

The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter



June 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2016 Unit 431 telephone directories are now available at all the local bridge clubs. Thanks to Peggy Pepper for the design and production. Peggy arranged for the printing at a local company with significant savings. The cost per book this year was only \$1.09 this year as compared with \$1.60 in 2014.

Attendance at our Spring Sectional in April was up 22.3% from last year and was the largest Sectional on record. Thanks to Jill Stainforth and her team for all the hard work. Unfortunately, due to all the increased costs including the exchange rate, our profit was less than \$200.

Congratulations to Cecelia Wilson and Heather Davies the overall winners at the 99'er Rookie Game with 59.52%. Although it was a long weekend we still had nine full tables in play; more than usual for the May Rookie Game. It was wonderful to see everyone having a good time, particularly the players from the D-light game.

I have been asked to let our unit members know that new three-year terms for District Board positions for Vancouver Island are approaching. The deadline to declare candidacy is July 15. We are very pleased to report Chris Cookson has filed to run for our area.

Leslie Wood,
President, Unit 431



CLUB CORNER

Capital City



First Wednesday afternoon game at CCBC

There has been a change in the CCBC schedule, in that the time of the Wednesday game has been changed from the evening to the afternoon. Now, both the Wednesday and the Thursday games start at 12:30 pm. The Friday morning game continues to hold a second section for the D-light game, and I'm very pleased to see that it is attracting players totally new to the Victoria bridge scene. In other words, the D-light game is doing what it's supposed to do.

Together with the other Victoria bridge clubs we will be joining Victoria's first joint participation in The Longest Day, an ACBL-wide fundraising initiative in support of the Alzheimer's Society, which is always held June 20th, the longest day of the year. This year, funds will stay where they are raised, i.e. funds raised at our games will go to the BC Alzheimer's Society.

Since the idea is to encourage players to participate in bridge games around the clock, each club will hold a game at a different but consecutive time. CCBC will kick off this fundraising event with a game at 9:00 am, which will give players time to have a quick lunch after the game and progress to the next game, which will be held at St. Aidan's at 1 pm. I hope many players will test their physical and mental stamina by participating in all the games. I certainly plan to do so.

Ewa Zwicky

Island Bridge Club



Hi fellow bridge players. It's been a busy May for Island Bridge Club and I'd like to let you know what's been going on and what's to come in the next few months at my club. First off, I'd like to recognize the club champions for this quarter for each of my three sessions. Monday's champions were Deb Carnes and Jan Soutar while Bob Aessie and Tom Coward took the Wednesday morning title and Larry Margetish and Delma Murray were the club winners on Thursday afternoon. Secondly, at the team game in May a Grassroots FUND game was held and \$300 was raised to help defray the travel costs of our District 19 'C' Flight representatives who will be going to Washington DC in July to play in the Grand National Teams.

There are many special games taking place at Island Bridge Club in the next few months that I'd like to inform you of. The first special games will be a District 19 sectional tournament at clubs running the week of June 6th. All games will award silver points and card fees will be \$10.00, the same as a sectional tournament. There will still be a team game on Thursday June 9th and the 199'er pairs will run on Wednesday morning alongside the open section if there are enough eligible players.

For the first time, Island Bridge Club will be running North American Open Pair qualifier games. Games will be held in July on the 4th, 6th, and 7th and in August on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Card fees will be \$10.00 for these games which will award generous masterpoints: half red half black. The North American Open pairs is a special event held at the Spring Nationals in 2017 and qualified pairs can compete in a District 19 event in Vancouver where winners are awarded money to pay for their trip to the Spring Nationals so that they

can represent the district in the event. Feel free to ask me if you have any questions regarding this event.

