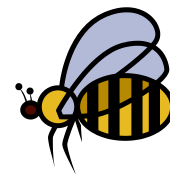


# The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter

March 2014

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Unit 431 has had another very successful year with 2 Sectionals, 12 mentor games, an annual Newcomers' game, a Christmas party, the Ace of Hearts in February and the Ace of Spades in October.

The Mentor games continue to increase in numbers with an average of over 12 tables once a month. We are all very grateful for the hard work of Alison Campbell who pairs the mentors and the mentees. The Ace of Hearts and Ace of Spades (games for players with fewer than 200 points) had around 24 tables each. These games are to encourage newer player to compete and become more experienced. With the general increase in the numbers of tables at clubs, it seems that we are being successful.

Last year we began to use the Bridgemates we purchased for our Sectionals. At last year's AGM, it was asked if we could make these units available to the local clubs. Throughout the year, we received requests for this from the club owners. Our mandate is to improve the quality of the bridge experience in Unit 431 and we felt that making Bridgemates available to all sanctioned clubs would be a fulfillment of this mandate. The clubs would be charged a rental fee which would also enable us to build up a cash reserve for maintenance and replacement of the machines over time. We are working out the details and hope that the machines will be in use in the clubs in April. We hope you will appreciate this move by the Unit Board to reinvest in the local bridge community.

The Board assumed a new responsibility last year. It took on the responsibility of appointing a Regional Chair and offering the Chair support through a Board Liaison member. Jan Galenza has offered to be the Chair for the next Regional and has written about this in more detail in this newsletter.

Ele Gibson, Unit President

## ACE OF HEARTS

The Unit 431 sponsored Ace of Hearts Sectional was held at St. Aidan's on February 22, 2014. The sectional promotes tournament opportunities for bridge players with fewer than 200 Master points. Despite the competition from snow and the Olympics there were 16 tables for the Pairs game in the morning session and 10 tables for the Swiss Teams in the afternoon session.



Gayle Good presenting the Margaret Hinton Memorial Trophy to the overall winners, Helen Lindholm and Jane Danzo.

Ryley Brieddal and Susan Brieddal won the morning Pairs game with a 66.67% game. The Swiss Team winners in the afternoon were: Helen Lindholm, Jane Danzo, Norman Prelypchan and Bob Simson. Overall winners for the day were Helen Lindholm and Jane Danzo who were presented with the Margaret Hinton Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to all!



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Unit 431 held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Membership in the Unit has risen slightly to 490.

## *In Memoriam*

Roger Begg  
Mike Champion  
Gary Dobson  
Roza Etterington  
Vivian Kuhn  
Linda Munro  
David Richardson  
Donna Strawson

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The winner of the individual movement game was Gayle Good, seen in the picture below being presented with the Victoria Duplicate Bridge Individual City Championship trophy (aka "Rose Bowl") by President Ele Gibson.



Gayle Good and Ele Gibson

## Meet Your Unit 431 Board of Directors

**Four new board members were elected at the AGM :**

**Deb Carnes** – Deb Carnes, originally from Montreal, has also lived and worked in Calgary and Brisbane, Australia. She was a marketing manager for a petrochemical company in Calgary, and worked as a writer for the Goodwill Game in Australia. She is married with 3 children, and hopes to be an empty-nester by 2015. She moved to Victoria 10 years ago and spends non-bridge time travelling, playing golf and tennis, doing volunteer couples counselling, and walking the dog.

**Jon Gage, Asset Inventory Coordinator** – Jonathan Gage worked as a teacher for 36 years in Quebec and Ontario. He and his wife, Donna, moved to Victoria in 2007 to enjoy the great life here and to be with their three sons, five grandchildren and Jon's 93 year old father who all live in the Victoria area. Jon's other interests are traveling, hiking, swimming, reading and his wife.

### **Jill Stainforth, Membership and Recruitment**

**Coordinator** - Jill grew up in Peru and Venezuela, graduated from a US university eventually after leaving to teach tennis in Morocco - then lived in Sarajevo, Ottawa, Bern, Milan and London before moving to Victoria in 2001. In Milan she published "A Survival Guide to Milan" for the expat community. She has one very glamorous daughter living in the UK.

**Judy Stewart** – Judy returned to Victoria in 2007 after living in Whistler for seven years and working as a Marriage Commissioner. She initially taught high school and stopped to raise her two boys. She loves her bridge but also reading, knitting, travelling and Pilates.

