

# THE KIBITZER

## CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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*Editors: Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis*

### *President's Message*

We have noticed a steady increase in the number of "future masters" playing at the clubs and attending our tournaments. This is indeed a welcome trend and I would like to acknowledge some of the people who have been contributing to this membership growth. Jan Macleod is our Board member responsible for Future Masters and she has been very active in teaching beginner bridge lessons. Others offering beginner bridge lessons include Ken Scott, Karen Mitchell, Bev Mason, Nancy Klym, Freda Nychkalo and Barry Pashak. Martin McDonald, Brenda Bertrand, Brian and Joy Saville and Carol Lee Bellam have been teaching lessons for more advanced players and these have also been well attended. Previously, Paula Sisko, Dan Bertrand, Mary Phibbs and Rae Haaland taught bridge and I'm sure that I've missed some teachers who have helped spur this increase in newcomers to bridge.

Board members Abdul Fakh and Jim Berglund were instrumental in developing our recent Mentorship Program, building on groundwork done by Ken Scott. This program was a success and feedback from the participants is being incorporated into this Fall's version.

A big thank you to all those who contribute their time and talent to welcoming new players to our wonderful game of bridge and enhancing the experience of more seasoned players.

Over the years, some books have not been returned to our Unit library. Martin McDonald is the Unit Librarian and he is in the process of compiling a list of missing books. In the meantime, if you know where a stray book might be found or if you spot a strange volume in your bookcase, please return it to Martin.

Jim Berglund and Abdul Fakh have been actively searching for a bridge facility that would be large enough to hold our Sectional Tournaments and host daily bridge games. Jim has had discussions with local, provincial and federal representatives to assess whether any government assistance would be available to support construction of a new facility. Although these discussions were met with interest, to date no significant funding has been obtained. Our challenge remains to find some substantial seed money, after which we believe we could get matching grants from the government. If anyone has any ideas for potential funding please contact Jim Berglund at [jazzzbo@shaw.ca](mailto:jazzzbo@shaw.ca).

Our Annual General Meeting will be on June 21, 2008 at the Martinique Bridge Studio beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be free snacks and free bridge to those who attend the AGM. Several Directors will be retiring from the Board and I would ask anyone who has a passion for bridge and who has some time to contribute to our Mission of "providing a positive environment for competitive bridge to flourish" to please contact me or one of your other Directors. You can email me at [president@calgarybridge.com](mailto:president@calgarybridge.com).

*Fred Klein  
President*

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## ***AWC Bridge Club - A Long and Fabulous Run!***

by Ken Scott

The AWC Bridge Club and the American Women's Club of Calgary were intertwined entities. "In March of 1912, Mrs. Herbert Edgar Anderson extended an invitation to all American women in Calgary interested in forming a social club to meet at her home in Lower Mount Royal. Seventy-five women responded. Formal organization was set for April 11, 1912 at Unity Hall, Calgary. There was need for a group where wives of American engineers and businessmen, often in Calgary on a temporary basis, could meet friends and participate in social activities". The inaugural constitution committed the organization: "to be an organized centre of action, for the promotion of social life, and for cooperation with other local organizations in carrying out of improvements - civic and philanthropic; and to be a means of mutual improvement. Neither theological questions nor partisan politics shall be discussed."

(Source of both quotes: Glenbow Archives)

For many years, the women met in each other's homes, mostly in Mount Royal (what some at that time called 'American Hill'). Typical functions included teas, picnics, a big social affair on American Thanksgiving, an annual ball at the Palliser, and, of course, bridge. There was an official membership, initially restricted to American-born women, and later relaxed to allow Canadian born daughters of Americans.

The club was prestigious and influential and, as it flourished, a more established meeting place was needed. The West End Telephone Exchange Building - Calgary's first telephone exchange (built around 1910 and vacated in about 1923) at 1010 - 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW became available and the industrious members of the AWC created and sold cookbooks, raising the \$3,000 to purchase and renovate the building in 1938. With a tangible asset, the AWC needed further formalization and incorporated under the Alberta Societies Act on June 28, 1938. Functions previously held in people's homes, including bridge, shifted to the new location which opened in October 1938. In its heyday, the AWC

had over 100 members and over twenty committees coordinated a wide variety of activities, including bridge. The vibrant 'new' facility also was home to the Calgary Boys Choir which rented the basement.

