

# THE KIBITZER

## CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



APRIL 2010

*Editors: Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis*

### ***President's Message 2010***

The year has gone by quickly and my two years as President are coming to an end. I have been supported by a great executive who have done a fabulous job. They have spent many volunteer hours working so that our tournaments run smoothly, our website stays updated, our unit functions well, our special events run smoothly and our membership stays informed. We now have 840 people who belong to our unit and the ACBL. In the past year our membership has increased by 12.84%. There are a lot of new faces at the bridge clubs and we hope that you will extend a warm welcome to all of them.

Our unit board is always looking at ways to improve bridge in Calgary. This year we offered to pay for half the cost to the clubs of 'The Dealer4 System', a card dealing system which includes operating software along with Deep Finesse for analyzing hands. As Bridgejoy already owns this system, we offered to reimburse them for half of their costs. None of the Calgary clubs took us up on this offer.

We also offered to pay for 75% of the cost of a 'Bridgemate Scoring System' for the clubs. The Bridgemate wireless scoring system uses table-top terminals where players enter their player numbers and the board results. A central receiver is connected to the computer for picking up scores from Bridgemates and transferring the results to the scoring program. Directors are able to focus entirely on supervising the game or tournament without worrying about picking up score sheets, recording player names and so on. The only stipulation we made is that, in return, these scoring units must be available for the Unit 390 sectional tournaments.

At present, only Bridgejoy has decided to take us up on this offer. This initiative will cost the unit somewhere around \$11,000. The scoring units are now on order and

you will soon be able to try them out at Bridgejoy or at our September sectional.

Our unit strives to make tournaments enjoyable for all members. We provide candy each day as well as free coffee and donuts at the Sunday game.

This year we have decided to offer free bridge and free food at the AGM in May.

Jim Murphy has been our "nominating committee" and he has lined up a wonderful slate of people ready to take on vacant positions on the board. Thanks to Jim for gently twisting a few arms to fill these positions. If you would like to meet the new executive, make sure to attend our AGM on May 8th.

As well, we are looking for someone to serve as Education Coordinator. This person is responsible for organizing the Unit's bridge lesson programs and arranging for bridge instructors. If you would like to assist, give Jim a call. (403-239-0597).

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## *President's Mesage (continued)*

The Calgary Regional took place in August 2009. Trish Biggs enlisted a huge contingent of volunteers who made it one of the best regionals ever. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped during that week.

The following people also deserve an enthusiastic "thank you":

- Joanne Horne, who continues to take pictures of bridge players for our website.
- Merle Hickey, who works tirelessly to keep our website up to date.
- Carol Lee Bellam and her crew, who made the mentorship program so successful.
- The entire executive (Jim Berglund, Abdul Fakihi, Tina Gokturk, Gretta Hinton, Jan McLeod, Jim Murphy, Jean Ward, Garth Wiggins) who did a fabulous job.
- Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis, who produce such a terrific Kibitzer.
- Freda Nychkalo, who did a tremendous job of organizing bridge lessons.
- Linda Wallace, our New Member Liaison, who sent information out to all the new members.
- Martin McDonald, who kept the library running smoothly. A reminder to all members - the books in our library are there for you to use. Please sign them out regularly.
- Caddy Master, Clarende Duby, who organized the caddies for our tournament.
- Conduct and Ethics Recorder, Al Simon, who fortunately didn't have a lot of work to do this year!
- The bridge teachers, who teach, encourage and make bridge lessons fun.
- The bridge clubs and directors in this city, who promote bridge and encourage people to come out and play.
- The volunteers, who are working hard to make bridge such a great game in the city of Calgary.

And thank you to those I have forgotten (and my apologies).

In closing, I would like to share some comments from Christopher Chalcraft's Facebook page. Christopher is a young fellow who started a bridge club at McGill University while he was there. He moved to Calgary this past year to work. He is an enthusiastic bridge player and often makes comments about bridge on his Facebook page. In response to one such comment, these remarks were posted:

Friend #1: Have you considered taking up lawn bowling? Probably a similar demographic as bridge players ☺

Friend #2: But what would the bowling equivalent of "going for 1100" be?