Members remaining on the board are:

**Tony Farr, Tournament Coordinator**

**Ele Gibson, President**

**Peggy Pepper, Secretary**

**Gail Richardson, Treasurer**

**Jan Soutar, Vice President**

**Leslie Wood, Webmaster**

## UNIT 431 MINI MCKENNEY STANDINGS

Masterpoints earned at any ACBL event

Point Range	Name	Points Earned
0-5	Russell S Page*	73.13
	Janice M Closson	21.71
	Ryley Breiddal	16.33
5-20	Douglas R Smith	28.15
	Vivian J Rennie	25.39
	Brenda George	21.69
20-50	Terry Foster	63.92
	Derek Nurse	59.34
	Gloria P Dorrance	50.35
50-100	Esther K Wiebe	83.42
	Russ W Etherington	60.85
	David Buckman	52.58
100-200	Kim Imada	109.46
	Andrea M Pite	74.10
	Dallas B Goodchild	72.43
200-300	Jonathan B Gage	121.00
	Robert A Cheeseman	118.94
	Ann Mazuruk	102.40
300-500	Andrea Miller	140.34
	Suzanne M Reed	100.81
	Karen Wood	92.74
500-1000	Tony K Farr	211.91
	David H Todd	189.17
	Danielle Goulet	181.33
1000-2500	Debbie Wastle	185.85
	Karen H Turner	161.63
	Michael Ainsley	154.80
2500-5000	Ernie H Tradewell	205.87
	Ted Heck	159.88
	Bela G Hirczy	149.12
5000-7500	Brian Fraser	270.92
	Michael J Hargreaves	18.71
7500-10,000	Sandra E Fraser	272.19
	Michael J Roche	237.02
	James M McAvoy	86.90
Over 10,000	Gerry W McCully	556.47
	Rhonda L Foster	526.46
	Doug Fraser	342.68

## UNIT 431 ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS

Masterpoints earned at Unit events

Point Range	Name	Points Earned
0-5	Russell Page	53.17
	Janice Closson	16.85
	Daniel Sunstrum	14.30
5-20	Douglas Smith	22.13
	Vivian Rennie	19.56
	Tom Dodge	16.79
20-50	Derek Nurse	53.07
	Terry Foster	49.29
	Jean- Philipp Weber	32.29
50-100	Esther Wiebe	62.43
	Russ Etherington	46.24
	Christine Oliver	39.02
100-200	Kim Imada	74.22
	Andrea Pite	65.51
	Dallas Goodchild	59.78
200-300	Robert Cheeseman	86.59
	Jonathan Gage	74.97
	Janet Dong	57.10
300-500	Nev Hircock	74.89
	Andrea Miller	71.18
	Lorraine Moskovitz	54.83
500-1000	Tony Farr	109.65
	David Todd	95.22
	David Reid	85.81
1000-2500	Gail Richardson	91.17
	Alison Campbell	80.19
	Delma Murray	79.39
2500-5000	Bela G Hirczy	141.39
	Peggy Wright	120.00
	Ernie Tradewell	114.23
5000-7500	Brian Fraser	127.46
	Michael J Roche	12.91
7500-10,000	James McAvoy	2.27
	Sandra Fraser	1.98
	Duncan H Smith	107.84
Over 10,000	Doug Fraser	52.13
	Rhonda Foster	47.54

\*Russell Page was first in his category for all of District 19!!

## BIG GAMES

75.32%	Karen Billett - Donald Gray	Dec. 3, Monterey
73.18%	Brian Fraser – Ernie Tradewell	Feb. 21, VBC
71.78%	Brian Fraser – Larry Margetish	Feb. 18, VBC
71.73%	Tom Coward - Dan Owen-Keith	Feb. 15, VBC
71.64%	David Reid – Harry Sadd	Feb. 21, VBC
71.43%	Brian Fraser – Roger Allen	Jan. 29, Capital City
71.13%	Tom Coward – Doug Scott	Jan. 29. Leaders
71.06%	David Reid – Tony Farr	Feb 26, Capital City

Congratulations to Sandra and Doug Fraser. They were second in the Senior Mixed Pairs at the 2013 Fall NABC in Phoenix, Arizona. A total of 272 pairs took part in the event.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Changes to Alert Chart

Effective January 2014, the following changes have been made to the ACBL Alert Chart:

1. A weak jump shift by advancer is not alertable. "Advancer" is defined as the partner of an overcaller.
2. All 2♦ responses to a strong 2♣ opening are non-alertable. This includes all meanings of 2♦ including waiting, game-forcing and negative or control/point showing. [Other responses which are not natural (such as 2♥ showing a bad hand) still require an Alert.]

