



## ACE OF HEARTS TOURNAMENT



A Special Tournament for Players  
with under 200 Masterpoints



- When:** Saturday February 11, 2012
- Where:** St Aiden's Church, 3703 St Aiden's St  
Map available on [www.bridgevictoria.com](http://www.bridgevictoria.com)
- What:** 9:00 am - Stratified Pairs and stand-alone 0-5 MP pairs  
1:00 pm - Stratified Swiss Team  
Entries on sale half an hour before game times

### Card Fees:

\$9.50 (\$8.50 for ACBL members)  
\$4.25 for ACBL members under 26 years old  
\$1.00 for ACBL members under 16 years old

Complimentary coffee, tea, juice and muffins served at 9:00am  
No lunch will be served

Need a partner? Email Kirk Homis at [homisk@shaw.ca](mailto:homisk@shaw.ca)



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## TOURNAMENT SURVERY

Please FORWARD your response to [Leslie.Wood@shaw.ca](mailto:Leslie.Wood@shaw.ca)

1. At future tournaments, would you prefer to (A) donate cookies, etc for the breaks and have treats free for all, or (B) purchase them from a concession?
2. Have you any suggestions on how to make the tournament experience more pleasant?

On behalf of Unit 431, I would like to thank you for taking a minute of your time to help us improve your tournament experience.

Ted Eisner, President, Unit 431



## SPRING SECTIONAL

Battle for bridge supremacy at the Spring Sectional Bridge Tournament on **April 13th,14th,15th, 2012**. The tournament will be held at GR Pearkes Rec Centre at 3100 Tillicum Road. Games start at 1pm and 7pm on Friday, 12pm and 6pm on Saturday, and team games start at 9:30am on Sunday. The cost is \$10 per session for ACBL members (\$11 for non-members) except on Sunday where the cost for the two-session team games is \$80 per team (\$88 for non-members).

New players are encouraged to come out on Friday when there will be two sessions for players with under 200 master points. Players with fewer than 5 master points play for free and medals will be awarded to the winners of all three stratifications. There are generous silver points for players throughout the three days, so see you there!

For further information, please email The Tournament Chair, Ele Gibson, at [egibson@dragonhearth.com](mailto:egibson@dragonhearth.com)

**Please note that lunch will not be provided on Sunday.**



### SPECIAL CBF CHARITY GAME AT THE SECTIONAL

There will be a special CBF charity game on Friday evening, April 13th, in the open sections only with 40% extra silver points awarded. An extra dollar will be charged to players that will go towards the CBF charity fund.

## UNIT 431 MENTOR GAMES

Unit 431 is pleased to sponsor mentor games each month to help newer players improve their game by playing with a more experienced player. In addition, before each game there is a free lesson by Ernie Tradewell.

- All games are held on a **Sunday, starting at 1:00 p.m. (lesson at 12:30) at the Victoria Bridge Centre.**  
Tel: (250) 382-2913 or [www.victoriabridgecentre.com](http://www.victoriabridgecentre.com)
- Each partnership participating will have one Mentor and one Mentee
- To be eligible for masterpoints, the mentee must have fewer than 300 masterpoints
- The Mentee pays \$8.00. The Mentor plays for free (courtesy of Unit 431)
- If the Mentee has more than 300 masterpoints, the partnership can still play but will not be eligible for masterpoints and both players must pay the \$8.00 fee.
- If you need a partner, please contact Alison Campbell (250) 391-0662, or email [alleyoop@shaw.ca](mailto:alleyoop@shaw.ca)

Next games:

December 11, 2011, January 8th, February 5th, March 11th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8th, August 12th, September 16th in 2012.



# UNIT 431 BRIDGE CLUBS' NEWS

## CAPITAL CITY BRIDGE CLUB

Lakehill Bowling Club, 3930 LaSalle St  
email: info@capitalcitybridgeclub.com. website: www.capitalcitybridgeclub.com

### Weekly Schedule

Wednesday 6:45pm - Open Stratified Game. Lesson at 6:30pm  
Thursday 12:45pm - Open Stratified Game  
Friday 9:15am - Open Stratified Game

**Rubber Bridge** Monday 9:30am - Entry Fee \$5 per person

Special Christmas games on:

Friday, 16th December 2011  
Wednesday, 21st December  
Thursday, 22nd December

These games will be Club Championships, with bigger masterpoint awards, and there will be free Christmassy refreshments and prizes.

