

The Kibitzer

THE CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390



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Editor: Martin McDonald

Presidents Message — October 2011

Here we are in October. Since the last Kibitzer in April, we have had our AGM meeting on May 14, 2011 with four Board meetings and one Sectional in September.

The AGM was very successful. Members were uplifted and enthusiastic at the meeting. They must have liked what they saw or perhaps it was the wonderful dinner that Chris Galbraith prepared. My wife wishes that I could cook like him. Wow what a dinner! We received many compliments about the meeting and the dinner.

At this meeting, the membership approved the Special Resolution on Unit By-laws

Over the summer, Lou Sandmaier suggested to the Board that the wagons in the Unit trailer required upgrading. He took on the task to redesign them in order to make them easier to move to and from our Sectional and Regional sites. Thanks Lou for taking this on and in particular for your time and skill set to design and construct these. It will save time in transporting card tables and equipment in our trailer.

The annual audit was finalized and sent in the registration package to the Alberta Societies Branch in Edmonton. Thanks Doris Fishman for taking on the Audit and Emelie Quennell for the submission.

Warren Richards has joined the Board over the summer as our Special Events Coordinator. Melissa Martin has now moved to the Treasurer position.

We also have new additions in Bob and Shirley Mcleod. They have taken over New Member Liaison. From now on they will be sending out the New Member introductory packages that we send to all new members.

We have had a busy summer! Dave Swadron is helping with the Webmasters position assisting Merle Hickey. No doubt, you have seen the changes to our website.

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Also, after many years as the Ethics recorder, Allan Simon has stepped down and passed the position to one of his partners Brad Boyle. We, the Board look forward to working with Brad. A big thanks to Allan Simon for being a guiding light for so long.

Carol Lee Bellam, along with Diane Campbell, has organized the mentorship program for 2011. The placements are complete and hopefully all involved are enhancing their skill set.

If you haven't checked out what is going on at the Martinique on Wednesday nights, you really should. For the past year and a half, Ed Faichuk, Carol Lee Bellam, along with Marilyn and Murray Haggins, have introduced Novice Night and Bid and Play.

Anyone who is new to Bridge can come in and play to learn the basics of the game. These four leaders ask for assistance at times, and many have been out to do their share. I encourage all of you to help them one night if you are free. Just call Carol Lee. Also you could help them by referring a friend (or perhaps a nemesis) to the game of Bridge. Check out their advertisement here in the Kibitzer. Why not print it off and give it to your friends.

Besides our normal four Sectionals per year, do not forget to mark in your calendar the Regional on August 10 to 16th 2012. Marilyn and Murray Haggins are our Co-Chairs of this event. You will note they and their committee have built a website for this event: <http://www.calgaryregional.acblunit390.org>

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of our Board Members for their continuing contributions and efforts in enhancing the game of Bridge in Calgary. Also there are a lot of Board Associates that, if it were not for them, our games could not run smoothly. I thank you all wholeheartedly.

Respectfully

Jim Murphy
President

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BRIDGE BEHIND BARS

Book Review by Martin McDonald

Our hero embroiled in a bitter custody battle joins the Father Rights Foundation and dressed as Superman climbs onto the hands of Big Ben in protest only to fall off at half past six. The judge, who thought Ghandi exercising civil disobedience was the personification of mortal sin, sentences "Superman" to six years in Great Yarborough Prison. Thus the setting promises "cutthroat" bridge and the occasional Yarborough against the odds of 1827 to 1. We even see the elusive un-yarborough i.e. a hand with no card lower than a ten. Your reviewer has assigned Yeti as its true appellation since it is such a monster. There are many innovations and cunning linguistics in this volume that is easily read to the accompaniment of the Folsom Prison Blues or Walk The Line or other charming ditty from one of the not so venerable institutions of higher learning. Playing with Goat versus Turnip Head and the Bossman, our hero gets to demonstrate why ethics are the most important aspect of the Grand Game even in the Slammer.

However Julian Pottage and Nick Smith collaborating for the first time seize the day to present every conceivable dirty trick in the book and several others that Hoyle never dreamed of like the Super Glue Coup and the Pooti Shake. Reminiscent in some ways but far superior to Underhanded Bridge by Jerry Sohl with the Alcatraz and Leavenworth Coups and the Sing Sing Squeeze, this little jewel is so much more with hands that turn back the hands of time and deals that make the Mississippi River Boat Gambler's Hand look like a petty swindle. There is more than one chapter with a repertory of boards so ausgezeichnet that the James Bond Moonraker deal against Hugo Drax will henceforward be eschewed as Carte Blanche for newcomers to the genre.