Bridge at the club began as social bridge, including a variety of bridge parties and 'Dessert Bridge' which featured delicious desserts supplied by members. Thursday evening duplicate bridge (non-sanctioned) was started by Mrs. Jessie Kinder in 1970 and shortly afterward, Marguerite (Swanson) Perry established the first sanctioned Wednesday afternoon game - a game that continued to 2007. In about 1977, in response to many players, Marguerite designated AWC's Friday night game as 'non smoking' - Calgary's first.

A tower of strength through much of the recent history of AWC was Emily Follensbee (November 13, 1903 - October 22, 2003) who for many years served as President. When Marguerite left as Director of the AWC game, Emily became a Director under Walt Alex's tutorship, and she took over running the AWC bridge games. The Wednesday sanctioned game was especially popular, frequently having 11 or 12 tables. With the passing of Emily Follensbee, Mrs. Grace King directed the Wednesday game. Yvonne Hess taught bridge lessons at AWC for many years, and also helped with directing. Her lessons focused on the nuances and competitive nature of duplicate bridge as most members were already seasoned players of social bridge.

The AWC facility was a charming building decorated with a lot of artifacts, mostly with a USA-Canada theme. Those who played also noticed the unique 'card theme' table cloths created by Helen Degenstein in about 1990, and the wide variety of decks of cards (no ACBL cards here). An interesting feature of the Wednesday game was the mid-game car shuffle ... with 2-hour parking, players had to move their cars at the 2 hour mark, each going to the parking spot vacated by the other. The club location was perfect for bridge players travelling by bus.

With a dwindling membership and the increase in city property taxes, the AWC facility became less and less

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viable. The AWC constitution stipulated that the building could not create a profit, and if sold, any profit arising would have to be donated to a charity. In October of 2007 the building was donated to the Children's Legal & Educational Resource Centre (CLERC) - a 'not for profit' organization. Documents were donated to the Glenbow Archives, as was the Alice Innes painting of Burlington Falls, Ontario that hung prominently in the classy clubhouse. The Innes painting had been donated by founding member and 1936 President, Mrs. E. T. (Anne) Chritchley on the occasion of the 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AWC in 1970. The last game of bridge was played at the American Women's Club on Wednesday October 24, 2007. The AWC Bridge Club relocated the following Wednesday, under the new direction of Barry Pashak, to Scarboro United Church.

Although sanctioned duplicate bridge was provided at other Calgary clubs before the AWC, in many respects the AWC provided the longest operating bridge club in Calgary. The many bridge players who enjoyed games at AWC would echo Grace King's (perhaps understated) comment, "We had a good run".



Members of the AWC Bridge Club

## ***Gladys L. Minor Appointed to National Charity Committee***

The ACBL Board of Directors has appointed Gladys L. Minor as a lifetime member of the National Charity Committee. Gladys has played bridge all her life, and duplicate for the last 27 years. She achieved Gold Life Master status in 1999.

The National Charity Committee raises and distributes charitable funds to a variety of organizations, and, in doing so, creates a positive public image for the ACBL and its members.

In her role, Gladys will endeavour to promote participation in the ACBL charity program by encouraging Units and the District to sponsor charity games in conjunction with all Sectional and Regional tournaments. Gladys was presented with a National Charity Committee lapel pin in recognition of her appointment.



## ***Unit 390 Team IMP League Coming in September***

### **Basic Format**

- Teams of 4 to 6 players
- Flights bracketed by Masterpoints, approximately 8 teams per bracket
- Matches played twice monthly
- Prizes!!!

**Watch for details in the coming weeks**

*League Co-ordinator:*

*Janet Dunbar:* [rebelangel@shaw.ca](mailto:rebelangel@shaw.ca) 245-8270



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## ***Future Masters Inaugural NABC***

by Ken Scott

Barbara Bayer and Doris Lange participated in their first NABC in San Francisco last November. In their opening game on Saturday afternoon, they achieved first across the field with 65.7%. This super start was followed by an even better 70.1% on Sunday afternoon. Wow!

