

# THE KIBITZER

## CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



SEPTEMBER 2008

*Editors: Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis*

### ***President's Message***

As I start my term as your Unit president, I am encouraged by the number of new players who have joined the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association. We welcome all of you and hope that you enjoy playing bridge with us. At present, we have more than 700 members. Hopefully everyone will find playing bridge a positive experience.

That brings me to my next point. The biggest complaint I have heard so far concerns rude behaviour, although there are only a few culprits. The ACBL has a policy of 'zero tolerance' for all sanctioned events. What that means is that rudeness is totally unacceptable at any bridge game. I don't know how many times this has to be restated, but some of our players don't seem to think that it applies to them. If you are subjected to rude behaviour at your table, call the director *immediately* and explain the situation. Do not allow this form of behaviour to continue. I encountered this at the September sectional, and took the opportunity to tell a person that he was no longer welcome at our sectionals. I think that strict enforcement of this policy will make bridge much more pleasant for the rest of us.

We are looking for someone who will take pictures of our members for the Unit web site. This requires a digital camera and the ability to compress the size of the image file (easily taught to anyone). These are then sent to our webmaster who adds them to the 'Photos' section of our website. Please call me at (403) 249-9614 if you are willing to do this job.

If you or a fellow bridge player are not getting the e-mails Jim Berglund sends regarding news and events in our unit, you should first e-mail or telephone the ACBL (check the ACBL website: <http://www.acbl.org>).

Secondly, you should e-mail Jim ([jazzbo@shaw.ca](mailto:jazzbo@shaw.ca)) or phone him with your information. If you don't change your e-mail with ACBL headquarters in Memphis, the monthly list Jim receives from them may override any corrections he has made to his list.

Our mentorship program will be starting soon and we are in need of more mentors. If you have 200 masterpoints and have signed up to be a mentee, then you should be willing to sign up as a mentor for someone with less than 100 masterpoints. Didn't anyone tell you that it was more blessed to give than to receive? How great of you to give back to a fellow bridge player all that you will learn from your mentor! Please phone or e-mail Abdul Fakhri [(403) 695-5759, [fakhriassociates@yahoo.ca](mailto:fakhriassociates@yahoo.ca)] to get your name added to the list as a mentor.

Don't forget to check out all our activities listed on the Unit 390 web site at <http://calgarybridge.com>

*Marlene Lenstra*  
*President*

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## *Good Luck Fellows...Good Skills Partner*

by Ken Scott

John (Jack) Terence Murphy, one of the most influential leaders of Calgary's post-WWII bridge scene, was born in Medicine Hat on August 10, 1920. Jack was a CPR locomotive engineer for 45 years. Bridge was a key hobby for Jack, both before and after his marriage to Lil. The family relocated to Calgary in 1957 and Jack quickly became immersed in the bridge community, playing at the Martinique Bridge Studio and the other clubs of that era.

Jack liked to be in charge. He served on the Unit 390 Board from 1963 to 1972, including a term as President. He was a powerful force behind the first regionals in Alberta, serving as tournament Chairperson for Calgary in 1967, 1970, and 1973. He was the Alberta representative on the ACBL District 18 Board, the Zone V representative to the Canadian Bridge Federation (1971 - 1980) and CBF President (1974 - 1976).

Jack was a good public speaker, often announcing winners at tournaments. He was the one who encouraged Monsignor Le Fort to create the Canmar Bridge Club in Calgary.

Looking at Jack's book collection, an extremely well thumbed copy of Sheinwold's "5 Weeks to Winning Bridge" stands out and must have been a treasured bridge guide. In 1966, at the age of 46, Jack achieved Life Master status. Lil attained that same goal in September of 1991 and was a respected bridge teacher.

One memorable trait was Jack's advice while tabling the dummy after the opening lead: "Good luck fellows, good skills, partner". Jack rarely got averages, just tops or bottoms. He frequently commented "just two more successful finesses and we'll make this contract."

Jack was a very sincere person. He cared about bridge ... about the game, and about the people who played the game. He gave bridge his all. At the same time he was a mischievous person with a great sense of humour, very much liking to entertain by telling jokes.