Your reviewer is not encouraging you to adopt these techniques. Indeed the opposite. But the quality of the analyses and the adept even poetic descriptions of the end-plays and positional and automatic strip-squeezes make this beauty a must read for every non-serious bridge player.

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Published by Master Point Press in 2006 and available at Chapters/Indigo outlets or online in hardcover for CDN \$21.95 or in paperback new from Amazon.ca for \$13.03 plus shipping, this 208 page treat will keep you laughing long after you unwind the duplicitous deals. Warren Buffett once opined: I wouldn't mind going to jail if I had three cellmates

who played bridge." This suitable primer explains why the pasteboard jungle has one unwritten rule. When one child asked him at the Omaha (Council Bluffs) Regional in the first week of August, "What do you like best about bridge, Mr. Buffett?" Warren answered as the red blooded bridge player he is: "Winning!!"



The usual suspects meeting clandestinely at an undisclosed location to plot the 2012 Calgary Regional.



2012 Calgary Regional

By: Murray and Marilyn Haggins

We are looking for ways to enhance hospitality and that requires funding. The following are the fund raising ideas

Sponsorship	Platinum	\$500+
	Gold	\$400
	Silver	\$250
	Bronze	\$100 or less

If you have a link to a corporation that would be interested in sponsoring us . We can offer visibility at the Regional .Let us know and we can provide you a sponsorship letter.

A special unit game like the Bridgenuts game on May 28th.

Garage sales will take place next spring; volunteer to help organize and run as well as set aside articles for donation. Let us raise the bar and have a fun-filled regional.

Help Wanted

U2 could be one of the usual suspects. We need help in fund raising, organize a Calcutta, golf tournament, Helping with the bulletin , manning the partnership desk etc

Check out our website @

<http://calgaryregional.acblunit390.org/>

You may contact Murray or Marilyn @ 403 547-4023 or m.mhaggins@shaw.ca

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Play This Hand with Me

by Frank Ayer

Terrence Reese, the British bridge star, wrote 2 books where he described his thoughts as he bid and played 60 hands. Play Bridge with Reese was the first of them; read them if you get the chance. It is in this style that I want to describe a hand I played in the Vernon Sectional Swiss Teams.

Playing with an expert partner against unknown opponents my hand is ♠- AJ3, ♥- 642, ♦- Q1063, ♣- KQ3. In first seat vulnerable I open 1♣; I don't like the 4333 shape but the honours are working together and Steve expects me to open most 12-counts. The opponents pass throughout and partner responds 1♥. I rebid 1NT and Steve ends the auction with 3NT. The opening lead is what I can only describe as a confident ♣7 and partner displays an average but useful dummy:

♠ - K107				
♥ - AK75	North	East	South	West
♦ - KJ42			1♦	pass
♣ - 85	1♥	pass	1NT	pass
	3NT	all pass		
♠ - AJ3				
♥ - 642	opening lead - ♣7			
♦ - Q1063				
♣ - KQ3				

There are 8 obvious tricks - 2 Spades, 2 Hearts, 3 Diamonds, and 1 Club. The 9th trick will have to come from a Spade finesse, a 3rd Heart, or a 2nd Club trick; maybe East has the Club Ace and plays it. No luck, after I play dummy's ♣5, East plays the ♣10, and I have my first decision: do I win or duck? It appears that the lead is from a 5 or 6 card suit headed by the Ace and Jack. The opponents lead 4th best from strength against NT so the "rule of 11" tells me the 10 is the only Club higher than the 7 on my right. The question is "Who has the Diamond Ace"? If the opening leader has it I should win this trick otherwise East will play a Club to the

Ace followed by a 3rd Club eliminating my stopper before I can dislodge West's Diamond Ace. If East has the Diamond Ace and Clubs are 6-2 I should duck to cut communications between the defenders.