On June 20th, the longest day, there will be three special charity games held to help raise money for research into the treatment of Alzheimer's. Ewa Zwicky will be holding a morning game starting at **9 am** at Lakehill Lawn Bowling club followed by an afternoon game at **1 pm** at St. Aidan's hosted by Island Bridge Club finishing with a team game sponsored by the Victoria Bridge Club at **7 pm**. There will be a side 199'er game running alongside the afternoon game at St. Aidan's directed by Nicole. Please consider playing in one or all of these games and if you can't make it but wish to help, there are links to the team website of the Unit 431 clubs on all of my result pages and the front page of [Bill](#), [Nicole](#) and [Ewa's](#) sites.

Lastly, I will be going to Penticton this year so I have decided to cancel the Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon games that week: the 15th and 16th respectively. There will be a game on Monday the 13th at the usual time of 12:15 pm. Thank you all for your support and please consider joining or supporting the Unit 431 clubs in the fight to [Trump Alzheimer's](#) on June 20th.

Monterey Bridge Club

Monterey Bridge Club holds two sanctioned games per week with **pre-duplicated** boards, hand records and score summaries. The results are posted online immediately after the game. The play rooms are bright, clean and well ventilated. The club features plenty of parking, handicap ramps, and the Fern Café



restaurant. Tuesday players come early to have lunch before the game. The Club adheres to the Zero Tolerance Policy and the Scent Free Zone Policy.

Victoria Area Bridge Clubs are hosting 3 games on Monday June 20th, the ACBL Longest Day. [Plan to join us from 9 am to 10:30pm](#). You might also want to donate directly to [Alzheimers Canada through the Victoria Area Bridge Team](#).

Mark your calendars, set your goals and book your partners for the upcoming Special Games at the Monterey Bridge Club, 1442 Monterey Avenue.

Tuesday June 7, 12:30 pm District 19 STaC, Silver points.

Saturday June 11, 12:15 pm District 19 STaC, Silver points.

Tuesday June 21, 12:30 pm North American Pairs, Red points.

Saturday June 25, 12:15 pm North American Pairs, Red points.

Tuesday June 28, 12:30 pm ACBL MEMBER Appreciation, no extra charge.

Saturday July 2, 12:15 pm Fundraiser for Victoria's Unstoppable Team who won the District 19 qualifier to go to the NABC in Washington, DC in July.

Tuesday July 19, 12:30 pm North American Pairs, Red points.

Saturday July 23, 12:15 pm North American Pairs, Red points.

Tuesday August 9, 12:30 pm North American Pairs, Red points.

Saturday August 13, 12:15 pm North American Pairs, Red points

Tuesday August 23, 12:30 pm District 19 STaC, Silver points.

Saturday August 27, 12:15 pm District 19 STaC, Silver points.

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) provide bridge players with the opportunity to win Silver, 81.8% sectional-rated, points at the club.

North American Pairs offer 50/50 Red/Black, 81.8% sectional-rated points; 25% Gold for overalls. The [2016 NAP Condition of Contest Rules](#) are available on the ACBL site.

I can be reached by phone or text at 250-884-5414 or by email at montereybridgeclub@shaw.ca.

Keep calm and bridge on,

Nicole Dupuis
www.bridgewebs.com/monterey

Victoria Bridge Centre

Join your friends at the Victoria Bridge Centre this summer and enjoy the fairness of web movements, the convenience of 'Sit Down and Play' pre-duplicated boards, hand records, and a dedicated bridge venue, all in the cool comfort of air-conditioning.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS SUMMER:

June 20: The Victoria Bridge Centre will be joining the other Victoria Bridge Clubs for the 'Longest Day' in support of Alzheimer research on Monday, June 20th at 7:00 pm.

July 8th there will be a special fund-raiser game to support: Ryley Breiddal, Marc Furnemont, and Daniel Lyder, who will be representing District 19 in the C Flight of the Grand National teams event at the NABC in Washington, D.C. this summer. Come out and support our guys!