*Marlene Lenstra*  
*President*

*[Volunteer service consumes countless hours and requires a great deal of personal energy. We wish to express our appreciation to the Executive Board and, especially to Marlene, for her dedication. - Editors]*

## *Sectional Table Counts At a Glance*

Over the past three years, the sectional table count has been somewhat volatile. Moving the November tournament to Calgary has had a very positive impact. Here is a brief summary, using 2007 as the base year:

Location	Calgary	Calgary	Calgary	Calgary
	2010	2009	2008	2007
January	289	294	298	253
March	235	231	247	263
September		240	270	276
Total Calgary		765	815	792
% Gain/Loss		-6.1%	2.9%	

		Calgary	Banff	Banff
	2010	2009	2008	2007
November		258	169	175
% Gain/Loss		52.7%	-3.4%	

Total Unit		1023	984	967
		4.0%	1.8%	

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## Rat's Maze

by Gordon Campbell

Here is an unexpectedly tricky problem I encountered while playing IMPs.

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: E/W

Lead: ♥K

Contract: 5♦

♠ 74  
♥ 3  
♦ Q654  
♣ AQ10972



♠ AK2  
♥ 875  
♦ AK32  
♣ J84

Since I was playing a weak-NT system (1NT is 11-14 HCP), I opened the South hand with 1♦. West overcalled 1♥, and my partner bid 3♥ - an obvious splinter, showing heart shortness, a 4+card diamond fit, and at least invitational values.

Of course I had visions of slam because of the control-rich nature of my hand and the lack of wasted values in hearts. But, over my 3♠ cue bid, partner bid 4♦ non-forcing! What!! How very disappointing! I gave up on slam and simply bid 5♦. Note that partner was not obliged to cue bid the ♣A because he felt he was "all-in" after bidding 3♥. He may also have been afraid that cue bidding 4♣ would be like waving a red cape at an easily excitable partner!

Here is a bidding summary:

South	West	North	East
1♦ <sup>1</sup>	1♥	3♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

<sup>1</sup> Either a balanced 15-17 HCP or unbalanced with at least 4 diamonds

<sup>2</sup> Splinter - one or zero hearts with at least 4 diamonds

At first I thought partner's 3♥ bid was overly aggressive, but on reflection, I appreciated the underlying reasons. Partner knew that I held either a balanced 15-17 HCP or an unbalanced hand with at least four diamonds. If I had the strong-NT hand, he had a great source of tricks for the no trump game.

It is not clear whether or not you want to be in 6♦. The ♣K is likely onside, but diamonds could easily split 4-1. Anyway, 6♦ is very simple to play - everything has to work. But, how do you play 5♦? A common mistake is thinking about the contract you would like to be in rather than focusing on the contract at hand. Forget 6♦! The objective is to secure your 5♦ game.

The opponents make it hard by playing two rounds of hearts and you have to ruff in Dummy. What is the safest way to make 5♦? Think about the hand before reading further.

The key is to realize that if you play two rounds of trumps you may go down if trumps are 4-1, even if the ♣K is onside. A losing line of play would be to win the second round of trumps in your hand discovering the bad news, finesse for the ♣K and continue playing clubs. The opponent with long trumps will be able to ruff the third round and tap Dummy with the third round of hearts. If you try to cash another club, the opponent can ruff with his last trump, leaving you the unpalatable choice of immediately conceding a third trick (you have already lost one heart and a club ruff) or grimly playing out the hand and conceding a spade trick at the end.

To make 5♦ you should play one round of trumps to your ♦K and lead the ♣8 immediately, intending to finesse for the ♣K. If it loses, not only will you need diamonds to be 3-2, but you need to hope RHO doesn't give LHO a club ruff. If the club finesse wins, it's time to reconsider the situation. Clubs could be 3-1 or 2-2 and trumps could be 3-2 or 4-1. There are many combinations, but trying to choose a line of play is like being in a rat's maze because most options depend on guessing the trump distribution. How should one proceed when the club finesse wins?