I win the first trick with the ♠K since if Clubs are 5-3 West can duck the 2nd Club and I am down no matter who has the Diamond Ace. I play the ♠Q and it holds. This is good news since if East held the Diamond Ace he would surely win immediately to return a Club. I continue Diamonds and West wins the 3rd round as East discards an encouraging ♥3. LHO returns ♥8 and I win the ♥A as East follows with the ♥9. When I cash the 4th Diamond RHO pitches the ♣6 confirming the Club distribution as 5-3 and LHO the ♥10. I have 9 tricks if I can get 3 Spade tricks or a 2nd Club and it's tempting to finesse Spades into West's hand where I'm safe from immediate defeat. While a winning finesse gives me the contract a losing finesse merely postpones defeat. East's Heart discard on the 3rd Diamond was almost certainly from QJ93. Clubs were 5-3, Diamonds were 3-2, Hearts were 2-4 and I am quite confident the position is now:

♠ - K107	
♥ - K75	
♦ -	
♣ - 8	
♠ - (Q)xx	♠ - (Q)xxx
♥ -	♥ - QJ
♦ -	♦ -
♣ - AJxx	♣ - x
♠ - AJ3	
♥ - 64	
♦ -	
♣ - Q3	

I cash the ♥K to apply some pressure on West and to confirm the distribution. East follows with the ♥J and West pitches the ♣2. I don't know who has the Spade Queen but it doesn't matter.

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I play the ♣8 to my ♣Q. West wins the ♣A and 2 more Clubs but then has to lead into my Spade tenace. I score 3 Spade tricks. The whole hand:

♠ - K107	
♥ - AK75	
♦ - KJ42	
♣ - 85	
♠ - Q92	♠ - 8654
♥ - 108	♥ - QJ93
♦ - A75	♦ - 98
♣ - AJ972	♣ - 1064
♠ - AJ3	
♥ - 642	
♦ - Q1063	
♣ - KQ3	

West had no good discard on the King of Hearts. A Club pitch reduces her to 3 Club winners and a Club to my Queen end-plays her in Spades. A Spade discard removes an exit card and makes it safe to cash the Spade King and finesse the Jack end-playing her in Clubs if the finesse lost. The King of Hearts squeezed West out of either a Club winner or a safe Spade exit. The ending is the same if West discards a Club or Spade on the 4th Diamond instead of the Heart.

In the play commentary I mentioned that East's Club discard on the 4th Diamond confirmed the Club distribution as 5-3 because East would keep at least one Club. A Spade discard instead would have kept the possibility of Clubs 6-2 and made the hand tougher to count. When West pitched a Club on the Heart King I would have to guess whether she started with 2 Spades and 6 Clubs or her actual hand. With the AJ-sixth of Clubs and the Diamond Ace she might have overcalled 2♣ and I might have guessed right. East's Club discard giving away distributional information is a common dilemma - to give partner (and declarer) the count or not.

West's Heart discard on the 4th Diamond likewise allowed me to confirm the Heart distribution as

2-4 when I cashed the Heart King - Hearts could have been Q108 with West and J93 with East. Clubs could have been 4-4 (and Spades 4-3 instead of 3-4) but I discounted this possibility because of the sureness of the lead. Defenders should try to make all plays in tempo, a difficult talent to develop.

At the other table Aline and Mike managed to beat 3NT by 2 tricks. Declarer won Aline's opening Club lead and knocked out her Diamond Ace. Aline returned a Heart and discarded a Club on the 4th Diamond. Declarer finessed the Spade Jack before cashing the Heart King. Aline exited safely with another Spade and the attempt to endplay her with King and another Heart was not successful.



THE LADIES OF SOUTH CALGARY BRIDGE

It is always heartwarming to hear the good news from the South Calgary Ladies Bridge Club. For example this year their Annual Charity Soup Day will be held Friday Oct 21, 2011 at Haysboro Community Association 1204 - 89th Ave SW at 11:30 AM. Donations will be gratefully accepted and all proceeds this year go to Inn From The Cold. Last year the approximately one hundred Ladies who attended donated more than \$5,000 to their favorite Charity. The average donation was FIFTY dollars per member which is extraordinary generosity by any standard.

This year the Club Members hospitality included a 95th birthday party for Win Dolsen. The various pictures depict the principals and the party in full swing. The delightfully moist turkey, ham and beef croissants were served on a bed of lettuce and complemented by fresh vegetable platters, cheese trays and a special birthday cake prepared on special orders by Garrison Woods Safeway. There was no report filed on the results but any time you can play bridge with your friends especially your birthday is guaranteed to be enjoyable.