When interviewed about their favourite memories of the experience, Barbara's was definitely meeting her new hero, Jerry Helms. Doris remembers the male model in front of Abercrombie and Fitch, sporting faded blue jeans and a six-pack. Both recall the buzz the day that Bill Gates arrived, carrying his own laptop. Barbara and Doris also both remember Barbara Seagram (an amazing teacher, they say) insisting her class repeat slowly after her "Aces ... are ... for ... capturing ... kings" again and once again for emphasis. Of course no one can forget the sightseeing and restaurants in San Francisco.

When asked if Future Masters should go to NABC's, their answer was, "absolutely! NABC's are very beginner-friendly and you will have a wide field of players at your own level to compete against, overseen by 'beginner friendly' directors. The free seminars alone are worth the trip".

Here are a few insights and bits of advice from Barbara and Doris:

- Don't play every day and no more than twice a day.
- 'Many' players doesn't mean 'better' players.
- Being intimidated is a personal choice and is not good for your game.
- Last but not least, always remember that the most important person in the room is your partner!

## ***Regional Committee Needs Volunteers***

Under the capable leadership of Trish Biggs, work has begun to plan and stage our 2009 White Hat Regional. Trish has assembled a great crew of volunteers but more are needed, especially for fund raising and to serve as speakers. If you can help, please contact Trish ([calgaryregional09@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryregional09@gmail.com), 242-9223).

## **Siskos Win Gold at the Alberta Senior Games**



Edmonton was the scene of this year's Alberta 55+ Winter Festival Bridge Final held on March 28 and 29, 2008. After two days of competition, Jack and Paula Sisko emerged victorious and were proud recipients of the Gold Medals. John and Ruth Gilchrist finished a close fourth.

Congratulations to all from Unit 390!

## ***Teacher Accreditation Program comes to Alberta this August***

Planning on attending the Alberta Summer Regional in Edmonton this August 11 to 17? (see [www.wasumi.org](http://www.wasumi.org) for the program brochure) A Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) is now planned for the front end of that Regional (8:00 a.m. to noon, and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11; and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, August 12).

Fees for the program are \$100 per participant and participants who are District 18 members will be eligible for a subsidized rate.

Details on the TAP are available from the Regional Chair, Mavis Bergquist ([mbergquist@shaw.ca](mailto:mbergquist@shaw.ca) or (780) 487-2389).



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## Clues From The Bidding

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Playing against the 10<sup>th</sup> seed in the Vanderbilt you enter the fourth quarter with a surprising lead of 50 IMPs. However, with 16 boards still to play, your expert opponents are more than capable of overcoming this deficit. On the first board of the last quarter, no one vulnerable, you pick up a nice hand: ♠AJ762 ♥KJ ♦KQ7 ♣A72. You start the auction with a Precision 1♣ and LHO interferes with 2♣ (natural). Partner passes, showing less than 8 HCP. RHO passes and you bid 2♠. LHO isn't done yet and continues with 2NT. Partner bids 4♠ and everyone passes. LHO leads the K♣ and partner tables a good dummy. Now it is up to you to bring home the game.

♠ K103  
♥ Q842  
♦ 109853  
♣ 7

Lead: ♣K

♠ AJ762  
♥ KJ  
♦ KQ2  
♣ A65

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: None

You	West	Partner	East
1♣	2♣	Pass*	Pass
2♠	2NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Prospects look good, but LHO's bid of 2NT is worrisome. Typically 2NT suggests two places to play with the initial suit being 6 cards in length. Since spades are unlikely to divide 3-2, you need to time the hand properly to ruff both your club losers and score some of the small trumps in your hand.

You win the opening lead with the ♣A and lead the ♥J. LHO gives the ♥J a long look and plays low. You still cannot tell if LHO's second suit is hearts or diamonds. You continue by ruffing the ♣6 in dummy (RHO's carding suggests 3 cards in clubs) and continue with a low heart to the King. LHO wins the ♥A and plays the

♣Q which you ruff in dummy. RHO has played his hearts showing an odd number (i.e. three or five). Now what?