## LEADER'S BRIDGE CLUB

St Aiden's Church  
email: loren@lorenleader.com. website: www.lorenleader.com

Monday 12:15pm - Open Stratified Game - predealt hands and hand records  
Lesson with Kirk Homis at 11:30am  
Wednesday 9:30am - Open Stratified Game  
Thursday 12:15pm - Open Stratified Game - second Thurs of Month is a team game. This month Dec 15  
Lesson with Duncan Smith - 11:30am

### Upcoming Special Games

Dec 5, 7 AND 8 - STac games with silver points

**Cancelled Games:** Monday Dec 26 and Mnnday Jan 2

## MONTEREY BRIDGE CLUB

1442 Monterey Avenue (just off Oak Bay Avenue)  
Home:(778)433-5649 Cell: (250)744-2694 email: kbillett49@shaw.ca

Tuesday 12:30pm This game is suitable for those interested in a less challenging game.  
Have lunch first and enjoy delicious inexpensive home-cooked meals in the cafeteria.

Saturday 12:15 pm The cafeteria only opens at 2:00 pm. Dec 17 is a sectionally rated game and Dec 24 is a regular game with special prizes



# UNIT 431 BRIDGE CLUBS' NEWS

## VBC - YOUR BRIDGE CLUB

612 Head St . (250)382-2913. Web: www.victoriabridgecentre.com

Holiday schedule:

### Dec 23rd

Friday, 12:15 pm

OPEN for Afternoon Game as usual

### Dec 23rd

Friday, 7:00 pm

Game Cancelled for Christmas holiday. Tonight only

### Dec 24th

Saturday, 12:30

Under 500 Game Cancelled today only

### Dec 25th

Sunday

Closed Merry Christmas!

### Dec 26th

Monday, 7:00 pm

OPEN for Team of Eight Game as usual

### Dec 31st

Saturday, 7:00 pm – Snacks

8:00 pm -- Game

New Years Eve party and game. Super Club Championship.

Come one ... come all

\*\*\* Please bring some munchies to share.

See you at the table,

Bill and Debbie Wastle



## THE ADVANTAGES OF 2/1

This hand played recently shows the value of using 2/1 in exploring for slams by keeping bidding at a low level giving room for investigation.

N

♠ KQJxx

♥ xx

♦ Axx

♣ AQx

S

♠ A10x

♥ Axx

♦ xx

♣ KJTxx

### The Bidding

N	E	S	W
1♠	P	2♣ <sup>1</sup>	P
3♣ <sup>2</sup>	P	3♠ <sup>3</sup>	P
4♣ <sup>4</sup>	P	4♥ <sup>5</sup>	P
4NT <sup>6</sup>	P	5♥ <sup>7</sup>	P
6♠	all pass		

<sup>1</sup> I have a good 12 pts or more and a club suit

<sup>2</sup> I have club support

<sup>3</sup> I have spade support and a better than minimum hand. Note that the 2 suit fit and the Aces (worth more than 4 pts make this hand worth more than 12 pts)

<sup>4</sup> I have a club control

<sup>5</sup> I have a heart control

<sup>6</sup> 1430 in spades

<sup>7</sup> 2 and no trump queen

The lead was a low club. It was easy to pull trump and discard the 2 losing diamonds on dummy's long clubs.

Not bad with a total of 28 combined points.



# BRIDGE LESSONS

Fall 2011 Bridge Courses with Delma Murray

ACBL Accredited 4 Star Bridge Teacher & Director ----- Better Bridge Accredited Teacher  
American Bridge Teachers Association Professional Member & Regional Director for Western Canada

## In Sidney

Improving your Judgement in Opening the Bidding	9 Wednesdays 9-11:30am	Start Feb 1	Greenglade
Basic Bidding Brush Up	9 Wednesdays 1-3:30am	Start Feb 1	Greenglade

Greenglade Community Centre is located at 2151 Lannon Way in North Saanich. You can register in person at Panorama Recreation Centre, by phone at (250)656-7271 or online at [www.panoramarecreation.ca](http://www.panoramarecreation.ca).

## In Oak Bay

Bridge Beginner (Club Series)	9 Tuesdays 1-3;30pm	Start Jan 10	Monterey Centre
Bridge Beginner (Club Series)	9 Wednesdays 7-9:30pm	Start Jan 11	Monterey Centre
Play of the Hand (Diamond Series)	9 Tuesdays 9:30-12 noon	Start Jan 10	Monterey Centre
Play of the Hand (Diamond Series)	9 Tuesdays 7-9:30pm	Start Jan 10	Monterey Centre
Defence (Heart Series)	8 Mondays 7-9pm	Start Jan 9	Monterey Centre
Defence (Heart Series)	8 Thursdays 9:30-12 noon	Start Jan 12	Monterey Centre
Modern Conventions for the 21st century - part 1	8 Thursdays 7-9:30pm	Start Sept 22	Monterey Centre
Modern Conventions for the 21st century - part 2	8 Thursdays 9:30-12 noon	Start Sept 22	Monterey Centre

Monterey Centre is located at 1442 Monterey Ave .