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Membership Report

JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 19):

Myron Achtman
Donna Badiou
Imelde Bardana
Mary Anne Crookes
Maureen Davis
Brent Gough
Karen Hagg
Shannon Haggins
Judy Madge
Elizabeth Milner
Jay Newington
Doris Ostergaard
Andrea Petzold
Susan Piercy
Gavin Proudfoot
Bernard Siebring
Carol Thompson
Pam Wallace
Keith Wallace
Helen Webster
Gordon Wickens

CLUB MASTER

(20 - 49 including 5 black):

Amiran Alavidze
Deborah Ambrose
Zan Aycock
Susan Bessant
Rick Boyd
Pauline Boyd
Patricia Davidson
Bob Gagnon
Linda Garrett
Lynn Grisack
J. Kenneth Grove
Andrea Killackey
Susan Korba
Sandy Lough
Patricia Panei
Rolande Parel
Dana Pyke Dedeluk
Doug Quail
Kim Rahme
Carol Saponja
Louise Shore
Marny Simpson
Wayne J P Turley
Melissa Wigham

SECTIONAL MASTER

(50 - 99 including 10 black and 5 silver):

Mary Abel
Bev Butler
Carolyn Chachula
Kim Cohos
Cindy Ferguson
Nadene Gillis

Robert Heidemann
Paula Hopwood
Grant Karatnyk
Barbara Macdougall
Caenie Pycz
Elizabeth Sprague
Randy Tyson

REGIONAL MASTER

(100 - 199 including 15 black, 15 silver and 5 red or gold/platinum):

Errol Benjamin
Cynthia Clark
Arlene Connell
Linda Heidemann
Elizabeth Hepner
Ellen Kuiper
Ann Slattery
Vivian Winestock

NABC MASTER

(200 - 299 including 20 black, 25 silver, 15 red or gold/platinum and 5 gold/platinum):

Linda Legare
Bob McLeod
Paulette McWilliam

ADVANCED NABC MASTER

(300 - 499 including 50 black, 50 silver, 25 red or gold/platinum and 25 gold/platinum):

LIFE MASTER (500 including 75 black, 75 silver, 50 red or gold/platinum and 50 gold/platinum):

Arthur Iwasa
Chris Murphy
Dennis Olson
Connie Wignall
Helen Dillen
David Swadron

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

(Category Retired - Was Life Master over 500):

Kathleen Dinneen
Clarende Duby
Joy Gloin
Marjorie Grubb
Alan Hochstein
Marilyn Swadron
Brian Turner

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

Lamya Abougoush

Barb Beagle
Margaret Cooke
Nancy Klym
Rodney Ward

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

Linda Harrison

Welcome to the following players who transferred into our Unit:

Barbara Hollis
Dianne Lietz
S Margret McMeekin
Norman Miller
Yvonne Montgomery
Bettina Sinclair
Joan Thomson
Randy Tyson

Sorry to see the following players leave our Unit:

Patricia Panei

Welcome to the following new ACBL Members:

Myron Achtman
Lee Anderson
Sheila Bailey
Lynne Clayton
Patricia Culver
Sharon Donaldson
Brian Edgar
Irene Hanley
Len Himelfarb
Bill Howard
Irene Jackson
Bill Judd
Kathleen Khan
Gary Leonard
Jenny Miller
Elizabeth Milner
Sherry O'Donnell
Karen Osborne
Gavin Proudfoot
Irene Ruff
Lorraine Somerville

We regret to report the passing of the following players:

Peggy Muir
Heinz Weis
Willie Zinter
Theresa Hyde

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Club Corner

Elbow River Bridge Club

Monday nights at Elbow River Club (7:00PM)
St. Peter's Anglican Church
903 75 Ave SW, Calgary, AB, T2V0S7

At the corner of Elbow Drive and 75th Ave.
S.W. (MAP)

Ample free parking.
Wheelchair friendly (elevator)

Clean, free coffee and cookies.

This is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run bridge club operated by the Calgary Community Bridge League.

Proceeds will go towards the enjoyment of the game and excess profits are designated towards a future Calgary Bridge Centre.