Ruff a heart, then play the ♦Q. When trumps are 3-2 the play is easy. Come to hand with the ♠K, draw trumps and lead the ♣J. When trumps are 4-1 and LHO

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## *Rat's Maze (continued)*

has four trumps with the Kxx of clubs, you will be able to pitch your losing spade on the fourth round of clubs. The defence wins only two tricks - a heart and a diamond.

When trumps are 4-1 and RHO has four trumps you need a bit of luck. After travelling to hand with the ♠K, draw a third round of trumps and give RHO his trump trick. As long as he started with only three hearts, he is forced to return a spade to your ♠A. Now you can run clubs (finesse again) to get rid of your losing spade.

The keen analysts will note that, if you assume RHO has four trumps, it is also possible to succeed by playing clubs until RHO ruffs the third round. When RHO taps Dummy with a heart, continue playing clubs. When RHO ruffs clubs again, overruff and play a diamond to Dummy's queen, drawing RHO's last trump in the process.

There are other variations which involve LHO playing the ♠K on the first round, but by now your head hurts and you wish you had skipped to the end of the article! The full hand:

♠ Q103	♠ 74	♠ J9865
♥ AK10962	♥ 3	♥ QJ4
♦ 8	♦ Q654	♦ J1097
♣ K65	♣ AQ10972	♣ 3
	♠ AK2	
	♥ 875	
	♦ AK32	
	♣ J84	

♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥

## **Annual General Meeting** Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association (ACBL Unit 390)

**When:** Saturday, May 8, 2010  
**Where:** West Hillhurst Go-Getters Club  
**Time:** Meeting: 5:30 pm  
 Pairs game to follow:

- Free food if you attend the meeting
- No card fees if you attend the meeting
- Unit championship points

Email [president@calgarybridge.com](mailto:president@calgarybridge.com) by May 5<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend or are interested in joining the Unit Board.

An attendance estimate is needed to finalize the catering arrangements.

## *Supervised Bid And Play Coming Soon*

Carol Lee Bellam, together with six other bridge players, will launch a "Supervised Bid and Play" program at 7:30 on Tuesday nights at the Martinique. There will also be a "Tip of the Day" mini-lesson at 7:00 p.m.

Quite a few students are taking beginner and beginner-plus bridge lessons with Ken Scott and Jan McLeod. Yet fewer than 5% are actually coming into the duplicate bridge circle and many seem to fear playing at our clubs. The program is intended to provide these people with an opportunity to bid and play, with help, at a speed with which they are comfortable.

The program may also attract some social bridge players who would like to get into duplicate. If you have friends who are social bridge players, this might be a very good place for them to start.

If bridge is to grow in our community, Unit 390 needs to support beginning players and work on a retention program. If you would like to help by mentoring a beginning non-ACBL member, please email Carol Lee Bellam at [clbellam@shaw.ca](mailto:clbellam@shaw.ca).



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## ***2009 Mentorship Program Wrap Up***

by Carol Lee Bellam

The 2009 Mentorship Program was very successful. Over 300 people were involved, either as mentors or mentees. Everyone who applied by the deadline was matched with a mentor.

I would personally like to thank all of those bridge players who volunteered to be mentors. The feedback from the past year's program was great.

I would also like to thank the Committee who worked behind the scenes and made personal contact with many of our players.

Applications for the 2010 Mentorship Program will be available at clubs during the first week of May. Applications are scheduled to close June 30. We anticipate another very successful program.

The only change in this year's program is that the application for a Mentor will be restricted to those players with 500 masterpoints or less. The Committee feels that players with more than 500 points can approach others to play with them and help them with their bridge.

Please take a few minutes to read the Vision of the Mentorship Program when it is posted at the clubs or online. If you did not respond to the survey, please feel free to email me with your suggestions at [clbellam@shaw.ca](mailto:clbellam@shaw.ca)

### Committee Members

Carol Lee Bellam	Caroline Colliver	Ken Scott
Brenda Bertrand	Janet Gent	Janet Sharpe
Dan Bertrand	Marilyn Haggins	Lorna Smith
Diane Campbell	Freda Nychkalo	

## ***Successful Bridge Lesson Program at the Martinique Bridge Club***

by Carol Lee Bellam

Bridge lessons for Beginner Plus and Intermediate players of bridge have been offered throughout the year at the Martinique at 10 :30 on Saturday mornings.