## Name Tags

If anyone would like a gold plated name tag with the ACBL logo, please contact Jill Stainforth at [jstainforth@yahoo.ca](mailto:jstainforth@yahoo.ca). The process takes approximately two weeks and the cost is \$8.50.

On another note, we have received a suggestion asking if members could wear their name tags at all club and tournament games. We have many newer players who don't know everyone and it makes for a friendlier game if they know their opponents' names.

## QUESTIONS?

Are you wondering what is going on in your Bridge world?

### Clubs

All the local clubs have websites listing their game schedule, results and special events.

### Unit 431

The Unit website at <http://www.d19.org/victoria/> has a full listing of all upcoming events, including a 2014 Calendar of Events listing not only Unit 431 events (Sectionals, mentor games, etc) but also tournaments on Vancouver Island and the Vancouver area. The dates for D19 STAC games can be found there along with the dates for both the Penticton and Seaside Regional tournaments.

Electronic flyers for Unit 431 events are on the website. For those people without access to a computer, printed flyers are available at all the local clubs.

Prior to any major event, announcements are made at the clubs and emails are sent to all members via the ACBL and/or the local Unit. In the case of the Newcomer game, emails are sent to all members with fewer than 100 masterpoints encouraging them to take part. They then receive a reminder phone call the week before the game.

Want to know what the Unit is up to? Minutes of all Unit board meetings are available on the website.

### District 19

The District 19 website is a vast source of information including a full listing of all D19 tournaments and results including the Daily Bulletin from Regionals, minutes of meetings, D19 policies and much more.

## ACBL

The ACBL site allows you to: check your masterpoints, renew your membership, update your personal information, learn how to play bridge, and complete /download a convention card. It also acts as a resource for clubs, teachers and Unit boards.

Links to both the D19 and ACBL websites are available through the Unit 431 website.

## DISTRICT 19 UPDATE

The Vancouver Regional will be taking place April 7 – 13 at the Burnaby Villa casino featuring Hawaiian Shirt Friday, daily drawings for prizes and free parking.

There will be a D19 Board meeting in Vancouver on Monday, April 7th. If anyone has any issues they would like to have discussed, please let me know.

Vivian Thickett,  
D19 liaison for Units 429 and 431  
tvthickett@yahoo.ca

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2014



### Victoria Spring Sectional

March 28th-30<sup>th</sup>  
Pearkes Recreational Centre



COME ONE, COME ALL !!!!! A quick reminder to encourage you to come to our spring tournament. There will be a “Charity Pairs Game” on Friday evening which offers 40% more master points at no extra charge. Need a partner? No problem! Contact: Leslie Wood (250) 727-6762 or email: [leslie.wood@shaw.ca](mailto:leslie.wood@shaw.ca) Please bring donations of cookies, cake, muffins, cheese, veggies, or fruit for our Hospitality Table. Donations gratefully received!!!!

Prior to the Sunday morning “Swiss Team Game” there will be free coffee and muffins courtesy of Unit 431. Hope to see you all there.

Jan Soutar, Chair

### Newcomer Game

To welcome new ACBL members to Victoria, Unit 431 will be hosting its annual Newcomer Game on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The game will be held at the Victoria Bridge Centre, 880D Esquimalt Road starting at 1:00 p.m. Debbie Wastle will present a short lesson prior to the game.

This game is restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. ACBL members (or members who join at the door) pay only \$2.00 while Non-ACBL players pay \$8.00.

The afternoon features a fun, relaxed atmosphere along with a buffet of sweet and savory treats and free coffee. If you need a partner, contact Leslie Wood at 250-727-6762, or by email at [leslie.wood@shaw.ca](mailto:leslie.wood@shaw.ca)

### 2015 Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament

As reported by Vivian Thickett in the December 2013 Bridge Buzz, we are pleased to host the Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament from April 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Pearkes Recreation Centre.

