1990, and achieved Silver Life Master in 2005. Several Unit 390 members were present at the diamond jubilee of Msgr. Le Fort's ordination in September 2005. Le Fort continues to play bridge, sometimes at the Sunday game at Bob's Bridge Club, and mostly at a social game in his retirement home at Lake Bonavista Village. His view is that "duplicate bridge is a world of its own, and through it, one makes many very good friends".

On June 30, 2007, the old Father Lacombe building on the campus at 14500 Bannister Road SE re-opened after its major refurbishing. It was renamed the 'Monsignor Joseph Le Fort Centre' and a bronze bust of Msgr. Le Fort is at the entrance.

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Congratulations Monsignor Le Fort! Thank you for the many doors you opened for the Calgary bridge community.



Msgr. Joseph E. Le Fort at the opening of Le Fort Centre
June 30, 2007

Photo courtesy of St. Mary's University College.



2007 Hattie Joffe Race

Doug Deschner's win in the final Flight A Swiss at the Red Deer Regional this past August secured his victory in the 2007 Hattie Joffe masterpoint race. Doug earned 82.64 masterpoints over the course of the week.

The Hattie Joffe Memorial Trophy is awarded each year to the Albertan winning the most masterpoints during the annual Alberta Regional Bridge Tournament. The trophy was donated by Hattie's son Jay in memory of his mother.

District 18 Lucky Draw

Did you know that you can win free plays at a Regional Tournament in District 18? Everyone who registers for the Friday/Saturday Swiss Teams event is eligible for the Lucky Draw.

At the May 2007 Sun Valley, Idaho Regional, our own Carol Lee Bellam won the draw and reports it as "a big and exciting surprise". As the prize must be used within 12 months, Carol Lee exercised her free play option at the Butte, Montana Regional in July. She played 17 of the 18 games and won over 25 masterpoints. Congratulations to Carol Lee for winning the Lucky Draw in Sun Valley and doing so well in Butte!

Play in the Friday/Saturday Swiss Teams event at the next District 18 Regional and you could be the lucky winner.



Alberta Sweeps GNT District Finals

Alberta players had no trouble winning all four brackets of the Grand National Teams District 18 final as potential rivals from the rest of the District (Wyoming, Saskatchewan, Utah, Montana and Idaho) chose to stay away. Unit 390 played able host of the event on May 18 - 20, 2007. The winning teams went on to represent District 18 at the National Final in Nashville in July.

Open Flight Winners:

Gerry Marshall - Ken Penton - Donald Gladman, Calgary AB; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB

Flight A Winners:

Allan Simon - Daniel Bertrand, Calgary AB; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB; Ray Grace, Sherwood Park AB

Flight B Winners:

Michael Farebrother - Tom Nault, Calgary AB; Doug Hawrelak - Bill Cox, Edmonton AB

Flight C Winners: (see story page 10)

Robert Boissoin - Mary Ross - Olga Wright - Bob Wright, Calgary AB

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Unit 390 Privacy Policy

Members of ACBL supply private information (names, telephone numbers etc.) to the ACBL when they apply for membership. The ACBL subsequently gives this information to each Unit, normally to the Membership Coordinator on the Board of Directors. The Board would like to use the contact information to market bridge tournaments and special events to the members of the Unit consistent with our Mission of

“PROVIDING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
FOR COMPETITIVE BRIDGE TO FLOURISH”.

Names and phone numbers of members are published regularly in the Unit 390 Telephone Book.

Unit 390 wishes to abide by the general intent of the Alberta Personal Information Privacy Act (PIPA), even though our Unit operates under the Societies Act and is exempt from the letter of the Act. The Act protects individual privacy by requiring private-sector organizations to obtain consent for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. Organizations have a requirement to protect the private information that they possess.

Therefore:

- A. The Membership Coordinator on the Board of Directors will be responsible for implementing this Privacy Policy and will act as the Privacy Coordinator as contemplated by the PIPA.
- B. Information which members have supplied to the ACBL in their applications for membership is given to the Unit by the ACBL for furthering our Unit Mission of “PROVIDING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR COMPETITIVE BRIDGE TO FLOURISH”.
- C. The information is used to contact members to advise them about upcoming bridge events consistent with our Mission.
- D. Member information is coordinated by the Membership Coordinator and is kept up-to-date and accurate with regular reports we receive from the ACBL and from members themselves.