He was a member of the Burlington Liars' Club. One of his favourite stories was to recall a trip on a fishing

boat off the coast of Ireland with some cousins. He would tell a tale of being sick and, when advised to go to the back of boat to discharge over the side, he returned without his false teeth, reporting that the teeth went overboard in one of his spasms. Back at the dock as fish were being unloaded, Jack secretly placed his false teeth into the mouth of one of the caught fish. When the fish with the toothy mouth was noticed, Jack went over, popped out the dentures and refitted his own mouth. The fish must have picked them up when his teeth went overboard, he claimed.

Jack and Lil had 3 sons and 5 daughters, many of whom play bridge today. As kids, some were given math assignments to work out table movements in that 'pre-computer' era.

Jack was an amateur archaeologist and made many trips to Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump to look for artifacts long before that location was declared a Heritage Site. He also had a strong interest in native culture, especially the Blackfoot Nation. It may have been Jack's idea to organize the induction of Charles Goren, Oswald Jacoby, Eric Murray and Sami Kehela into the Blackfoot Nation when they were invited guests and participants in early Calgary regionals.

Jack served as a member of the Honour Guard during the visit of Pope Paul II in 1984. About 1989 Jack was co-winner of a 6/49 lottery, sharing the \$2 million win with about 30 others. Jack purchased a banjo for himself and donated the remainder of his winnings.

Jack died in Calgary on March 9, 1992. At that time he was a Silver Life Master with 1714 MPs. Lil Murphy died 3 years later, by then holding 447 MPs.



(Photo: Jack and Lil Murphy, 1988)

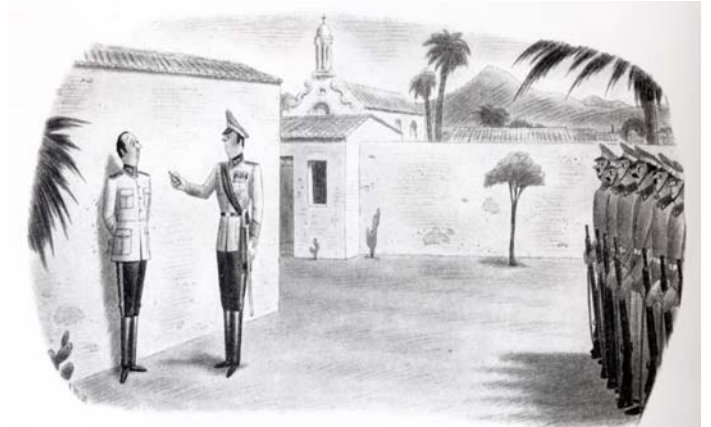
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## 2008 Hattie Joffe Race

Nicholas Gartaganis clinched the 2008 Hattie Joffe masterpoint race with a win in the final Flight A Swiss at the Edmonton Regional this past August. He accumulated more than 122 masterpoints for 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.

Hattie Joffe (1903 - 1982) was a prominent Calgary bridge player in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. She was the first ACBL Life Master from Alberta.



"No thanks. I've been trying to quit ever since bridge tournaments became non-smoking."



## *In A Good Cause...*

The South Calgary Ladies' Bridge Club was pleased to report that on Friday, October 12, 2007 it held its annual soup luncheon. Fourteen ladies contributed homemade soup and squares that were served up to 23 tables of players in return for a contribution to "Inn from the Cold". The club raised the outstanding amount of \$3,177. How about that for a Charity game!

Yvette Tapuska wishes to express her deep appreciation to those who provided the soup and squares and to the many generous contributors.

[Editors' Note: Through an oversight, this recognition of the South Calgary Ladies' Bridge Club was not included in the April 2008 issue of the Kibitzer.]



## A Sigh Is Not Enough...

*It's impossible to keep from chuckling when you hear a real bridge story like this one (passed along by a Unit member):*

*LHO opens 1♥ and partner leaps to 4♠. RHO now goes into a long tank and, with a heavy sigh, passes. You pass and LHO produces 5♥ which becomes the final contract, making six.*

*After the dust settles RHO opens the score slip. "6♥? We can make 6♥ partner." "Of course we can", replies LHO. "I would have bid six if you had supported me with anything but a sigh."*

*Nice one, LHO!*

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IF YOU ALWAYS GIVE, YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE.

# Generosity



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## Meet Your Unit 390 Executive Board

The ACBL is divided into 25 geographical areas (covering Canada, Mexico and the United States) called Districts. Each District is subdivided into Units with the size of each Unit varying considerably. In some cases a Unit encompasses only part of a big city while in other cases, it covers an entire U.S. state. The ACBL has more than 300 Units.