August 6: Customer Appreciation Day - Saturday, August 6th. Join us for a complimentary lunch to be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a fun afternoon of bridge. **Card fees for members for this game, only \$2.00!**

The fall session of Beginner Bridge Lessons with Debbie Wastle starts on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 pm, and runs for eight classes over nine weeks. The registration fee of \$95.00 includes a textbook. These lessons are a great introduction to bridge, as well as a basics refresher for players who have been away from the game for some time or want to improve their skills. For more information, call Debbie at: 250-882-4824.

Owner Bill Wastle and the Club's other knowledgeable directors: Duncan Smith, Debbie Wastle, Mike Ainsley, Ele Gibson, and Merv Adey provide a friendly but competitive atmosphere and insightful lessons before most games. Call ahead (250-382-2913) and leave a message if you need a partner and we'll do our best to ensure that you play!

There are two Non-life Master games for newer players and five open sessions a week, plus a weekly Swiss Team game.

As well there are regular special monthly events:

- The VBC mentor game where newer players have the opportunity to improve their game by playing with a more experienced partner.
- The Duncan Smith Team game where you come with a partner and Duncan assigns and

balances the teams. You never know who will be your teammates or which group will win!

Visit our website <http://www.bridgewebs.com/vbc/> for more information about our almost-everyday-of-the-week games, match results, upcoming events, competition statistics, and links to bridge resources. Or call us at: 250-382-2913 and leave a message. The VBC may also be rented for private functions; call to inquire.

Duncan Team Games

June 25

July 16

August 27

September 17

VBC Mentor Games:

June 12

July 24

August 21

September 25

D19 UPDATE

In 2016, regional tournaments (Penticton June 13-19, Anchorage June 20 – 26, Lynnwood August 22-28, and Whistler November 7-13) card fees will be \$14.00 CDN at Whistler and \$13.00 US at the 2 US regionals. The Leavenworth Regional was very successful, with both table counts and net profit exceeding expectations. The District has elected to return to Leavenworth in 2018.

I had previously reported that our national Board representative Marv Norden was going to bring a motion forward addressing the issue of sanction and director fees. The current spread between the US and Canadian dollar was making these costs prohibitive and this has had an effect on Units and Clubs across Canada. A motion was tabled at the Reno NABC meeting, however, when discussions were not fruitful, Marv withdrew the motion, to allow him and the other Canadian representatives time to regroup. Withdrawing the motion allows them to bring the issue back later. Had it been defeated it would have been a closed subject. It does not appear however that there is a likelihood of a quick solution.

I am pleased to report that the island's own JP Weber has taken on the responsibility of Webmaster for District 19 and is updating and upgrading the website. This is a work in progress and JP encourages you to check back often for updates. Visit the website at d19.org

The National Open Pairs (NAP) cycle is starting in June and runs through August at the club level. Extra points and Red points are available to be won at the club qualifiers. Players who qualify can play in the District 19 finals in October. For more info visit the Conditions of Contest page at;

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/nap/19.pdf>.

Chris Cookson
D19 Liaison for Units 429 and 431
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DUNCAN SAYS

When holding 3 cards to the King or Queen, cover the second honour played by declarer's side, not the first. The following examples will show why this is correct.

Example A

J10X

If the first honour (Q or J) is covered, declarer will score 4 tricks in the suit, but waiting and covering the second honour will ensure a trick for your side.

Q9X

Kxx

Axxx

Example B

QJxx

In this example, it is irrelevant what you do if declarer has all the spots, so waiting to cover the second honour either gains a trick, or breaks even, never losing a trick.

10xx

Kxx

A98

Christmas 1970

BIG GAMES

At Monterey on May 10 Peggy Mylrea scored 70.83% in an open game with 16 tables. She finished first [where else] playing with Kathy Gaudry. Peggy is 95 yrs old. Perhaps there is hope for the rest of us yet!