- E. We publish member names and phone numbers in the Unit 390 Phone Book. We plan to publish member names and phone numbers on the Unit website in the future.
- F. On request, names and phone numbers are provided to other Board Members, Heads of Volunteer Committees, and bridge Directors where the request is very specific and clearly aligned with our Mission. In all cases the information is kept confidential and deleted at the earliest moment.
- G. Member information is NOT given or sold to any organization or entity that could use it for purposes unrelated to our Mission.
- H. Members can directly influence how we handle their personal information, including updating it, or indicating the specific ways in which it can be used. To do so, members are requested to contact the Membership Coordinator, currently Jim Berglund at 217-0768 or jazzbo@shaw.ca stating their wishes.

Gilchrists Gold Medallists at the Alberta Senior Games



The 2007 Alberta Seniors Games were held in February 2007 in Vermilion and Lloydminster, with over 1200 seniors participating in a variety of sporting activities. John and Ruth Gilchrist of Calgary competed in the duplicate bridge event in Vermilion. At the end of the three-day tournament, John and Ruth had topped the field to capture the gold medals.

Congratulations from Unit 390!

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The Psychology of Winning

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Anyone who is serious about improving his game has to combine at-the-table experience with techniques learned from those who have excelled at the game and have outlined their winning methods in print. One part of competitive bridge that is rarely touched upon is the psychology of winning ... the mental attitude needed to succeed. You can sit down at a bridge table armed with the knowledge that you employ a fantastic bidding system, have all the best squeeze techniques at your fingertips, and are deadly on defense, but the "hole" in your armor is your frame of mind. What do we mean?

The opponents who come to your table are experienced and/or successful and the first thought you have is the memory of all the other times these opponents have had the better of you. This is the first step toward undermining your ability to win. Your next thought is "I hope my partner has all the critical decisions." You are now well on your way to handing the opponents another victory. As your nervousness increases, all the skills you have worked so hard to develop correspondingly shrink.

Congratulations, officially you have reached "basket case status". The uppermost goal in your mind is to get it over with as soon as possible. If this is the way you think, of course it will be hard to win!

This scenario is an extreme example of what each player faces at some point once he decides to play competitive bridge. Competition can be as terrifying as it is exciting. Successful players learn how to minimize or eliminate the thoughts that undermine their chances for victory. Some talented players never do manage to cope with the pressures of competition, while others with less skill seem to triumph.

The key to overcoming nervousness is unique for each player. The way to determine what works for you is to experiment. Here are some examples you might try:

- Since you are destined to lose, you might as well tell yourself to relax and stop worrying about the outcome. Your goal should be to play at least one board flawlessly. Once that has occurred, the other results are irrelevant.
- A critical juncture in the bidding, play or defense has arrived and you have no idea what to do. Ask yourself what you would do if someone presented this situation to you as a problem. Alternatively pretend that you are reading the local bridge column and decide what to do.
- Just looking at your opponents strikes fear in your heart. Pretend that you are playing the weakest player at your local bridge club. You know ... the one who always gives you good results.
- Get mad. A little anger is a good tonic against nervousness. Pretend that the opponents are acting as if they have no respect for your game and are assuming their win to be "in the bag". Do this regardless of how friendly or polite your opponents might be.

Will any of these approaches help completely eliminate nervousness? Almost certainly not, but the goal should be to get yourself playing at the level you have worked so hard to achieve. Tackling the problem of nervousness is an ongoing process and you have to practice until applying the techniques becomes second nature.

If you learn to cope, even just partially, with nervousness you will be astounded at the results. The next time you reach for a Pass card against better players, ask yourself, "What would I do if this were a bridge quiz?"



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Club Corner

Bridgejoy Duplicate Bridge Club

North Haven Community Association

5006 North Haven Drive N.W.

Owners/Directors: Brian & Joy Saville
239-2768 or 464-4455 (cell)
email: bridgejoy@gmail.com

Thursday 7:30 pm Open Pairs Stratified
Friday 12:15 pm 0-750 Stratified

- Please do not wear perfume as some players are allergic
- Zero tolerance will be strictly enforced
- Web site: <http://www.calgarybridge.com>

Coming Events:

Club Appreciation Games

Thursday, October 18 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 19 12:15 p.m.