The Unit supervises ACBL bridge activities and conducts tournaments at the local and sectional levels. It also oversees, and sometimes coordinates, local legs of multi-level ACBL-wide events such as the North American Pairs (NAP) and Grand National Teams (GNT). The officers and board members of Units elect the District's representative to the ACBL Board of Directors.

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) is an adjunct organization that looks after the interests of Canadian bridge players. The CBF is recognized by both the ACBL and the World Bridge Federation. The CBF organizes and runs multi-level Canadian events held annually at the Canadian Bridge Championship. Some of these events (such as the CNTC and the CWTC) are used to select the teams that will represent Canada in international competitions.

Calgary Unit 390 is in ACBL District 18 (Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Utah, Montana and Idaho). Unit 390 is within CBF Zone V (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba).

Remember to smile the next time you see one of your Unit 390 Board members, and give them a pat on the back. They are volunteers who work hard on your behalf.



**Abdul Fakhri**  
Secretary



**Jim Berglund**  
Membership Chair



**Jan McLeod**  
Future Masters



**Carol McManus**  
Special Events



**Jim Murphy**  
New Member Liaison



**Clarende Duby**  
Caddy Master



**Gretta Hinton and Jean Ward**  
Tournament Co-Chairs



**Martin McDonald**  
Librarian



**Allan Simon**  
Recorder



**Simon Farrer**  
Webmaster



**Marlene Lenstra**  
President



**Fred Klein**  
Past President



**Steve Lawrence**  
Treasurer



**Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis**  
Kibitzer Editors

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## Timing Is The Key

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

There is always a bit of nervous anticipation as one awaits the dummy, wondering whether or not your partnership has done well in the bidding. The following hand from the 2008 Alberta regional was no exception:

Contract: 6♠

Lead: ♦K

♠ 10982  
♥ 75  
♦ 86  
♣ AJ1083



♠ AKQ54  
♥ AKJ2  
♦ A104  
♣ K

Maybe the bidding wasn't so great. On a good day, with trumps 2-2 and either the ♣Q or the ♥Q tripleton, you will make 13 easy tricks. Oh well. This is not the time to fret over the bidding. You win the first trick with the ♦A and lay down the ♠A. Yikes! RHO pitches a low diamond and all of a sudden your comfortable contract which began with several possibilities to score an overtrick has become something of a problem.

The first option is to overtake the ♣K with the ♣A and lead to the ♥J, hoping to discard dummy's diamond on the third round of hearts (assuming the finesse against the ♥Q is successful). Then you can continue on a crossruff. Another possibility is to cash the ♣K and then play three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy. Once in the dummy pitch a diamond on the ♣A and take a ruffing finesse against the ♣Q. A third option is to forget the ruffing finesse and just try for a straight crossruff (once two rounds of clubs have been cashed). You must hope you can score one or both of the little trumps in your hand by ruffing clubs.

After some consideration you decide to reject option #1 and delay the choice between options #2 or #3 until you play three rounds of hearts. When you ruff the third round of hearts, LHO follows with the ♥Q.

Time to take stock. LHO is known to have 4 spades and 3 hearts. To have a realistic chance to make the contract he must have at least 3 clubs (remember, you need to score at least one small trump by ruffing a club). In fact further analysis indicates he needs to have 4 clubs; otherwise there is no way to avoid a diamond loser along with a trump loser. Now that the ♥J is a winner, there is successful line of play which involves ruffing the third round of clubs and playing the ♥J. What is LHO to do? If he pitches his fourth club, you pitch a diamond and ruff a diamond. Your only loser is a trump. If he ruffs low, you overruff and ruff the fourth round of clubs. In the end position the opponents only score one trick because the losing diamond and the ♠J will be telescoped into the same trick. The final variation occurs when LHO ruffs in with the ♠J and returns a trump. Again you are in good shape. You pitch a diamond when he ruffs and can comfortably crossruff for 12 tricks.