In the fall, Carol Lee Bellam conducted a 6-week course on 2/1, followed by 4 weeks of more advanced bidding concepts with Dan Bertrand.

In January and February, Carol Lee Bellam did a course on Lebensohl, assisted by Dan Bertrand.

Dan then began an 8-week course on Defence, which concludes at the end of April.

In May, Carol Lee will offer a 4-week course on doubles and overcalls.

The Martinique is committed to helping players improve and to being a centre of learning for beginner and intermediate players. Many thanks to Dan Bertrand for all of his work during the last year.

There will be no classes offered in the summer months. Classes will begin again in September after the Sectional. Watch for advertisements of upcoming bridge lessons due to begin in the fall.



## ***District 18 GNT Finals Upcoming***

The District 18 finals for the 2010 Grand National Teams, Flight A (under 5,000), Flight B (under 2,000) and Flight C (non-life master, under 500), are scheduled for Shelby, Montana on May 14 - 16, 2010.

Successful teams in each flight will be eligible to represent the district in the North American final to be held at the Summer NABC in New Orleans, LA.

Registration and deposit must be received by May 1st. Check the WASUMI site for more details.

<http://www.wasumi.org/Pages/18GNT2009.htm>



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## Being Deep Finesse

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Deep Finesse is a well-known hand analyzer that plays perfect double-dummy bridge. If a contract can be made, Deep Finesse will make it! We've all cried out forlornly, after seeing Deep Finesse's analysis on a hand record "But how can I make it?" Of course Deep Finesse peeks ... that's what double dummy analysis is all about.

One of the first lessons that a starting bridge player learns is basic hand evaluation. All the honour cards are assigned a point value and the sum of those points determines opening bids and responses. As a bridge player gains more experience, he learns to appreciate the value of intermediate cards (10s, 9s and 8s).

Here is a simple example to illustrate. Suppose you hold AQx opposite xxx and you need to take two tricks. Assuming no entry problems, the probability of success is 50%. The King will be in a favourable position half the time. If instead you change AQx to AQ10, the probability of making two tricks increases to 75% (only one out of four times will both the King and the Jack be behind the AQ10).

Unlike an Ace or King, a 10 on its own has no chance to win a trick, but it is a great support card for higher honours. This is why veteran players upgrade the value of a hand that is rich in 10s and 9s, and even 8s.

Making full use of intermediate cards distinguishes the expert from the average player. Assume you are in 6♥ on the following hand.

**Contract:** 6♥

**Lead:** K♦

♠ A82  
♥ KQ9832  
♦ 9  
♣ 876



♠ K4  
♥ AJ754  
♦ A83  
♣ AQ10

It's an excellent contract. The only possible losers are in the club suit. Looking at the club suit in isolation, the AQ10 combination means that two club winners are available 75% of the time. The average player stops his analysis at this point. The expert thinks like Deep Finesse and realizes that the contract can be made 100% of the time.

To achieve this goal the expert draws trumps, eliminates spades and diamonds ending in dummy and, only then, leads a club to the ten. If LHO wins the trick with the ♣J, he must either return a club into the AQ or give declarer a ruff and sluff. The interesting point about this contract is that changing the club suit to AQ9 yields the same result for the expert. Declarer follows the same line of play and the defense is powerless. Changing the ♣10 to the ♣9 drops the average player's chance for success from 75% to 50% - he'll take the simple finesse.

Let's change the hand slightly:

**Contract:** 6♥

**Lead:** K♦

♠ A852  
♥ KQ983  
♦ 9  
♣ 876



♠ K4  
♥ AJ7542  
♦ A8  
♣ AQ3

The expert player no longer has a 100% line of play, but he continues to look deeper to see how to tilt the odds in his favour.