73.24%	Glen Thornborough and Duncan Smith	May 17, VBC
72.44%	David Johnson and Dorothy Mersereau	May 30, IBC
72.12%	John Brodrick and Tom Pelton	April 25, IBC
71.84%	Karen Turner and Duncan Smith	April 22, VBC
71.30%	Doug Scott and Tom Coward	April 18, IBC
70.90%	Doug Fraser and Karen Billett	April 15, VBC
70.83%	Peggy Mylrea and Kathy Gaudry	May 10, Monterey
70.60%	Gail Richardson and Marnie Hueston	March 29, Monterey



Our family moved from Parksville to Victoria in 1962 and throughout the 1960s our parents, Paul and Joan Smith, were heavily involved in the Victoria duplicate bridge scene. Most of the talk in our house was bridge talk. Matt, Duncan and Brenda were bitten by the bridge bug, but Charlie, Janet, Nick and I managed to escape. My parents were very generous in offering accommodation to out of town bridge players during the Victoria tournaments. We often woke up in the morning to find a stranger asleep in a sleeping bag on our living room floor. They also had an open door policy as to dinner guests and many of the local bridge players (mostly single, young men who my parents probably thought were not eating properly) joined us for dinner.

This photo was taken at Christmas dinner, 1970. See if you can identify Matt and Duncan. Also sitting at the table is another person who you all know well (not a relation).

Louise Smith

(Names can be found on page 8)

MISCELLANEOUS

Lessons

Summer is the time for shorter courses, and I am offering two short classes at Monterey Centre to brush up your bidding skills.

Two Over One

Great way to learn or brush up on Two Over One in this concentrated one day course at Monterey Centre, July 13th from 9:15 to 3:15.

Bidding Brush-up

A review of the finer points of basic bidding in the Standard American system including reverses, cue bid limit raises, overcalls, takeout doubles, and dealing with interference over Stayman. Four mornings in a row, August 15th to 18th from 9:15 to 11:45

For further information, phone me at 250 388 9784 or email delmabridge@live.ca

Delma Murray

Tips for Mentors

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the monthly Mentor program of Unit 431. This program is one of the most effective ways to encourage emerging bridge players to become regular participants in ACBL sanctioned games.

The following suggestions are based on conversations with some of these emerging players, and will hopefully help you to enjoy the experience as much as we want them to enjoy it.

Jim Brackenbury

May 27, 2012; updated March 30, 2016

- Share your positive enthusiasm for the game – verbal, facial expression, body language (carefully maintaining a neutral stance during actual bidding and play); there is no such thing as a stupid question by an emerging player
- KISS – please stick to well-established Standard American conventions that the emerging player feels comfortable with; try to avoid introducing your own “take” on SA conventions or suggest new conventions just prior to the game; find out at the start which conventions the mentee is already comfortable with and stick to those; it might be helpful to ask in advance if there is a particular area they want to work on today; mentees appreciate the time taken before the game to review their CCs (particularly meetings in advance) and ask questions of the mentor
- Feedback and review is most effective at a scheduled opportunity after the game is over; you may want to encourage your partner to make note of any questions relating to specific bid and play situations at the end of each round, for post-game discussion
- When providing feedback, focus on one or two key points for improvement, and try to balance these with an equal number of positive reinforcement comments; one or two appropriate recommended readings are often appreciated
- Your main goal is to get the emerging player to be enthusiastic about wanting to return and become an active ACBL member

Pointing out mistakes at the table is not likely to be retained and could lead to feelings of being judged, which should be avoided at all costs. Zero Tolerance is in effect.

We appreciate your participation in this game and hope you will take these tips in the god spirit in which they are put forward.

Alison Campbell

Bridge Players Support Hospital with their Purchases and Sewing Assistance



“Perfect” “Adorable” “Colorful” “Well made” These are the comments I’ve heard from Ann Brydon, Anne Porter and Norma Brodrick about the cute and cozy baby bunting bags they have purchased for friends or relatives. People love them and they are a big money maker at the gift shop. All profits from sales are used to purchase equipment for patient care and comfort.