The four hands were:

Contract: 6♠

Lead: ♦K

♠ 10982  
♥ 75  
♦ 86  
♣ AJ1083

♠ J763  
♥ Q108  
♦ KQ  
♣ Q752



♠ --  
♥ 9643  
♦ J97532  
♣ 964

♠ AKQ54  
♥ AKJ2  
♦ A104  
♣ K

After an unlucky beginning (because trumps split 4-0), you achieve a happy ending. But it is all about timing your moves perfectly. If you cash a second round of trumps before playing the ♥J, LHO can ruff in with the ♠J and return a trump (which is what happened at the other table). This extracts your last trump from dummy and leaves you with a diamond loser.

Maybe it's a good thing your bidding isn't so great!

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## Welcome To 75 New Members

If you signed up as a new member of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) over the last 18 months, you should have received your welcome package this past summer.

The package consists of:

- Free plays for use at any Calgary Sectional (expires in one year)
- Free plays compliments of the Martinique and Bridgejoy bridge clubs
- "Adventures in Duplicate Bridge" booklet
- Things you might want to know about Duplicate Bridge

The free plays are courtesy of Calgary Bridge Unit 390, the Martinique and Bridgejoy.

If you change your address (e-mail or mailing address) you should amend it on the ACBL website ([www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)). Furthermore, should you wish to receive e-mails about what is happening in Unit 390, contact Jim Berglund at [jazzzbo@shaw.ca](mailto:jazzzbo@shaw.ca)

See you at the table!

Jim Murphy  
New Member Liaison



## Focus On Future Masters

Welcome to all our new duplicate bridge players and ACBL members. You have become an important part of a large family of fun-loving bridge players and we are glad to have you with us.

Hope you enjoyed the September sectional this year. All the 199er games were well-attended with a total of 311 enthusiastic participants! For those of you who have not yet played in a sectional, these are great weekends of bridge where you have the opportunity to play in up to 6 games against others at your skill level. Our Banff sectional is coming up November 7-9, 2008. The next Calgary sectionals are slated for January and March. Come and enjoy the fun!

The overall winners for the September sectional were:

President's Trophy:	Connie Wignall and Brian Willett (6.59 masterpoints)
D (100 - 199 pts)	Frank Lane and Dennis Olsen (4.21 masterpoints)
E (50 - 99 pts)	Jenny Bererton and Shelley Quinney (5.58 masterpoints)
F (0 - 49 pts)	Marilyn Swadron (4.29 masterpoints)

### Fall Bridge Lessons:

Ken Scott and Karen Mitchell will be offering the Level 1 classes (beginner) this fall and hope to offer them again in the new year. Contact Ken at 403-242-8800.

The Level 2 classes (Popular Conventions) will start October 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> and there are still spaces available. I hope to offer them again next year. Call me at 403-278-2995 or contact me by e-mail ([jemcleod@shaw.ca](mailto:jemcleod@shaw.ca)).

Carol Lee and Ed Faichuk are offering a variety of intermediate lessons. Call 403-270-7438 for more information.

### Thought for the day:

*Bridge is a game - let's make fun our goal*

Newer players often tell me of good folks who have patiently helped them feel comfortable at the table as they ventured into duplicate bridge. We all remember how nervous we were as beginners and how much there was to learn. If you have encouraged a new player, pat yourself on the back. You are helping to grow our wonderful game. See you at the table - I may be needing your patience too!

*Play Bridge...Have Fun...Spread the Joy!*

Cheers,  
Jan McLeod  
Future Masters Coordinator





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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  
403-239-2768 or 403-464-4455 (cell)  
e-mail: [bridgejoy@gmail.com](mailto: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, September 25 ..... 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 26 ..... 12:15 p.m.

##### Canadian Open Pairs Championship

Thursday, November 13 ..... 7:30 p.m.



### Looking For Help To Improve Your Game?

The following people offer bridge lessons for those who are interested. Lesson schedules, level and cost vary. Contact them directly for further details.