North Calgary Ladies Bridge Club

4303 Varsity Drive N.W.

Contact: Betty Schmidt, President

Director: Bob Van Wart 277-8001 or 560-3344 (cell)

Upcoming Special Games:

October 30 Club Appreciation Game

November 20 Helen Walker Charity Game

November 30 Christmas Party

*** No scents or perfumes permitted! ***



Martinique Bridge Club

Knights of Columbus Hall

2419 54 Ave. S.W.

Bridge Club 243-4353

email: martinique@shaw.ca

Game Schedule

Mon	12:15 pm	..... Open Swiss Teams
	7:00 pm	..... Invitational Swiss Teams
Tues	12:15 pm	..... Open Pairs
	7:30 pm	..... Open Pairs
Wed	12:00 pm	..... 299er Invitational Pairs
	7:30 pm	..... Open Pairs
Thurs	12:15 pm	..... Open Pairs
	7:00 pm	..... Novice Pairs
Fri	10:30 pm	..... Open Pairs and Brunch
	7:30 pm	..... Open Pairs
Sat	7:30 pm	..... Open Swiss Teams



Bob's Bridge Club

Calgary Jewish Centre

1607 - 90th Avenue S.W.

Bob Van Wart 277-8001 or 560-3344 (cell)

Sunday 1:00 pm Open Pairs Stratified



Aurora Bridge Club

North Haven Community Association

5006 North Haven Drive N.W.

Managers: Debbie & Lorne Hanson

239-2806

Monday 12:15 pm Open Pairs Stratified
Wednesday 12:15 pm Open Pairs Stratified

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Bidwell Duplicate Bridge Club

Rutland Park Community Association

3130 40th Avenue S.W.

Brian & Joy Saville

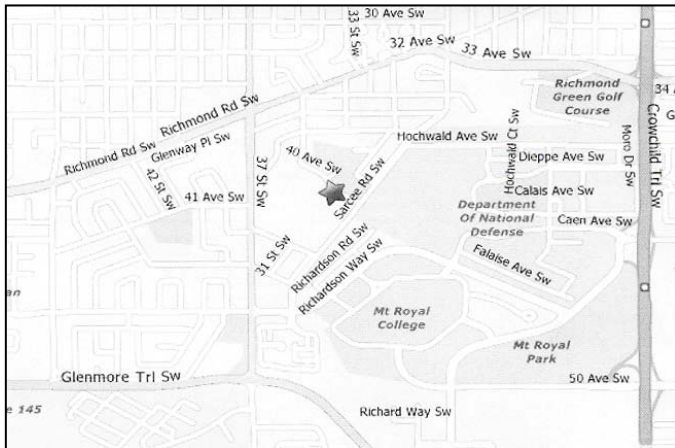
239-2768 or 464-4455 (cell)

email: bridgejoy@gmail.com

Web site: <http://www.calgarybridge.com>

Monday 12:15 pm Open Pairs Stratified

Opening October 1st!



One Wednesday club night, the declarer was a painstakingly slow player. Everybody had lost interest in the game. One person was looking at the ceiling while another gazed out the window at the scenery.

Even the player himself had started to feel embarrassed and kept saying "Sorry", but with no result.

One of the players at the table, trying to console him, said "Don't worry, it's not next Wednesday yet!."

Focus on Future Masters

A big welcome to all our new ACBL members and howdy to the rest. Hope you enjoyed the September Sectional this year. All the 199er games were well attended with a total of 315 participants! Those of you who have not yet played in a sectional, why not try our Banff Sectional on November 9 – 11, 2007. The next Calgary Sectionals are in January and March. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to all the winners in the 199er games at the September Sectional. Here are the overall winners for the weekend:

President's Trophy:	Cathy Bird and Jean Ward (5.64 masterpoints)
D (100 – 199 pts)	Cathy Bird and Jean Ward (5.64 masterpoints)
E (50 – 99 pts)	Mary Porter (3.20 masterpoints)
F (0 – 49 pts)	Pat Mitchell and Lindy Sacuta (3.68 masterpoints)

Recently I have received calls from folks asking what 'future masters' means. These are the bridge players who are not yet life masters. This means players with 0 to about 300 points. These players are sometimes called 'Newcomers'. At the sectionals, '199er' means bridge players with less than 200 masterpoints. There are three strata as listed above and you earn masterpoints compared against others in your stratum.