Intermediate bridge players will realize that diamonds and spades can be eliminated, and that an extra chance is available in the club suit by cashing the Ace before leading towards the Queen. The extra chance comes when the ♣K is doubleton behind the ♣AQ3 - LHO will win the second round of clubs but he will be endplayed into giving declarer a ruff and sluff.

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## Being Deep Finesse (continued)

The expert appreciates how to play the club suit to maximum advantage, but recognizes an additional chance. He wins the ♦K with the Ace, pulls trumps and plays three rounds of spades, ruffing the third round in hand. Now the ♦8 is ruffed in the dummy and the last spade (♠8) is led. If RHO shows out, the expert throws the ♣3 endplaying LHO. If RHO covers the spade the expert ruffs and falls back on the same line of play in the club suit as that taken by the intermediate player.

Here's another example of how a hand might be played by bridge players with various skill levels:

**Contract:** 6♥

**Lead:** K♦

♠ KQ85  
♥ KQ98  
♦ 94  
♣ K76



♠ A972  
♥ AJ754  
♦ A8  
♣ A3

Declarer wins the opening lead and plays one round of hearts. The hearts are not 4-0. The inexperienced player draws trumps and hopes that spades are divided 3-2. The intermediate player recognizes that he can cope with a 4-1 spade break as long as there is a singleton 10 or Jack in one hand. To help figure out who might have spade length, after drawing trumps he ruffs the third round of clubs. At that point, the intermediate player might exit with a diamond hoping for a defensive error (a ruff and sluff) or a spade lead away from the J10. If LHO wins the second round of diamonds and leads a spade, the intermediate player is slightly better positioned than the inexperienced player.

Bring on Deep Finesse! The expert looks deeper and spots a line of play that guarantees his contract. After drawing trumps and eliminating clubs, he cashes the ♠K before exiting a diamond. No matter who wins the trick

and regardless of the spade position, both defenders are endplayed.

Suppose LHO wins the second round of diamonds and leads the ♠J or ♠10. Declarer plays low from the dummy and wins the ♠A. If instead LHO leads a low spade declarer plays low from dummy. Any time RHO follows with a spade, the suit is dividing evenly (remember declarer cashed one round of spades before leading diamonds). If RHO shows out of spades declarer will win the trick cheaply in hand. The same considerations hold true if RHO wins the second round of diamonds and is forced to lead spades.

Experts may seem to be luckier than other players, but invariably they know how to take full advantage of all the available opportunities. They concentrate on being Deep Finesse!

## 2009 ALBERTA SECTIONALS MASTERPOINT RACE Final Standings - Top 20

1	136.9	Bob Crosby	
2	120.2	Nicholas Gartaganis	Unit 390
3	111.5	Judith Gartaganis	Unit 390
4	108.3	Allan Simon	Unit 390
5	90.8	Daniel Bertrand	Unit 390
6	84.4	Ilya Kuzkin	Unit 390
7	80.3	Perry Khakhar	
8	79.7	Lucille Barton	
9	79.7	Lee Barton	
10	66.1	David Johnson	Unit 390
11	63.4	Donald Gladman	Unit 390
12	62.9	Maurice de la Salle	
13	56.4	Steven Lawrence	Unit 390
14	55.9	Janet Dunbar	Unit 390
15	51.8	Ray Grace	
16	48.4	Barry Pritchard	
17	43.3	Raj Agrawal	Unit 390
18	42.9	Garry Karst	
19	39.8	Faith Pritchard	
20	38.9	Chris Buchanan	

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## by Brian Willett

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

### JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 19):

Garth Burlingham	Arthur Milne	Dave Shedden
Karin Campa	Allan Penner	Sue Wiedemann
Robert Heidemann	Darren Petersen	

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

Victoria Haines	Ronald Price	Gordon Vance
Betty Lovecky	Lauraine Pysh	
Melissa Martin	Tim Stevenson	

### SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 99):

Ted Anderson	Dolores Frocklage	Jan Mohr
Gail Bews	Eileen McCashew	S M Nathan
Elizabeth Dunphy	Mary Lou McCormick	David Swadron
Larry Fenton	Robert McLeod	