Carol Lee Bellam	<a href="mailto:clbellam@shaw.ca">clbellam@shaw.ca</a>
Rae Haaland	<a href="mailto:haalandr@telus.net">haalandr@telus.net</a>
Nancy Klym	<a href="mailto:nancyklym@shaw.ca">nancyklym@shaw.ca</a>
Jan McLeod	<a href="mailto:jemcleod@shaw.ca">jemcleod@shaw.ca</a>
Karen Mitchell	<a href="mailto:k_mitchell51@yahoo.ca">k_mitchell51@yahoo.ca</a>
Freda Nychkalo	<a href="mailto:nychka@shaw.ca">nychka@shaw.ca</a>
Ken Scott	<a href="mailto:ken@glisten.biz">ken@glisten.biz</a>
Lori Shymanski	<a href="mailto:lorenvic@shaw.ca">lorenvic@shaw.ca</a>

### North Calgary Ladies Bridge Club

Varsity Community Hall

4303 Varsity Drive N.W.

Contact: Carol Lee Bellam, President

Tuesday 12:15 pm ..... Ladies 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. Only \$5.00 for an afternoon of friendly duplicate bridge, coffee, tea and goodies.

No scents or perfumes permitted



### Aurora Bridge Club

North Haven Community Association

5003 North Haven Drive N.W.

Managers: Debbie & Lorne Hanson  
403-239-2806

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

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



### Bob's Bridge Club

Calgary Jewish Centre

1607 - 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W.

Bob Van Wart 403-277-8001 or 403-560-3344 (cell)

Sunday 1:00 pm ..... Open Pairs Stratified

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## Martinique Bridge Club

Knights of Columbus Hall

2419 54 Ave. S.W.

Bridge Club 403-243-4353

e-mail: [martinique@shaw.ca](mailto: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
	12:00 pm	Beginner Pairs (under 20 mps)
	7:30 pm	Open Pairs
Thurs	12:15 pm	Open Pairs
	7:00 pm	Novice Pairs (0-99 mps)
Fri	10:30 pm	Open Pairs
	7:30 pm	Open Pairs (simple systems only)
Sat	7:30 pm	Open Swiss Teams



## Bidwell Duplicate Bridge Club

Calgary Canoe Club - North Glenmore Park

7100 Crowchild Trail S.W.

Owners/Directors: Brian & Joy Saville

403-239-2768 or 403-464-4455 (cell)

e-mail: [bridgejoy@gmail.com](mailto:bridgejoy@gmail.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>



## Bridge "R" Us

28 Elysian Crescent S.W.

(near Westside Leisure Centre)

Owners/Directors: Edward Faichuk & Carol Lee Bellam

403-270-7438

e-mail: [clbellam@shaw.ca](mailto:clbellam@shaw.ca)

The purpose of this club is learning. Each game is preceded by a one-hour lesson at 6:30 pm. The sanctioned games begin at 7:30 pm. The club will not operate all year.

Anyone may play, but since the game is restricted to 9 tables those wishing to reserve a spot must phone or e-mail in advance.

### Game Schedule

October ..... 6, 20, 27  
November ..... 3, 10, 17

The initial set of nine lessons began September 8<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$60 which includes the sanctioned game. The lessons are fully subscribed. Watch for notices about future lesson offerings.

If you wish to be a mentor or to substitute if someone is unavailable to play please phone or e-mail Ed or Carol Lee.



### Over 50?? Don't sit home....

Confederation Park Seniors and Parkdale Nifty-Fifties are offering beginners and intermediate bridge classes. Rae Haaland is teaching at both facilities, and classes are tailored to individual needs. For further details, call Rae Haaland at 403-242-3236.

Unfortunately, most fall classes have started, but Rae will take your name and provide details for classes after Christmas. Some classes may have vacancies, but most are fully booked.





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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

By Jim Berglund

September 2008

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

### JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 19):

Pam Barrie	Joan Mackasey	Dick F Snell
Andrew J Cullen	Bob Matheson	Clifford Stangeland
Elizabeth E Dunphy	Jan P Mohr	Margaret F Studer
Suzanne M Kernahan	Mike V Porter	Marilyn M Swadron
Byron M Lund	Warren W Richards	David J Swadron

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

Jenny Bererton	Camille A Collver	Eileen McCashew
Robert O Beyaert	Nancy S Engbloom	Chris M Murphy
Jacqui A Chin	John L Gosbee	Jim T Murphy
Houria Chraibi	Tom L Halford	Ruth E Ring
Sheila K Clapham	Sharon Harrington	Aurel A Stefanescu
Lois E Cole	Adriana Matzeit	Linda R Wallace

### SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 99):

Linda M Ellsworth    Patricia E Mitchell    Don W Rae  
Bill C Ellsworth    Shelley Quinney