I have agreed to continue as the Chair of the Regional, but under the umbrella of the Unit 431 Board. We will still report to DINO (District 19).

We have started the planning process and are currently looking for a number of people to fill key positions on the Organizing Committee. Those being: Caddy Chair, Partnership Chair, Hospitality Chair, Rideshare Chair, Facility Chair (set up, clean up, etc) and Decorator (to make Pearkes more appealing.)

To date, the following have agreed to be involved: Gail Richardson, Ele Gibson, Coreen Hamilton, Peggy Pepper, and Ruth Cain.

During the tournament, we will need a great number of volunteers to help at the Hospitality, Partnership and Rideshare Desks, and with the end of session clean up. Please think of how you'd like to contribute and let either Gail or me know and we'll start the list.

Ruth, Gail and I will be conducting our sponsorship fund raising during April. To refresh your memory, we request \$50 per event; so if you wish to sponsor a KO, the charge is \$200. Your name appears by the name of the event you sponsor (or anonymous if you prefer).

We will contact previous sponsors directly; and if you have not been a sponsor and are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact Ruth, Gail or me. We will also be making direct appeals at the clubs.

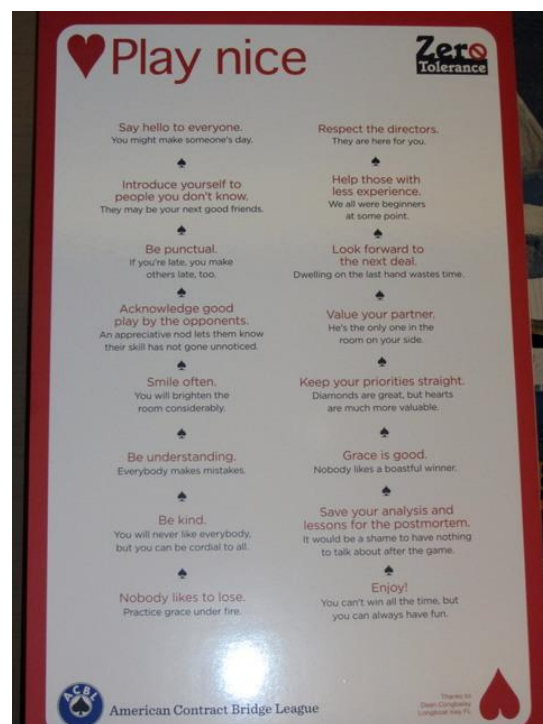
All the monies raised stay in the community; none of it goes to DINO. We use those monies for the hospitality: edible goodies, table gifts, ice cream night etc.

We look forward to another successful and fun Regional Tournament and to working with all our volunteers.

Jan Galenza, Chair

## Calendar

Mar. 16	Mentor game	Victoria Bridge Centre
Mar. 22 – 23	Future Stars Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Centre
Mar. 28 – 30	Victoria Spring Sectional	Pearkes Rec Centre
Apr. 6	Mentor game	Victoria Bridge Centre
Apr. 7 – 13	Vancouver Regional	Delta Burnaby Hotel
May 4	Mentor game	Victoria Bridge Centre
May 2 – 4	Qualicum Sectional	Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
May 25	Newcomer Game	Victoria Bridge Centre
May 30 – June 1	Vancouver Sectional	Engineer's Hall, Burnaby
June 1	Mentor game	Victoria Bridge Centre
June 9 – 15	Penticton Regional	Penticton Convention Centre



For anyone interested in looking further ahead, the complete listing of events for Victoria and vicinity is on the Unit website at [http://d19.org/victoria/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2014\\_Bridge\\_Events\\_Calendar1.pdf](http://d19.org/victoria/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2014_Bridge_Events_Calendar1.pdf)

## CLUB CORNER

### A GLITTERY AFFAIR WILL TAKE PLACE AT LAKEHILL

April 7th, 2014, at 12:45PM

The event is a bridge game, but not just a club game, as all proceeds, with no expenses deducted, will go to CanAssist, a charitable organization run out of UVic. Please visit [www.canassist.ca](http://www.canassist.ca) to find out more about this very worthwhile charitable organization. The website tells a digital story, but the story is about real live people. Seeing the look of unsurpassed delight and laughter on the face of a three year old, who thanks to a specially designed brace is at last able to enjoy swinging on a swing and participating in the fun of a playground instead of just watching her sisters and other children having fun..well, something like that really touches one's heart.