Fall Bridge Lessons start the first week of October and run for 8 weeks.

- Ken Scott and Karen Mitchell will be teaching the Level 1 classes (Beginner).
- Jan McLeod will be teaching the Level 2 classes (Introduction to Common Conventions).

Contact Ken (242-8800) or Jan (278-2995) for more information.

Have fun at the bridge table!

Cheers,
Jan McLeod
Future Master Coordinator

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

By Jim Berglund

August 2007

Congratulations to the following who have achieved new milestones:

JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 19):

Bonnie Banks	Kelly Flock	David Johnson
Dale Bercov	Linda Garrett	Bill Quinney
Arlene Connell	Sharon Harrington	Ruth Ring
Marion Cook		

CLUB MASTER (20 - 49):

Catherine Basarsky	Robert Jacobs	Shelley Quinney
Donald Basarsky	Willem Jalink	Ann Slattery
Bill Ellsworth	Linda Legare	Lynn Warner
Linda Ellsworth	Dawn G Lhenen	Connie Wignall
Susan Groundwater	Patricia Mitchell	Heide Wissner
Nancy Hawkins	Weida Murphy	

SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 99):

Ineke Boudewijn	Vernice Franklin	Mary Porter
John Claydon	Judy Gazso	Nicolae Vartosu
Caroline Colliver	Peggy Muir	

REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 199 including 15 silver and 5 red or gold):

Barbara Bayer	Robert MacKinnen	Garry RamsdenWood
Rita Cushon	Patrick Murphy	Paul Scott
Doris Lange	Edwin Porter	Wayne Stanley

NABC MASTER (200 - 299 including 50 coloured points with at least 25 silver, 15 red or gold and 5 gold):

Karen Chapple	Marjorie Kushnir	Janet Sharpe
Janet Gent	Rosalyn Martin	Mary Tebo
Mary Hudson	Gordon McLure	Brian Turner
Evelyn I wasa	Susan McLure	Dianna Wreford

LIFE MASTER (300 including 50 silver, 25 gold, 25 red or gold):

Patricia Biggs	Ken Scott	Anne Stang
Bill Brand	Joan Shedden	
Clarende Duby	Helen Signer	

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 500):

Carol Lee Bellam	Gordon Gair	Lucy Miller
Janice Eliasson	Joseph Glazer	Noel Purkin
Michael Farebrother	Susan Julius	Barrie Purvis

SILVER LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 1,000):

Simon Farrer Marlene Lenstra Ron Pritchard
Linda Harrison

GOLD LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 2,500):

Janet Dunbar

Welcome to the following new ACBL Members:

Ovidiu Bibic	281-2480	Warren Hindle	249-8614
Jacqui Chin	278-6456	Bhajan Lalli	275-5293
Donald Dunlop	254-0261	Jane Miller	271-1476
Raymond Fenton	652-3806	Jo Mitchell	652-3111
Kelly Flock	217-8772	Barbara Purich	243-0475
Grace Galanti	271-1463	Bonnie Rilkoff	475-0765
Patricia Grotkowski	254-0238	Robert Rilkoff	475-0765

Welcome to the following players who transferred into our Unit:

Patrick Allen	780-436-4138	Donna Gorda	250-428-8923
Robert Beyaert	547-4002	Nancy Hawkins	246-3392
Marilyn Blair	256-3115	Perry Khakhar	618-8509
Wendy Buchan	780-467-3836	Yvonne Montgomery	686-6975
Margit Davies	239-4382	Stephen Paul	247-1274
Garth Eger	255-3174	Dorothy Smith	245-6077
Margaret Fenton	652-3806	Barry Smolkin	255-7440

Sorry to see the following players leave our Unit:

Hans Adam	Kathleen Grove	Patricia Panel
Genoa Colins	Rupa Krishnan	Ramji Tewari
Lois Dunsmore	David Johnson	Karen Wright
Betty Gladu	Sylvia Meyers	Ron Wright
Myrna Green		

We regret to report the passing of the following player:

Jnan Sarkar

*Anyone wishing to remove his/her name
from the next publication of the Unit
Telephone List or his/her email
address from the email database -
please contact Jim Berglund at
217-0768 (jazzzbo@shaw.ca)*

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Thrust and Parry

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Several years ago this fascinating hand came up at the rubber bridge table. A grand slam in spades was quickly reached after North opened 2♣. West started proceedings by leading the ♦5 and declarer anxiously awaited the dummy ...

♠ A72
♥ A83
♦ AKJ3
♣ AK10

Lead: ♦5



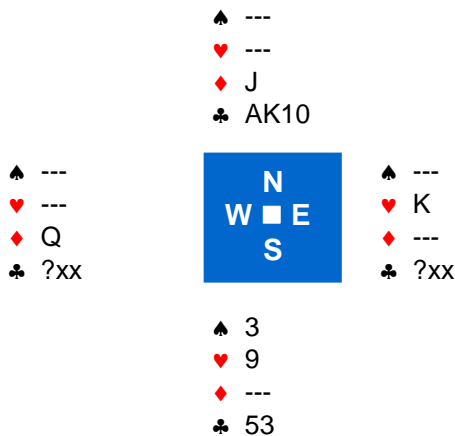
♠ KQ108653
♥ 92
♦ 8
♣ 532

Let's imagine declarer's thoughts as she plans the play.

I've got 12 top tricks and the ♦J looks like the best chance for the 13th. An immediate winning finesse will bring the contract home. But wait! They say finesses are for beginners! Are there other possibilities?

The ♦Q might be offside third, in which case one ruff will set up the ♦J. Or maybe there's a squeeze on the hand.

The first step in planning for a squeeze is to visualize the end position. With delight, you envision your helpless opponents facing this situation:



When the ♠3 is led, West must keep the ♦Q so she has no choice but to discard a club. You can throw the hard-working ♦J now and it's East's turn to play. She has to keep the ♥K so she ... throws in the towel!

So even if the diamond finesse works, maybe there is no need to take it.

Declarer quickly proceeds with the plan: Win the diamond, pull trumps, cross to the ♥A, pitch a club on the ♦K, ruff a diamond and run the trumps.

Now let's examine the defenders' problems. Can they possibly extricate themselves from this ignominious ending?

♠ A72
♥ A83
♦ AKJ3
♣ AK10

West

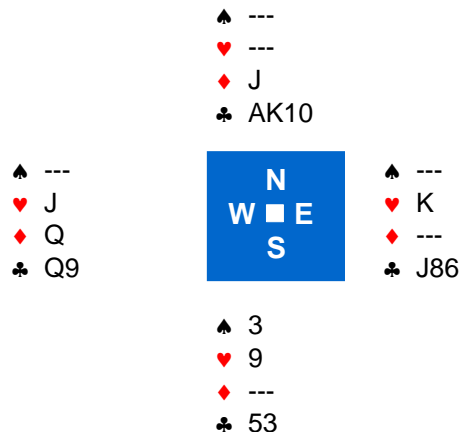
♠ J9
♥ J7
♦ Q10752
♣ Q97



After leading the ♦5, West breathes a premature sigh of relief when declarer plays high. Then she gets back to the problem at hand.

After two rounds of trump, West can see that declarer has 12 top tricks and the ♥K would make 13. So partner must have that card. West can also predict the end position coming and knows that she will be mercilessly squeezed if declarer holds the ♣J. So partner needs that card too and must be able to keep ♣Jxx in the end position.

What if declarer has the ♥Q? Partner will have to keep the ♥K and will be squeezed out of her club guard. So partner must have the ♥Q in addition to the king. Ah ha! West is now able to envision a totally different ending:




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When the last trump is led, West pitches a club and East can discard the ♥K! The problem of course is ... how to convince partner to cooperate with this plan? The answer is to start throwing clubs at your first chance.

Now let's look at East's problem.