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

Heather Bowyer	Marilyn L Haggins	Vesha M Labarre
John B Claydon	Murray Haggins	Lindy M Sacuta
Kelly Flock	Jo Ann L Horne	

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

Barb Crookshank	Arthur Y Iwasa	Patrick E Murphy
Edna M Gosbee	Doris E Lange	Jack R Sisko
Jo Ann L Horne	Karen Levy	Marilyn Warne

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

Florence J Goldade Evelyn S Iwasa Yvonne Snowdy  
Donna Gorda Garry Ramsden-Wood

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

Doug Biggs	Rae N Haaland	Mary Ross
Florence J Goldade	Donna M Marlatte	Ken D Scott
Donna Gorda	Linda M Martin	

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

Gerry Marchant	Gordon L Moir	Edna B Olson
Hash Mohamed	M Sami Naydani	Anne Primeau

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

Pam Barrie	Warren W Richards
Alina Boisseau	Marny Simpson
Barbara A Heuchert	Dick F Snell
Suzanne M Kernahan	Maggie H Stokes
Ardyth Macquarrie	Margaret F Studer
Wayne N McDougall	Mary L Turley

Welcome to the following players who transferred into our Unit:

Christopher J Chalcraft	Yvonne M Montgomery
Bernard C Dolan	Angela G Underwood
Lei Li	Louis E Wright

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

Ian W Boyd      Perry Khakhar      Sue Walker  
Bruce P Frogley      Burdettte Storey

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

Eileen Brown      Bruce Dennis      Norman Dodd  
Audrey Degner

*Anyone wishing to remove his/her name from the next publication of the Unit Telephone List or his/her e-mail address from the e-mail database - please contact Jim Berglund at 403-217-0768 ([jazzzbo@shaw.ca](mailto:jazzzbo@shaw.ca))*

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## Freshly Squeezed

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

In this year's Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC), our squad finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the round robin and faced a tough team (Fraser) in the quarterfinals. The format allows the team finishing first to select its quarterfinal opponent from among those finishing 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team gets the next choice and so forth. The 4<sup>th</sup> place team gets the opponent no one else wants to play! We lost the 64-board match by 6 IMPs (ouch!). Nevertheless there were some highlights.

It's not often that the defenders are able to squeeze declarer ... usually it is the other way around. It is midway through the first quarter and, so far, the match has progressed nicely. You pick up ♠KQ ♥2 ♦A10964 ♣109752. With everyone vulnerable, RHO opens 1♣ and you overcall 1♦ (not likely to be a unanimous choice, but our partnership style is to overcall aggressively). LHO passes and partner bids 1♥. RHO decides he has enough to bid 1NT and you have a comfortable pass. LHO passes and now partner doubles. RHO "escapes" to 2♣ which you elect to double (after all, you do have 5 trumps and 2♣ doubled isn't game). Everyone passes and when you lead the ♥2 you see this dummy:

Partner wins the ♥J and plays the ♥K while declarer follows with the ♥4 and ♥9. Because you know partner also holds the ♥A, his play of a "lower high heart" suggests something in the lower ranking suit (diamonds) rather than in the higher ranking suit (spades). Partner switches to the ♠9 which declarer wins with the ♠A. Declarer starts drawing trumps and seems nonplussed when partner shows out on the second club (partner's discard reaffirms something in diamonds). Declarer can't think of anything better to do than playing four rounds of trumps. Now declarer exits a low spade and you are in with the ♠K. After pulling declarer's last trump with your ♣10, you lead a small diamond over to partner's ♦K, allowing partner to lay down the ♥A. Look what happens to poor declarer! He is ignominiously squeezed in spades and diamonds.

The four hands were:

Dealer: E  
Vul: Both

♠ 98764  
♥ AKJ53  
♦ K2  
♣ 6

♠ 1052  
♥ Q10876  
♦ J85  
♣ 84



♠ AJ3  
♥ 94  
♦ Q73  
♣ AKQJ3

♠ KQ  
♥ 2  
♦ A10964  
♣ 109752

West	Partner	East	You
--	--	1♣	1♦
pass	1♥	1NT	pass
pass	Double	2♣ <sup>1</sup>	Double
All pass			

<sup>1</sup> No doubt believing it would be a safe haven

This position is reached with South to lead:

♠ 8  
♥ A5  
♦ K2  
♣ --

♠ 10  
♥ Q10  
♦ J8  
♣ --



♠ J  
♥ --  
♦ Q73  
♣ 3

♠ --  
♥ --  
♦ A1096  
♣ 10

On the ♣10, dummy must discard the ♠10 (if a heart, partner keeps ♥A5 as winners and throws the ♠8) and declarer follows with his last trump. Now South underleads the ♦A and everyone follows as North wins the ♦K. When North leads the ♥A at trick ten declarer has only losing alternatives: discarding the ♠J will establish North's ♠8; discarding a diamond allows South to score two diamond tricks.