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

Jacqui Chin	Paulette McWilliam	Lorna Smith
Betty Fenton	John Sharpe	Nancy Stewart

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

Helen Dillen	Roxy Sandmaier	Paul Scott
Frank Kelton	Louis Sandmaier	Joan Shannon

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

Barbara Bayer	Joan Dupuis	Franca Matheson
Caroline Colliver	Rosalyn Martin	Jane Shouldice

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

Jack Sisko                      Mary Tebo

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

Merle Hickey                      Maxine Webb                      Marilyn Wiggins

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

Abdul Fakhri                      Paula Sisko

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

Donald Gladman

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

Judith Gartaganis

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

Andy Addab	Anne Laver	Reg Schoffer
Daria Alavidze	Shelly MacDonald	Dave Shedden
Amiran Alavidze	Graham MacDonald	Jack Shen
Joanne Anson	Judy Madge	Louise Shore
Susan Bessant	Sandy Mackie	Gwen Sirianni
Jan Brown	Nilima Mandhame	Chris Smith
Darlene Bruce	Pradip Mehta	Gail Starratt
Gregory Collver	Katy McCowan	Harry Stroud
Mary Anne Crookes	Gordon McKay	Nadia Tadros
George Cushon	Dorothy Mersereau	Jeff Thomson
Meredith Degroat	Anne Olthof	Laura Walton
Richard Degroat	Jan Olthof	Howard Westergard
Nan Douglas	Darren Petersen	Alan White
Jocelyne Drouin	Brenda Pomerance	David Wickens
Cindy Ferguson	Dana Pyke-Dedeluk	Gordon Wickens
Marlene Goodbrand	Shane Pyrcz	Sue Wiedemann
Lynn Grisack	Orville Pyrcz	Susan Wigmore
Karen Hagg	Caenie Pyrcz	Laura Wilson
Robert Heidemann	Kim Rahme	Fred Wilson
Neil Hutton	Sharon Ramsay	Colleen Wong
Lorna Johnston	Rhon Rose	Holly Wytrykush
Rhonda Kerr	Jaymal Ruparell	Joanne Young
Michael Kerr	Roberta Scherman	Val Zacharias

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

Mark Beduz	Ellen Kuiper	Barry Smolkin
Carole Dolan	Gerry Marchant	
Trevor Haight	Jules Poisson	

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

Barbara Colman	Dilys Halford	Aurel Stefanescu
Ramzi Fawaz	Tom Halford	Joan Thomson
Kelly Flock	William McAdam	

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

Richard Dillen	Ruthanne Price	Frances Tadros
Colin Crawford	Beryl Rose	
Carl Forner	Yvonne Snowdy	

Wow! 69 new members since the October report.



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## Club Corner

### Bridgejoy Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Directors: Brian & Joy Saville  
403-239-2768 or 403-464-4455 (cell)  
email: bridgejoy@gmail.com

Thursday 7:15 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.acblunit390.org>

#### Coming Events:

##### Club Championship Games

Thursday, May 13 ..... 7:15 pm  
Friday, May 14 ..... 12:15 pm

##### North American Pairs

Thursday, June 3 (Open) ..... 7:15 pm  
Friday, June 4 (0 - 750) ..... 12:15 pm

### North Calgary Ladies Bridge Club

Varsity Community Hall  
4303 Varsity Drive N.W.

Contact: Carol Lee Bellam, President  
403-270-7438

Tuesday 12:15 pm..... Invitational Pairs

Newcomers play for free for their initial game  
\*\*\* 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 or 403-860-7079 (cell)

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

- Please refrain from wearing any scents or perfumes



### Kudos ...

... to Brian and Joy Saville. They really know how to throw a party!

The Bridgejoy/Bidwell Christmas Party held December 18, 2009 was the size of a regional event - 58 tables! Over 230 bridge players enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal followed by bridge.

### Bob's Bridge Club

Calgary Jewish Centre  
1607 - 90th Avenue S.W.