At our event we will have refreshments from Bon Macaron, Ooh La La Cupcakes, and other surprise treats.

Prizes are still coming in daily, but so far we have over 36 door prizes, starting at \$25 and going up to \$400+. To whet your appetite, I'd like to mention that we have a cosmetics gift basket from the Bay, valued at \$400+, a \$200 voucher from Scala Boutique, \$180 from Big O Tires, \$160 from stylist Philip at Atmosphair. Philip is North America's leading colourist for Wella and frequently takes part in international competitions. We have Tea for 2 at the Empress, Tea for 2 + entry fee to Butchart Gardens, vouchers from Chateau Victoria, Pescatores, Milestones, Sapphire Spa, Delta Ocean Point's Lure, Il Terrazzo, Moxies, Tapa Bar and many many more.

Participants will have a better than 50% chance of winning a door prize, and a 30% chance of winning masterpoints, but if, by chance, you don't win either, you will still be a winner because a child's or adult's life will be changed through your help.

Tickets at \$25 will be sold in advance starting March 10th and will include refreshments.

If you can't come, but would like to donate, tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 and up.

For more information, please call Ewa Zwicky at 250-388-7000

### CAPITAL CITY BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

We had a very successful Canadian STAC at the club. Successful in terms of attendance and in terms of number of players who placed across Canada

Wednesday evening Virginia Youens and Kirk Homis came in 9th in A with a 66.5% game

Thursday afternoon Delma Murray and Larry Margetish came in 5th in A with 76%  
Ted Heck and Christine Seaville came in 14th with 65.38%  
Sue Foley and Nev Hircock came in 5th in C with 58%

Friday Morning Mitra Shojana and Peggy Pepper 2nd in B with 59.23%  
Ann Mazuruk and Hiroko Kashu 5th in B and 2nd in C with 57.14%  
Russell Page and Esther Wiebe 3rd in C with 56.55%  
Helen Lindholm and Jane Danzo 4th in C with 54.76%  
Lorna Smith and Dallas Goodchild 5th in C with 53.57%

Those are really wonderful results. Congratulations to all!

<http://www.capitalcitybridgeclub.com>

## Leaders Bridge Club

<http://www.leadersbridgeclub.com/>

## Monterey Bridge Club

Monterey Bridge Club Personality:

**ELISABET (BETTY) WILLEKES**



Betty was born in Harlingen, Netherlands, as the second child of seven. During the Second World War, life was difficult for the family, but her brothers invented a machine that could grind wheat. This allowed the family to get enough food. With her girlfriends, Betty enjoyed riding on the Canadian tanks when liberation came.

## DUNCAN SAYS

When partner asks for Key Cards , show the trump Queen when you know your side has 10+ trumps , whether you actually hold it or not.

eg.

1S P 3S P  
4NT P ?

xxxxx  
Ax  
Jx  
Axxx

Bid 5S, showing 2 KC + trump Queen. The trump Queen is not really "missing" when your side has 10 trumps

eg.

1S P 2NT P  
4NT P 5C (1KC) P  
5D (?TQ) P ?

Jxxxx  
AQJx  
KQ  
xx

Bid 6D , showing trump Queen & DK

Betty became a Dutch registered nurse and at 38 years of age, wanted more adventure. Her brother was in Canada so she travelled to Edmonton where she worked as an LPN at the General Hospital. Even with her poor English, she was able to become a Canadian registered nurse.

Her work in an Edmonton hospital specializing in care for natives and Eskimos created a lifelong interest in these people. She then spent almost twenty years working at various outposts in the Yukon and Arctic. She became a midwife and dealt with crises such as measles epidemics without any doctors nearby. The nurses would breathe a sigh of relief when they could get sick patients onto airplanes that would take them to a larger facility.

In the north, they had to entertain themselves and Betty became a rubber bridge player. In 1979, she retired to Victoria where she has enjoyed developing her bridge skills.

Betty turns 95 years young in March, 2014, and still amazes us with her competitive spirit at the bridge table.

[www.members.shaw.ca/MontereyBridgeClub](http://www.members.shaw.ca/MontereyBridgeClub)

## Victoria Bridge Centre

[www.victoriabridgecentre.com](http://www.victoriabridgecentre.com)