The defensive squeeze collects +800 and 12 IMPs. Still, the opponents have the last laugh as they move on to the semi-finals while we are left to lick our wounds.

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## CALGARY SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL September 5 - 7, 2008

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON OPEN PAIRS

56 pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB
2			Steve Lawrence - Hash Mohamed, Calgary AB
5	1		Ed Porter - Alice Thomas, Calgary AB
6	2	1	Robert MacKinven - Paul Scott, Calgary AB
		2	Jane Hardy - Marjory Hanley, Calgary AB

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

30 pairs

D	E	F	
1			Christine Chicoine - Mary Porter, Calgary AB
2	1		Connie Wignall - Brian Willett, Calgary AB
3	2		Shelley Quinney, Chestermere; Jenny Bererton, Okotoks AB
4	3	1	Sheila Clapham - Joyce Davis, Calgary AB
6/7	5/6	2	Cynthia Clark - Naushad Dada, Calgary AB

### FRIDAY EVENING FLIGHT A/X IMP PAIRS

22 pairs

A	X	
1		Judith Gartaganis, Calgary AB; Vince Lambert, Edmonton AB
2		Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB
4	1	Carol McManus - Jim Berglund, Calgary AB
5	2	Cindy Cossey - Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB

### FRIDAY EVENING FLIGHT B/C/D PAIRS

34 pairs

B	C	D	
1	1		Pat Purvis - Barrie Purvis, Calgary AB
2	2		Kelly Flock - Ken Scott, Calgary AB

### FRIDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

27 pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Arlene Connell - Sharon Harrington, Calgary AB
2	2	2	Ramzi Fawaz - Bob Matheson, Calgary AB

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

30 pairs

D	E	F	
1	1		David Reid - Don Rae, Calgary AB
2			Marilyn Haggins - Murray Haggins, Calgary AB
3	2		Connie Wignall - Brian Willett, Calgary AB
4	3	1	Marilyn Swadron - Camille Collver, Calgary AB
		2	Christine McKay, Calgary AB; Brenda McKinnon, QC

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

17 pairs

A	B	C	
1			Glenn Lefebvre - David Madge, Calgary AB
2			Ron Kupchanko, Edmonton AB; Perry Chan, Calgary AB
3/4	1/2		Gord McLure - Sue McLure, Calgary AB
3/4	1/2		Barry Smolkin - Len Himelfarb, Calgary AB

### SATURDAY FLIGHT A/X OPEN PAIRS

24 pairs

A	X	
1		Janet Dunbar - Pam Peard, Calgary AB
2		Rod Paxton, Coeur d'Alene ID; Abdul Fakihi, Calgary AB
5	1	Margaret Cooke - Barry Pashak, Calgary AB
7	2	Hash Mohamed - Marlene Lenstra, Calgary AB

### SATURDAY FLIGHT B/C OPEN PAIRS

26 pairs

B	C	
1		Flo Goldade - Gladys Grant, Calgary AB
2		Penny McQuarrie - Gord Gair, Calgary AB

### SATURDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

26 pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Kathy Kennedy - Pam Caravan, Calgary AB
2			Frank Lane - Dennis Olson, Calgary AB
4	2	2	Byron Lund - Warren Richards, Calgary AB

### SATURDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

6 pairs

A	B	C	
1			Jim Murphy - Chris Murphy, Calgary AB
2/3			Olga Furlan - Yvette Tapuska, Calgary AB
2/3			Francesca Walton - Paul Graham, Calgary AB