You cash the ♠K (LHO follows with the ♠8) and continue with the ♥Q discarding the ♦2. Surprisingly, LHO follows to the ♥Q. You now have a good picture of the distribution. LHO appears to be 1-4-2-6. You continue with dummy's last heart, ruffing with the ♠6 as RHO pitches the ♦6. At this juncture, you exit the ♦Q to LHO's ♦A. Back comes a diamond to the ♦J and your King. With only ♠AJ7 remaining in hand, you exit the ♠7. As suspected, LHO discards. RHO wins cheaply with the ♠9 but is endplayed into giving you the last two tricks.

The four hands were:

♠ K103  
♥ Q842  
♦ 109853  
♣ 7

♠ 8  
♥ A1073  
♦ A4  
♣ KQ10984



♠ Q954  
♥ 965  
♦ J76  
♣ J32

♠ AJ762  
♥ KJ  
♦ KQ2  
♣ A65

LHO's bidding provided a valuable clue that helped you find a successful line of play. This board turned out to be a push when, at the other table, West simplified the play for declarer by switching to the ♠8 after winning the ♥A.

The good news ... your team manages to hold on to its lead and win the match. The bad news is that your team gets annihilated the next day, proving once again that bridge is a never-ending rollercoaster of highs and lows!



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## *Focus on Future Masters*

2008 has started with a bang for our Newcomers. There have been three well attended Sectionals since the last Kibitzer and we wish to congratulate all those who played in the 1999er games. Glad to see so many of you out there having fun. The next sectional will be in September. Here are the recent results:

### **Banff November 2007 54 participants**

President's Trophy: Cathy Bird and Jean Ward  
(6.38 masterpoints)  
D (100 - 200 pts) Cathy Bird and Jean Ward  
(6.38 masterpoints)  
E (50 - 100 pts) Bill and Linda Ellsworth  
(3.12 masterpoints)  
F (0 - 50 pts) Caroline Heck and Virginia Jeffries  
(3.22 masterpoints)

### **Calgary January 2008 333 participants**

President's Trophy: Virginia Jeffries  
(7.18 masterpoints)  
D (100 - 200 pts) Cathy Bird  
(5.69 masterpoints)  
E (50 - 100 pts) Marilyn Haggins  
(6.33 masterpoints)  
F (0 - 50pts) Virginia Jeffries  
(7.18 masterpoints)

### **Calgary March 2008 303 participants**

President's Trophy: Jenny Bererton and Shelley Quinney  
(8.74 masterpoints)  
D (100-200 pts) Helen Scott and Howard Cheng  
(7.50 masterpoints)  
E (50 - 100 pts) Zhongxiang Wang  
(6.80 masterpoints)  
F (0 - 50 pts) Jenny Bererton and Shelley Quinney  
(8.74 masterpoints)

### **New Beginner And Novice Games**

We have recently started a new game at the Martinique for players with fewer than 20 masterpoints. The game, held Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., is for new bridge players, or 'kitchen bridgers' new to duplicate. We play at a relaxed pace (15 to 18 boards) to allow more time to think about bids and play the hands. Volunteers are available to provide advice and help with scoring. Once

players feel comfortable, they may move to the faster-paced Novice Game (0 - 100 masterpoints) playing on the other side of the room. So tell your friends! Come out and try duplicate - you'll be glad you did!

### **Lessons**

Carol Lee Bellam is continuing her free lesson discussions on Friday mornings, 10:30 a.m. at North Haven. New topics for Beginner and Intermediate players are covered each week. Great job, Carol Lee!

Beginner Level 1 and Level 2 - "Conventions" lessons will begin mid-September. For more information or to register, please contact Ken Scott (242-8800) for Level 1 or Jan McLeod (278-2995) for Level 2.

Finally, a *big thank you* to all the volunteers helping to grow our wonderful game of bridge in Calgary. I would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. Let me know about lessons, new games you are offering or would like to offer ... I'll get the word out.