Phone Hazel Skelton (403-249-7977) or Elaine Stewart (403-246-8691) for Partners

This is an Open Pairs game, with special consideration for mentor-mentees.

Bidwell Duplicate Bridge Club

Woodcliff United Church
5010 Spruce Drive S.W.

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

Monday 12:00 noon Open Pairs Stratified

*** Please note new starting time ***

- Please do not wear perfume as some players are allergic
- Web site: <http://www.acblunit390.org>

Bidwell Special Games:

Charity Championship (cards fees \$8.00)

Monday, April 25 12:00 noon

Club Championship Game

Monday, May 16 12:00 noon

North American Open Pairs (red points)

Monday, June 6 12:00 noon

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Fish Creek DBC

Location - Recreation Centre at Hays Farm. 2 blocks East of Elbow Drive on 89'th Ave. SW (on the South side)

Tuesdays - the Fish Creek Game - will be Open and Stratified starting at 12:15. We will play 24 boards so that people will get out at around 3:00. Games will be preceded by a lesson or Q&A session at 11:45

- a. There will be no game on the weeks that the NW Ladies allow men into their games
- b. Two weeks a month, there will be a lesson prior to the game. No charge.
- c. On the other week, there will be a Q&A on the previous week's hands.

Lessons will be based on bidding, counting, play and defence - with very little focus on conventions.

There is time to socialize, and our 6-10 tables of players seem to love the style of the game. It's stratified, and a great learning opportunity - so although you may play against some of the best players in town, you win points based on your success relative to others at your level - but occasionally, you can win the whole thing and get even more points.

This is a volunteer-run game; all profits are given to the CCBL for the Calgary Bridge Centre. We do our best to provide partners, but request that you give us some advance notice.

Call Elaine Stewart at 246-8691, or Jim Berglund at 667-2331



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)

Game Schedule

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

Please refrain from wearing any scents or perfumes

Bridgejoy Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Owner/Director: 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 0-1000 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>

Bridgejoy Special Games:

Charity Championships (cards fees \$8.00)

Thursday, April 28 7:15 pm

Friday, April 29 12:15 pm

Club Championship Game

Thursday, May 18 7:15 pm

North American Open Pairs (red points)

Thursday, June 2 7:15 pm

Friday, June 3 12:15 pm



Our society is doomed unless we teach them to play bridge.

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Club Corner

North Calgary Ladies Bridge Club

Varsity Community Hall
4303 Varsity Drive N.W.

President: Carol Lee Bellam 403-270-7438

Club Manager: Paula Sisko 403-286-7103

Tuesday 12:15 pm Invitational Pairs

Coming Events:

STAC Game - *Silver points!*

Tuesday, May 3 12:15 pm

Please refrain from wearing scents or perfumes



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 1:00pm Open Pairs Stratified

Bob's Bridge Club holds a game every Sunday. It's a very comfortable, friendly yet competitive game with players of all levels ranging from beginner to expert. For those of you mentoring, this is a great place to do it. Please come out and support us. It's a terrific way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



Bow River Bridge Club

1531 21 Ave NW,
Calgary AB
403-481-3488

Game Schedule

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

For partners and team arrangements, call
Elaine Stewart 403-246-8691

Players at all levels are welcome.

"Thank You" from the Club Manager

Our game has become well established, averaging 12 to 17 tables each week. But the success of the game is totally due to the unconditional support we get from every participant. Every single person helps when he/she walks in the door. They help set up tables and chairs, put out the table cards and bidding boxes, pre-shuffle the cards, help in the kitchen, bring goodies to share and then they help with the take-down. They do it with smiles on their faces and are always willing to do more.

Delores Hedley



Photo of some Calgary attendees at the Toronto NABC in July 2011



Mike Lawrence

BRIDGE WITH

Presents

Saturday, Oct 15: 10:30 - 12:45 A.M. and 1:45 - 4:00 P.M.
Shaganappi Library - Lower Amphitheatre, 3415 8 St SW
Sunday, Oct 16: 10:30 - 12:45 A.M. and 1:45 - 4:00 P.M.
Cedarbrae Community Centre: 11024 Oakfield Dr SW



Lunch available for \$10.00. Prepared by

Cost for all sessions: \$200

Call Elaine Stewart for Tickets

403-246-8691



Proceeds towards the Calgary Community Bridge League Building Fund