### SUNDAY MORNING 199ER TEAMS

9 teams

D	E	F	
1			Frank Lane - Dennis Olson - Roxy Sandmaier - Lou Sandmaier, Calgary AB
2			Jenny Bererton, Okotoks AB; Ineke Boudewijn, Calgary AB; Shelley Quinney, Chestermere AB; Mardi Oel, Chestmere AB
3	1		Brian Willett - Connie Wignall - Ann Slattery - Virginia Jeffries, Calgary AB
4		1	Camille Collver - Betty Fenton - Marilyn Swadron - David Swadron, Calgary AB

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON 199ER TEAMS

9 teams

D	E	F	
1	1		Connie Wignall - Ann Slattery - Virginia Jeffries - Brian Willett, Calgary AB
2			Lorraine Curr - Vesha Labarre - Bernice Alvey, Calgary AB; John Claydon, High River AB
3		1	Warren Richards - Byron Lund - Paulette McWilliam, Calgary AB; Ruth Sidebottom, Red Deer AB

### SUNDAY FLIGHT A/X SWISS TEAMS

18 teams

A	X	
1		Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB; Vince Lambert - Anita Lambert, Edmonton AB
2		Lorna Deschner - Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB; Al Simon - Dan Bertrand, Calgary AB
5/6	1	Doug Hawrelak, Edmonton AB; Tom Nault - Doug Mann - Crystal Mann, Calgary AB
2/3		Dick Yuen - Marlene Lenstra, Calgary AB; Glenn Cossey - Cindy Cossey, Innisfail AB
2/3		Ron Kupchanko, Edmonton AB; Perry Chan - David Madge - Clarende Duby, Calgary AB

### SUNDAY FLIGHT B/C SWISS TEAMS

21 teams

B	C	
1		Pat Purvis - Roxanne Rees - John Card - Barrie Purvis, Calgary AB
2/3		Lance Cooke - Margaret Cooke - Sharon Crowle - Heather Bowyer, Calgary AB
2/3		Dianna Wreford - Brian Turner - Gord McLure - Sue McLure, Calgary AB
1		Marilyn Hamilton - Marjory Hanley - Lee Poirier - Teresa Hyde, Calgary AB


**Upcoming Unit 390 Tournament Dates**  
 Banff.....November 7 - 9, 2008  
 Calgary.....January 9 - 11, 2009

# THE KIBITZER

## Banff Classic Sectional

November 7 - 9, 2008

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

Open Events	Future Masters Events
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November, 2008 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)	Future Masters Events will be held if numbers warrant (minimum 3 tables)  All Future Master events are single session.
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2008 1:00 PM: Stratified Open Pairs (1 <sup>st</sup> session playthrough) 7:30 PM: Stratified Open Pairs (2 <sup>nd</sup> session playthrough)	<b>Host Hotel</b> <b>Inns of Banff</b>  600 Banff Avenue Banff, Alberta
<b>Note:</b> Single session pairs welcome for either session	<b>Toll Free Reservation Line: 1-866-704-3693</b>
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2008 10:00 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1 <sup>st</sup> session) TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> session)	<b>Note:</b> This event is held 100 km from the host Calgary Unit. Partnership arrangements in Banff cannot be guaranteed.
<b>Note:</b> Limited time break between sessions Lunch available on site Play to be completed by 6:30 PM	
<b>Stratification for all Games</b> <b>A: 750+    B: 300 - 750    C: 0 - 300</b>	

## Calgary Winter Sectional

January 9 - 11, 2009

Marlborough Park Community Association, 6021 Madigan Dr. NE

Open Events	Future Masters Events
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 1:00 PM: Stratified Pairs A/B/C (one session) 7:30 PM: IMP Pairs A/X (one session) Stratified Pairs B/C/D (one session)	All Future Master events are single session.  Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs 7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs 10:45 PM: Reception for Future Masters
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 1:00 PM: Open Pairs* (1 <sup>st</sup> session playthrough) 7:00 PM: Open Pairs* (2 <sup>nd</sup> session playthrough)	Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs 7:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs
<b>Note:</b> Single session Side Games on Saturday	Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 <b>Victory Points</b> 10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams* (1 <sup>st</sup> session) TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams* (2 <sup>nd</sup> session)	<b>Flights for Stratified Events:</b> <b>A: 100 - 200    B: 50 - 100    C: 0 - 50</b>
<b>* A/X standalone; B/C standalone</b>	The President's Trophy will be awarded to the Future Master who wins the most master points in Future Master events.
Details on the flighting for each event are available in the full tournament program.	