Director: 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

email: martinique@shaw.ca

### Game Schedule

Monday	7:00 pm.....	Invitational Swiss Teams
Tuesday	12:15 pm.....	Open Pairs
	7:30 pm.....	Open Pairs
Wednesday	12:00 pm.....	Invitational Pairs
	7:30 pm.....	Open Pairs
Thursday	12:15 pm.....	Open Pairs
	7:00 pm.....	Novice Pairs (0-99)
Friday	10:30 pm.....	Open Pairs and Lunch
	7:30 pm.....	Open Pairs
Saturday	7:30 pm.....	Open Swiss Teams



## Bidwell Duplicate Bridge Club

Calgary Canoe Club, North Glenmore Park

7100 Crowchild Trail S.W.

Directors: Brian & Joy Saville

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

email: 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.acblunit390.org>

### Coming Events:

Club Championship Game

Monday, May 10 .....12:15 pm

North American Pairs

Monday, June 7 .....12:15 pm



## Bow River Bridge Club

West Hillhurst Community Centre

1940 6th Ave. N.W.

403-481-3488

### Game Schedule

Wednesday 7:00 pm..... Flighted Swiss Teams

For partners call Elaine Stewart 403-246-8691 or

Dann Kramer 403-246-8224

*For a comprehensive list of Calgary and area bridge clubs and current information on games held, visit:*

[www.acblunit390.org](http://www.acblunit390.org)



### *Upcoming Unit 390 Tournament Dates*

Calgary.....September 10 - 12, 2010

Calgary.....November 12 - 14, 2010

Red Deer Regional.....August 9 - 15, 2010



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## Mini-McKenney

### Unit 390 Winners for 2009

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Vance	Calgary AB	30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emelie Quennell	Calgary AB	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joanne Sharpe	Calgary AB	23

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lorna Smith	Calgary AB	88
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shirley McLeod	Calgary AB	63
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert McLeod	Calgary AB	56

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Sharpe	Calgary AB	80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacqui Chin	Calgary AB	75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paulette McWilliam	Calgary AB	69

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Byron Lund	Calgary AB	197
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Warren Richards	Calgary AB	172
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marilyn Swadron	Calgary AB	137

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marilyn Haggins	Calgary AB	265
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Murray Haggins	Calgary AB	250
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelly Flock	Victoria BC	157

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Patrick Murphy	Calgary AB	128
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Porter	Calgary AB	117
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathleen Dinneen	Calgary AB	114

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet Sharpe	Calgary AB	229
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Garry Ramsden-Wood	Calgary AB	200
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jean Ward	Calgary AB	136

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Diane Campbell	Calgary AB	274
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ilya Kuzkin	Calgary AB	247
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maged Wafa	Calgary AB	244

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Abdul Fakh	Calgary AB	397
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Linda Harrison	Calgary AB	364
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Berglund	Calgary AB	333

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Allan Simon	Calgary AB	271
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary AB	241
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donald Gladman	Calgary AB	236

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB	426
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judith Gartaganis	Calgary AB	226
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Francesca Walton	Calgary AB	170

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerry Marshall	Las Varas NM	410
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	260

## Ace of Clubs

### Unit 390 Winners for 2009

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Emelie Quennell	Calgary AB	16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rita Kutz	Calgary AB	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gordon Vance	Calgary AB	14

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lorna Smith	Calgary AB	57
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elizabeth Dunphy	Calgary AB	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan Mohr	Calgary AB	26

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacqui Chin	Calgary AB	48
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Sharpe	Calgary AB	46
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shirley King	Calgary AB	44

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Byron Lund	Calgary AB	96
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Warren Richards	Calgary AB	70
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gail Bews	Calgary AB	58

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marilyn Haggins	Calgary AB	92
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Murray Haggins	Calgary AB	80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Olson	Calgary AB	58

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Patrick Murphy	Calgary AB	67
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathleen Dinneen	Calgary AB	60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marjorie Grubb	Calgary AB	58

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet Sharpe	Calgary AB	123
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jean Ward	Calgary AB	84
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Armstrong	Calgary AB	77

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Maged Wafa	Calgary AB	181
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Diane Campbell	Calgary AB	142
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Julius	Calgary AB	135