***PLAY BRIDGE...HAVE FUN...SHARE THE PASSION...***

Cheers,  
Jan McLeod  
Future Master Coordinator  
[jemcleod@shaw.ca](mailto:jemcleod@shaw.ca)

## **Annual General Meeting** **Calgary Bridge Player's Association** **(ACBL Unit 390)**

**When:** Saturday, June 21, 2008  
**Where:** Martinique Bridge Studio  
**Time:** Meeting: 6:00 pm  
Team game to follow  
• Standby teammates available  
• No card fees if you attend the meeting

If you are interested in joining the Unit Board, please contact Fred Klein ([president@calgarybridge.com](mailto:president@calgarybridge.com) 287-9087).

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## Club Corner

### Bridgejoy Duplicate Bridge Club

**North Haven Community Centre**  
**5003 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

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

#### Coming Events:

##### Club Championship Games

Thursday, May 15 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 16 ..... 12:15 p.m.

##### North American Pairs Qualifying Games

Thursday, June 5 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, June 6 ..... 12:15 p.m.



### North Calgary Ladies Bridge Club

**Varsity Community Hall**  
**4303 Varsity Drive N.W.**

Contact: Carol Lee Bellam, President

Tuesday 12:15 pm ..... Open Pairs Stratified

#### **What's Happening at the NW Ladies Club?**

Bridge? Yes!

A relaxing and friendly atmosphere? Most certainly!!!

Random draws and prizes? Every Tuesday!

You will discover the bridge bargain of the week at the NW Ladies: only \$5.00 for an afternoon of friendly duplicate bridge, coffee, tea and goodies.

Watch for extra special prices during the month of May (which is our membership drive month). If you and your partner are new to the club, you play two-for-one any time in May. Existing members who bring new members to the club will pay \$4.00 each for the month of May. Join us and help find new ways to make duplicate bridge more exciting and fun in Calgary.

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



### Bob's Bridge Club

**Calgary Jewish Centre**  
**1607 - 90<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**5003 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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## 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



## Bidwell Duplicate Bridge Club

Rutland Park Community Centre

3130 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W.

Owners/Directors: Brian & Joy Saville

239-2768 or 464-4455 (cell)

email: [bridgejoy@gmail.com](mailto:bridgejoy@gmail.com)

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

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

- Bidwell has a bidding box policy
- Please do not wear perfume as some players are allergic
- Web site: <http://www.calgarybridge.com>

### Coming Events:

Club Championship Game

Monday, May 12 .....12:15 p.m.

North American Pairs Qualifying Game

Monday, June 2 .....12:15 p.m.

## Free Lessons At Bridgejoy

Every Friday morning at 10:30, there are free lessons offered for beginner to intermediate players. The lessons are given by Carol Lee Bellam.

Since the level of the group varies, lessons are built around themes. For example, two weeks were spent on Preempts and two weeks on Major Raises. Each topic starts with the basics and expands to more complex structures so that both beginners and intermediate players can gain something from the lessons. Changing the themes also allows for holiday schedules and absences.

During the month of May, the focus will be on Michaels, Unusual 2NT and how to counter when the opponents use these conventions against you.

In addition to the lessons, Joy and Brian keep a sign-up sheet for people who would like some mentoring or to play a game with Carol Lee to practice what they have been learning.

Lessons are ongoing and available every Friday before the bridge game at Bridgejoy. Please contact Carol Lee Bellam [clbellam@shaw.ca](mailto:clbellam@shaw.ca) if you would like more information.



Two players, one a relative newcomer to duplicate bridge, were pitted against two seasoned players during an open game. On one hand, the expert declarer looked at the novice's convention card and then questioned "signals?"

The novice smartly replied  
"yes, we do".