Ele Gibson and Doreen McOrmond have cut the fabric and offered to sew them to make this very popular item. If you need a baby gift, come to the shop or contact me, I usually have some at home. I purchase the fabric, and then deliver it to be cut and sewed, pick up the finished merchandise and take it to the gift shop.

We have other handmade items all crafted by volunteers. Our shop is wonderful, stocked with items such as clothing, gifts, stuffies, jewellery all reasonably

priced and profit going to a very worthy cause. The shop is staffed by volunteers and we're always looking for more people. If you'd like to join us let me know. I like it; it's fun and a great place to meet nice people.

Connie Settington
RJH Gift Shop Volunteer

Grand National Teams



Marc Furnémont, Daniel Lyder, Ryley Breiddal and Jordan Tessarolo

The unstoppable team of Marc Furnémont, Ryley Breiddal, Jordan Tessarolo, and Daniel Lyder were in Vancouver in March where they won the District 19 qualifier to go to the NABC in Washington, DC this summer.

Go team go!

DIRECTOR PLEASE

Explaining Partnership Agreements

All players have an obligation to disclose their agreements according to the procedures established by ACBL. When asked, a full explanation of the agreement must be provided. Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient. The opponents need not ask exactly the "right" question. Any request for information should be the trigger. Opponents need only indicate the desire for information — all relevant disclosures should be given automatically. The proper way to ask for information is "Please Explain".

Note:

Players should never offer explanations phrased as "I think it means..." or "I'm taking it as..." If you cannot remember the partnership agreement, say just that. The opponents may wish to call the director. If you cannot remember discussing an agreement in this bidding sequence simply say "It's undiscussed." In this situation you are using your best bridge judgment to proceed and the opponents must do the same.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

Victoria Fall Sectional

September 8 – 10, 2016

The three-day Victoria Fall Sectional begins on Thursday September 8 at the Mary Winspear Centre.

For details, see the flyer on the Unit 431 website at http://bridgevictoria.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Fall_Sectional_2016-1.pdf

Volunteering is easy and very welcome. If you're interested email me at roxysandmaier@gmail.com or phone me 778-433-1555.

We all look forward to the treats everyone brings.

See you all there.

Roxy Sandmaier
Chair, Victoria Fall Sectional

June 13 – 19	Penticton Regional
July 3	Unit 431 Mentor Game, VBC
Aug. 5 – 7	Nanaimo Sectional
Aug. 14	Unit 431 Mentor Game, VBC
Aug. 22 – 28	Lynwood WA Regional
Sep. 8 – 10	Victoria Fall Sectional, Mary Winspear Centre
Sep. 18	Unit 431 Mentor Game, VBC
Sep. 25	99'er Rookie Game, VBC
Sep. 26 – Oct. 2	Seaside Regional

For anyone interested in looking further ahead, the complete listing of events for Victoria and vicinity is on the Unit <http://bridgevictoria.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2016-Bridge-Events-Calendar.png>

1970 Christmas photo names:

The people in the photo (all Smiths), starting from the front left are:

Paul*
Charlie
Nick
Matt*
Janet
Duncan*
Ron*
Brenda
Joan*



2017 Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament

April 17 – 23, 2017

CALL FOR SPONSORS

This is an open invitation to the Victoria Bridge community for financial sponsorship of the games at our 2017 Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament.

Sponsors will be listed in the Convention Centre Lobby and in the Daily Bridge Bulletin (or remain anonymous if you so wish). If you wish your name to be connected to a specific event, please let us know that.

The sponsorship funds will be used for General Hospitality i.e.: Table Gifts, Edible Goodies, and Ice Cream Nights etc.

Please be assured that all the Sponsorship Money stays here!

Fund raising will be completed by the end of June 2016.

Please contact Jan, Gail or Alison as listed below if you are interested.

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