You can register in person at Monterey Centre or by phone at (250)370-7300

For further information contact Delma Murray at 250 388-9784 or email [delmabridge@live.ca](mailto:delmabridge@live.ca)



# BRIDGE QUIZZES

## 1. Dealer N

North  
 ♠ AJ75  
 ♥ 54  
 ♦ K94  
 ♣ A764

South  
 ♠ KQ984  
 ♥ AQ10  
 ♦ A83  
 ♣ K5

N	E	S	W
1♣	PASS	1♠	PASS
2♠	PASS	3♦*	PASS
4♠**	PASS	4NT	PASS
5♥	PASS	6♠	PASS

\* Can you help in diamonds

\*\* Yes

Lead - diamond queen.

If the heart finesse is on you lose only one trick - a diamond.

But what if it isn't - is there a way to make the contract without the heart finesse?

## 2. Dealer N - IMPs scoring

East  
 ♠ KJ9  
 ♥ A975  
 ♦ Q10854  
 ♣ 5

South  
 ♠ AQ4  
 ♥ 106432  
 ♦ A3  
 ♣ J102

W	N	E	S
1NT	PASS	2♣	PASS
2♦	PASS	3♦	PASS
3NT			

Part leads the 5 of spades, showing 4 or 5 spades. Plan the play.

## ACE OF SPADES

On October 15th, Unit 431 held its 1st annual Ace of Spades tournament for players with less than 200 Masterpoints. The tournament drew 58 players consisting of 13 tables for the Open Pairs and 12 teams for the Swiss teams. We had players from all over Vancouver Island as well as from Vancouver and the United States.

The winners of the Open Pairs were from the Qualicum Beach area:

**Rod Anderson and Darlia Anderson**

The winners of the Swiss teams were from Victoria:

**Andrea Miller - Derek Nurse - Jerry Schwarz - Alan Kotila**

This event is made possible only by the volunteer efforts of the Unit board and from local players supporting the event. So thank you to Sheila Bellows, Connie Settrington, Ev Goedhart and Leslie Wood for their help.

Our next 0-200 event is the Ace of Hearts on February 11th, 2012

- See you there!

Kirk Homis - Tournament Chair for Ace of Spades and Ace of Hearts and the Intermediate/Novice Coordinator for Unit 431



## ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZZES

1.

You can make this hand easily. Win the first diamond in your hand (You'll see later why this is important.) Pull 2 rounds of trump ending in dummy. Play a club to your king and then a club to your ace. Ruff 2 clubs in hand re-entering dummy with the diamond king. Exit a diamond to West's Jack and he is forced to lead into your AQ of hearts or let you discard a heart from dummy as you trump in hand. If East has the ten and rises with it, you are no worse off than if you had TAKEN the finesse

Declarer would win the third spade, run off 6 clubs and would score the ace of hearts and a diamond trick for 9 tricks.

What would happen if you switched to a small heart? Declarer would win his ace in dummy. The when you get in with the ace of diamonds, you clear declarer's hearts and when you or part gets in again, you win another heart. - two spades, two hearts and one diamond.

The full hand

	North	
	♠ AJ75	
	♥ 54	
West	♦ K94	East
♠ 63	♣ A764	♠ 102
♥ KJ9		♥ 87632
♦ QJ106	South	♦ 754
♣ J832	♠ KQ984	♣ Q109
	♥ AQ10	
	♦ A83	
	♣ K5	

2. Partner can have only 3 or 4 points and none of them in spades. This leaves declarer bidding 3NT with a small doubleton or tripleton in spades. His partner had promised nothing in spades yet he went to 3NT.

He must have a long running club suit. You must sure to take your winners. Imagine what would happen if you won the queen of spades, played the ace and exited a spade.

The full hand

	North	
	♠ 107653	
	♥ KJ2	
West	♦ J98	East
♠ 82	♣ 974	♠ KJ9
♥ Q5		♥ A872
♦ K73	South	♦ Q10653
♣ AKQ863	♠ AQ4	♣ 5
	♥ 109643	
	♦ A4	
	♣ J102	

### NAME TAGS

Note from the Unit: If anyone would like a nametag, please contact Gayle Good at [gg4742@telus.net](mailto:gg4742@telus.net) or phone 250-595-4742. The nametags are brass/gold colour with a magnetic attachment and the cost is \$8.50.

The "Bridge Buzz:" will be published 3 times annually: before each Sectional and before the Christmas party. I invite all of you to submit articles of interest - interesting hands, player news etc.

Please contact me at [egibson@dragonhearth.com](mailto:egibson@dragonhearth.com).

Ele Gibson