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## *From The Membership Desk*

by Jim Berglund

**Congratulations to the following who have achieved new milestones:**

### JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 19):

Jenny Brerton	Jacqui Chin	Jane Miller
Pamela Caravan	Nancy Engbloom	
Houria Chairbi	Virginia Jeffries	

**CLUB MASTER (20 - 49):**

Dale Bercov	Jane Miller	Allan Slessor
Patricia Howell	Elizabeth Schmidt	

**SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 99):**

Donald Basaraky	Michael Lang	Christopher Tame
Lorraine Curr	Barbara Lorenz	Catherine Vasarsky
Cyd O'Callaghan	Barbara Sieben	Connie Wignall
Shirley Grace	Linda Stevenson	

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

Robin Beddis	Carolyn Colliver	Bill Klym
Robert Boisson	Judy Gasso	Dennis Olson
Nadine Bouckhout		

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

Douglas Collister	Marjorie Grubb	Garry Ramsden-Wood
Anne Day	Mel Mills	Jean Ward
Kathleen Dinneen	Laura Patriciu	

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

Janet Gent

**BRONZE LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 500):**

Lamya Abougoush	Jan McLeod	Lucinda Smith
Helga Baldwinson	Wilda Pashak	

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

Crystal Mann

**DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 5,000):**

Gordon Campbell      Francesca Walton

**EMERALD LIFE MASTER (Life Master over 7,500):**

Gerry Marshall

**Welcome to the following new ACBL Members:**

Anna Bilovus	240-0332	Frances McDonald	244-7881
Carol Campbell	720-0995	Jan Mohr	240-1757
Harry Campbell	249-3262	Keith Molyneux	289-8601
Houra Chraiba	270-7438	Chris Murphy	238-0597
Janice Gordon	246-9584	Jim Murphy	230-0597
Caroline Heck	288-5947	Bruce Petrie	244-0798
Elizabeth Hepner	287-9976	Clifford Strangeland	239-1055
Virginia Jeffries	238-7687	Sherri Swystun	851-4665
Bob Matheson	278-4074		

**Welcome to the following players who transferred into our Unit:**

Hans Adam	Ronald Neill	Barry Smolkin
Marilyn Blair	Elly Van Roosmalen	Arleen Todd
Margit Davies	Janet Sharpe	Patrick Todd
Lois Dunsmore	John Sharpe	Lynn Willoughby
Felipe Hernandez		

**Sorry to see the following players leave our Unit:**

Patricia Arnott	Nancy Hawkins	Janet Sharpe
Jorn Ferguson	Brady Hinnegan	

**We regret to report the passing of the following players:**

Ron Bullen                      Gordon Houston

*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](mailto:jazzzbo@shaw.ca))*

***Important Notice:***

The Unit 390 Board has decided to distribute the Kibitzer in electronic format only, and will no longer be printing hard copies. However, if you know someone without Internet access, please encourage him/her to contact Jim Berglund (see above) to request a printed copy.

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## Are You a Good Teammate?

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

*This article was inspired by an item written by David Stern which appeared in the 2008 Gold Coast Congress Bulletin #7. David, who served as NPC of the Australian team for the 2007 World Olympiad in Shanghai, has kindly given us permission to use some of his ideas.*

Many bridge players have their own ideas about what makes a good teammate. Although most of these concepts are well-known, they do not often appear in print and are even more rarely practiced. Here are some important ones:

- Don't mark your score sheet with circles, question marks or other indicators of your feelings about a particular board (for example ... circling the board number when you think it's a bad board). All this does is empower your opponents, some of whom may not even realize that they have had a good result until they see you circle it, think about it a bit more and come to the same conclusion.
- Another action which empowers your opponents is discussing hands at the table (invariably, we are drawn to discussing our bad results ...). Imagine how pleasing it is for the opponents when you discuss how you should have played a hand to make it rather than going down as you just have.
- When you leave the playing area to compare with your teammates, proceed immediately to find them and score the results. It is very frustrating for your teammates, who have no doubt been wondering why you have been so slow, to see you dawdling toward them while discussing the hands. Even worse is being so late that the other team has already finished comparing and are congratulating one another!
- Prior to the comparison, do not voice an opinion as to how you think your set went. No "we did poorly" or "we had a good set". Why speculate when the answer will be in front of everybody within a moment or two?
- During the comparison, don't comment or ask what happened on a board. We've all been there ... "+620" say your teammates "-1100" say you. "What happened there?" ask your teammates. That makes players feel like they are letting the side down.