♠ A72	
♥ A83	
♦ AKJ3	
♣ AK10	
	<u>East</u>
	♠ 4
	♥ KQ10652
	♦ 964
	♣ J864



East only needs two hearts to beat the contract so she begins by pitching an encouraging high heart, followed by a small one. By the third round of trumps, East can also count 12 tricks for declarer and the ♣Q would make 13. So partner must have that card. How many diamonds does declarer have? If East pitches her small ones, declarer may just take a simple diamond finesse for the 13th trick. Well, there's nothing East can do about that.

East can also see that partner will have to save the ♦Q in the end position so she won't be able to guard clubs. What about the heart suit? If declarer has the ♥J, East will not be able to keep clubs either. So partner must have the ♥J. But will she keep it? What's this? Partner is pitching a club! And another one! Whew! Great minds think alike.

Poor declarer. Her worst fears have come true as the end position visualized by the defenders is reached. Darn! Should have taken that simple diamond finesse.

Aside: It is interesting to note that if West had not had a heart higher than the ♥9, declarer would have prevailed. Similarly, if West had held both the ♣Q and ♣J, the defenders would have been doomed.

District 18 Board News



Effective April 1, 2007, Ken Scott of Calgary began a three-year term as the Alberta representative to the District 18 Board of Directors.

Ken is a hard-working volunteer who will ensure that Alberta has a strong voice at the District level. To read more about the Board and to review minutes of the Board meetings, please visit <http://www.wasumi.org>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding District 18 business, do not hesitate to contact Ken at 512-4000 (cell) or ken@qlisten.biz.

Calgarians Win District 18 Robin MacNab Trophy

The team of Robert Boissain, Mary Ross, Olga Wright, and Bob Wright won the D18 Robin MacNab Trophy for 2007. This District 18 trophy is awarded annually to the non-Life Master team that wins Flight C of the Grand National Teams District 18 final. Previous Calgary teams to win the trophy include Ian Boyd's team in 1993, Dan Bertrand's team in 1991, Murray Peterson's team in 1989, Maxine Webb's team in 1987, and Elaine Sorensen's team in 1981. Background on the trophy is available at www.wasumi.org.



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Banff Classic Sectional

November 9 - 11, 2007

Inns of Banff, 600 Banff Avenue, Banff, Alberta telephone number [(403) 762-4581]

Open Events	Future Masters Events
Friday, 9 th November, 2007 1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs (one session) 7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs (one session) 11:45 PM: Swiss Teams (one session - if numbers warrant) Saturday, 10 th November, 2007 1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs (1 st session playthrough) 7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs (2 nd session playthrough) Note: Single session pairs welcome for either session Sunday, 11 th November, 2007 10:00 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1 st session) TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2 nd session) Note: Limited time break between sessions Lunch available on site Play to be completed by 6:30 PM Sratification for Friday & Sunday Games A: 750+ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300	Future Masters Events will be held if numbers warrant (minimum 3 tables) All Future Master events are single session. Host Hotel Inns of Banff 600 Banff Avenue Banff, Alberta Alberta Direct Line: (403) 762-4581 Toll Free Reservation Line: 1-866-704-3693 Note: This event is held 100 km from the host Calgary Unit. Partnership arrangements in Banff cannot be guaranteed.

Calgary Winter Sectional

January 4 - 6, 2008

Marlborough Park Community Association, 6021 Madigan Dr. NE

Open Events	Future Masters Events
Friday, 4 th January 2008 1:00 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs (one session) 7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs (one session) Saturday, 5 th January 2008 1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs (1 st session playthrough) A: Unlimited (Stand Alone) B: 300 to 500 (Stratified) C: 0 to 300 (Stratified) 7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs (2 nd session playthrough) Note: Single session Side Games on Saturday Sunday, 6 th January 2008 Victory Points 10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1 st session) TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2 nd session) Flights for Friday & Sunday Games A: 750+ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300	All Future Master events are single session. Friday, 4 th January 2008 1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs 7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs 11:30 PM: Reception for Future Masters Saturday, 5 th January 2008 1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs 7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs Sunday, 6 th January 2008 10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams Flights for Stratified Events: A: 100 - 200 B: 50 - 100 C: 0 - 50 The President's Trophy will be awarded to the Future Master who wins the most Master Points in Future Master events.