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Abdul Fakh	Calgary AB	176
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tina Gokturk	Calgary AB	168
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sami Naydani	Saint-Bruno QC	147

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elaine Stewart	Calgary AB	129
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gladys Minor	Calgary AB	70
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary AB	69

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB	105
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judith Gartaganis	Calgary AB	22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dann Kramer	Calgary AB	15

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerry Marshall	Las Varas NM	30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	24

# THE KIBITZER

## *Double Edged*

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

*"If the opponents never make a doubled contract, you aren't doubling enough!"*

Chances are that you've heard something along these lines, perhaps at your last après-session post-mortem. There is some validity in the statement, but if your conversion rate is closer to 50% than to 100%, you need help.

When considering whether or not to double the opponents in an uncontested auction, there are two rules of thumb:

- Make sure you don't jump the gun ... doubling them in 3 when they were planning to go to 4 can be very expensive, particularly if they redouble.
- Make sure you have a surprise for declarer. The opponents won't be shocked by your high card power - they know about those missing points! They will be surprised if you have unexpected trump length.

In contested auctions, you will, at some point, have to make a decision about doubling, bidding on, or passing. You can't make the decision on power alone; you have to assess the balance sheet.

Jeff Rubens, in his book "The Secrets of Winning Bridge", first wrote about the principle of In-Out Valuation. In general, he says, a hand is stronger (offensively) if it has secondary honours in suits known to be held by partner and primary honours elsewhere. Extending this to hand evaluation in competitive contexts, the principle states

*"When some of your honours are in your suits and some are in their suits, the more secondary values you have in your suits and primary values you have in their suits, the more offensively oriented your hand; the more secondary honours you have in their suits and the more primary honours you have in your suits, the more defensively oriented your hand."*

Let's see how this impacts the "to double or not to double" balance sheet:

### Positive factors

These suggest that the opponents are likely to go down and thus favour doubling.

- the opponents try to stop at a lower level, but you push them up
- declarer is not known to be a strong dummy player
- you hold trump control, so you can get ruffs before declarer is able to draw your trumps
- you hold aces outside trumps, so you are sure to get in and can control the play more advantageously
- you have a (known) misfit with partner
- the In-Out Valuation suggests your hand is more suited to defence

For example, if you have QJ109 of their trumps, that's just 3 of your HCPs, but the holding represents two sure tricks; AK2 of their trumps takes the same two sure tricks, but it represents 7 of your HCP assets.

### Negative factors

These are warning flags and suggest that a double may backfire.

- one of the opponents is still unlimited
- partner opened in third seat (unless your partnership has a firm rule forbidding light third-hand openings)
- partner may have an undisclosed fit with you (for example, when you open a minor, partner may have length in the suit and still not raise)
- you have no safe opening lead
- partner is bound to get off to a bad lead (you have opened or overcalled in a J-high suit, for example)
- partner will almost certainly pull if you double (in this case, even if you know they are going down, you should pass)
- your trump holding is vulnerable to finesse (there is nothing worse than tipping declarer how to play trumps by doubling)
- the In-Out Valuation suggests your hand is more suited to offence

For example, if you have QJ109x of your suit, you may not take any tricks there.

Keep track of your successes and failures. Create a memory bank (unless you're like us and need a sticky note bank ☺) of what works and what doesn't. This will help you make better decisions, in good tempo, with improved results.





# AUDREY GRANT

## **A Festival with Audrey Grant**

### **Opening the Bidding and the Impact on the Entire Deal**

**Braeside Community Centre  
11024 Braeside Drive SW, Calgary**

**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

**10:00 am - Noon**

**Part 1 - workshop**

**Noon - 1:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Part 11 - workshop**

**Lunch is available for purchase on site**

**\$125 includes textbook and workshop**

**There will be an open pairs game at the Braeside Community Centre during the evening of September 18. Cost \$7. Game time 7:30 pm**

**For more information and to register contact Elaine Stewart:**

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**This event is limited in space. Tickets must be ordered by June 1, 2010 to guarantee your spot. Make your cheque payable to Elaine Stewart and mail to:**

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