- Don't look for referees. You know how it works ... you are sure you are right and that partner is wrong. You go around asking enough people until you can prove that either 1) you are, indeed, a genius or that 2) you should avoid discussing the hand or people's opinions with partner.
- Try to discuss hands at the end of the day (preferably over relaxing refreshments), not between sessions. It is a poor use of your energy discussing hands when you should be recharging your battery for the next session.
- Respect, respect, respect. Presumably, you are playing with your partner because you respect his/her bridge ability and maybe even because you enjoy his/her company. The same goes for teammates. It is important to cultivate mutual respect among all team members.
- Don't prejudge any matches or any boards. You have teammates and the respect discussed above should carry through to having confidence in their ability to help your scores when you need it.

So how do you rate? We can all create a more positive atmosphere by practicing these team etiquette rules.

### 2007 ALBERTA SECTIONALS

#### MASTERPOINT RACE

##### Final Standings - Top 20

1	157.5	Judith Gartaganis	Unit 390
2	147.4	Nicholas Gartaganis	Unit 390
3	91.4	Peter Jones	
4	86.7	Steve Lawrence	Unit 390
5	84.8	Bob Crosby	
6	74.0	Steve Clements	
7	68.8	Kiz Fung	
8	63.1	Perry Khakhar	Unit 390
9	58.5	Gordon Campbell	Unit 390
10	57.0	Gerry Marshall	Unit 390
11	55.5	Jim Berglund	Unit 390
12	53.9	Ilya Kuzkin	Unit 390
13	53.2	B.J. Trelford	
14	53.2	Janet Dunbar	Unit 390
15	52.8	Dan Bertrand	Unit 390
16	52.3	Faith Pritchard	
17	51.9	Barry Pritchard	
18	51.5	Chris Buchanan	
19	51.1	Anita Lambert	
20	47.1	Allan Simon	Unit 390

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## *Mini-McKenney*

### *Unit 390 Winners for 2007*

#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (0 - 5):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kelly Flock	Calgary AB	44
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Bercov	Calgary AB	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruth Ring	Calgary AB	15

#### **JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 20):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dawn Lhenen	Calgary AB	45
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Connie Wignall	Calgary AB	44
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donald Basarsky	Calgary AB	38

#### **CLUB MASTER (20 - 50):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Porter	Calgary AB	88
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy Gazso	Calgary AB	55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vernice Franklin	Calgary AB	51

#### **SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 100):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Garry Ramsden-Wood	Calgary AB	174
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patrick Murphy	Calgary AB	101
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rita Cushon	Calgary AB	88

#### **REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 200):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet Sharpe	Calgary AB	154
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karen Chapple	Calgary AB	139
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janet Gent	Calgary AB	116

#### **NABC MASTER (200 - 300):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Diane Campbell	Calgary AB	210
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ken Scott	Calgary AB	139
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evelyn Iwasa	Calgary AB	127

#### **LIFE MASTER (300 - 500):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Lee Bellam	Calgary AB	303
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maged Wafa	Calgary AB	225
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Julius	Calgary AB	209

#### **BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500 - 1,000):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Harrison	Calgary AB	392
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sami Naydani	Calgary AB	245
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edward Faichuk	Calgary AB	225

#### **SILVER LIFE MASTER (1,000 - 2,500):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Abdul Fakh	Calgary AB	337
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Berglund	Calgary AB	291
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Perry Khakhar	Calgary AB	275

#### **GOLD LIFE MASTER (2,500 - 5,000):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Francesca Walton	Calgary AB	315
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Graham	Calgary AB	307
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary AB	210

#### **DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5,000 - 7,500):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerry Marshall	Las Varas NM	692
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judith Gartaganis	Calgary AB	506
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB	347

#### **EMERALD LIFE MASTER (7,500 - 10,000):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	519
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## *Ace of Clubs*

### *Unit 390 Winners for 2007*

#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (0 - 5):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kelly Flock	Calgary AB	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Bercov	Calgary AB	29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jane Miller	Calgary AB	14

#### **JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 20):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dawn Lhenen	Calgary AB	31
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Connie Wignall	Calgary AB	31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heide Wissner	Calgary AB	34

#### **CLUB MASTER (20 - 50):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Colliver	Calgary AB	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vernice Franklin	Calgary AB	36
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ineke Boudewijn	Calgary AB	31

#### **SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 100):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Garry Ramsden-Wood	Calgary AB	97
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nadine Bouckhout	Calgary AB	34
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rita Cushon	Calgary AB	33

#### **REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 200):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet Sharpe	Calgary AB	82
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karen Chapple	Calgary AB	66
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anne Day	Calgary AB	46

#### **NABC MASTER (200 - 300):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Diane Campbell	Calgary AB	95
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ken Scott	Calgary AB	61
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosalyn Martin	Calgary AB	55

#### **LIFE MASTER (300 - 500):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Maged Wafa	Calgary AB	147
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan Julius	Calgary AB	132
3 <sup>rd</sup>	N. Purkin	Calgary AB	70

#### **BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500 - 1,000):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sami Naydani	Calgary AB	134
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anne Primeau	Calgary AB	90
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tammy Purkin	Calgary AB	76

#### **SILVER LIFE MASTER (1,000 - 2,500):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Abdul Fakh	Calgary AB	149
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tina Gokturk	Calgary AB	132
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lois Solinger	Calgary AB	100

#### **GOLD LIFE MASTER (2,500 - 5,000):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elaine Stewart	Calgary AB	101
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Martin McDonald	Calgary AB	96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruthanne Price	Calgary AB	79

#### **DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5,000 - 7,500):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB	76
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dann Kramer	Las Varas NM	41
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gerry Marshall	Las Varas NM	18

#### **EMERALD LIFE MASTER (7,500 - 10,000):**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	7
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## *A Fun Hand From San Francisco*

by Gordon Campbell

On the last day of the San Francisco Nationals, I was playing in the North American Swiss teams with an old partner, Keith Balcombe, of Oshawa, when this memorable hand arose.

♠ J854		♠ AKQ62
♥ ---		♥ K105
♦ J1095432		♦ AQ
♣ 97		♣ Q86
♠ 10		♠ 973
♥ A984		♥ QJ7632
♦ K876		♦ ---
♣ 10543		♣ AKJ2

Dealer: East

## Vulnerable: East/West

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
---	2NT	3♥	4♦
5♥	DBL	All pass	

After East opened 2NT, I, as a happily non-vulnerable South, ventured 3♥. West continued with 4♦ and Keith, as North, put on the pressure with a great bid of 5♥. East had little option but to double, ending the auction.

Keith had no idea who could make what, but he knew he didn't want to defend against 4♠, and where was that spade suit anyway?

West led the ♣9 covered by the 10, Queen and Ace.

I reasoned that opener likely held a 5-card spade suit, with the spades being distributed 4-5. On the bidding, West was very likely to be 4-7. But was he 4-1-7-1 or 4-0-7-2?

If West is 1-1 in the round suits, declarer must play trumps immediately to prevent West from ruffing a club. If 0-2, then declarer must play a spade immediately to ensure two spade ruffs in dummy.

Needless to say, I guessed wrong and played a trump to dummy's ♥A. But there was another string to my bow. I carefully ruffed a diamond back to hand, before playing a spade. East won and, as predicted, played ♥K followed by ♥10.

I was able to win, ruff a spade in dummy and ruff a second diamond, bringing down the  $\spadesuit A$ .

Dummy had a surprising entry in the ♣3 to enable a spade discard on the established ♦K. Lucky that the ♣2 was in my hand! It is not often that a 5-level "sacrifice" succeeds when the opponents open 2NT. Yet another example emphasizing that "points don't matter - it is all about fit"!

<i>Upcoming Unit 390 Tournament Dates</i>	
Calgary .....	September 5 - 7, 2008
Banff .....	November 7 - 9, 2008
White Hat Regional.....	August 10 - 16, 2009



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