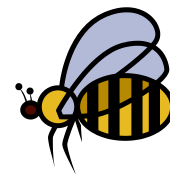


The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter

June 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I continue to be impressed with the standard of bridge in Victoria and Vancouver Island. We have such a solid group of players at all levels who are winning awards.

Recently, the Mini-Richmond awards were announced. These are the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) equivalent of the mini-McKinney ACBL awards for all of North America. This is excellent recognition as so few point-getting tournaments are held in Canada versus the States.

BC region, our CBF region, had 3 winners; Kim Imada, Karen Wood and Brian Fraser. Karen also won her section in the National competition.

I am proud and honoured to play in such a competitive field.

Ele Gibson

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CONGRATULATIONS



Typical of her love of bridge, Agnes Dummer celebrated her 90th birthday on April 15th by playing bridge with friends followed by a potluck dinner and wine. The next day Margaret Morrison surprised her with a birthday cake at the Victoria Bridge Centre. Agnes continues to play bridge several times a week, both at VBC and Highgate Lodge.



Congratulations to new grandma, Virginia Youens



Norma and John Brodrick celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 13 with a dinner party at the Colwood Golf Course with some friends and family present.

BIG GAMES

76.85	Tom Pelton – Lynda Maxwell	June 10, Leaders
72.63	T Barne – Barry Arnsdorf	May 8, Capital City
72.62%	Delma Murray – Larry Margetish	Apr. 17 Capital City
70.99%	Debbie Wastle – Roger Allen	May 25 Monterey
70.37%	Guy Coutanche - Brian Fraser	Mar. 13 Capital City

UNSUNG HEROES

When you sit down to play your next game of duplicate bridge, give a thought to all those who make it possible. We would not be able to enjoy this game we all love if it were not for the club owners (past and present), the directors, and the local teachers. These are all the highly visible people we see on a regular basis, but there are many more people who contribute quietly without thought of recognition to ensuring bridge thrives in Victoria.

The monthly unit mentor game would not be possible without the tireless efforts of **Alison Campbell**. For five years she has solicited mentors and matched them with suitable mentees, cajoled local directors to donate their time to direct the game, and generally ensured the games are enjoyable for all. Prior to Alison taking over, **Ewa Zwicky** coordinated the mentor games for several years.

Three years ago, without being asked, **Ernie Tradewell** stepped in to fill a void he perceived and has been giving an excellent lesson before the mentor games ever since.

Although **James Foster** no longer plays bridge at the clubs, he still continues to contribute to our enjoyment of bridge in Victoria. He is the person behind the wheel of the truck that delivers and picks up the Unit equipment for every Sectional. He served as the Unit 431 Treasurer for over a decade and spent several years as the Regional Tournament Treasurer. In addition to his duties as Unit Treasurer, he also arranged tournament space and hired the directors, acted as the Unit webmaster, prepared the Unit telephone directory and printed the tickets for the annual Christmas party. James is the person who designed the daffodil logo still used by Unit 431. One year he and Linda Patton spent the better part of two days preparing sandwiches for the Saturday night hospitality.

Ted Heck has been helping with the set up and take-down of our tournaments for over 20 years. At the local clubs he is the first to offer assistance to the director by distributing the boards, picking up entries, etc. He is always willing to help newer players with advice when they ask him and has been responsible for suggesting several successful partnerships.

Connie Setterington served several years on the Unit 431 Board where she worked tirelessly managing both the hospitality and partnership desks at sectional tournaments. One Saturday she spent the entire day preparing devilled eggs for the evening's hospitality. Although she is no longer on the Board, she still can be seen helping out behind the hospitality desk at local tournaments.

Pete Wollner has been a real supporter of the Victoria Bridge Centre for a long time. He has always taken care of maintenance of the Centre, but he is recognized more so for his ongoing support of people who have difficulties walking. He ensures parking spaces are available for those needing them and assists them into the Centre. Yes, he gets a free play, but this does not fully compensate for his support to others.

John Keech set the standard for the rest of us. He was named the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year in 2000 in recognition of his work for the betterment of duplicate bridge since 1983. John was a Unit Board member for 19 years, quite a record. He organized both Sectional and Regional tournaments, served on

SOME BASIC RULES TO FOLLOW PLAYING CONTRACT BRIDGE

This primer covers rules people should know, but often don't. Observing these rules will result in a much more enjoyable game for you, as well as for your partner and opponents. **If in doubt, call the director.**

During the Auction

1. A player may only ask the meaning of an opponent's bid when it is their turn to bid. This includes asking the meaning of an alerted bid.
2. When opponents ask for a bid to be explained, players shall only explain their agreement (for example, limit raise with three-card support). They should not provide any interpretation of what partner's hand might be.
3. Sometimes the person being asked doesn't know, or isn't sure of the meaning of partner's bid. If the bid isn't making sense to you, say, "We have no agreement." If you're not sure of the meaning, say, "I'm not sure." Don't try to describe what partner's hand might look like.
4. A player may not ask about the meaning of a bid if the intent is to provide the information to his partner. In other words, if the player already knows the answer but isn't sure if partner knows it, the question is not permissible.
5. If the last person to pass in an auction has no intention of bidding, but has questions to ask, it is good practice to ask for the bids to be left on the table, and then ask questions after partner has selected his opening lead. While it is legal to ask questions before the last pass, it may give partner unauthorized information that could restrict partner's freedom of action.
6. If a player pulls out the wrong bid by mistake, the bid may be corrected before his partner bids. This only applies to "mechanical" errors, e.g., the player meant to pull out 2 spades, but accidentally pulled out the bid for 2 hearts or 3 spades. It cannot be used to correct mental lapses.
7. A bid is alerted solely by saying "alert." No other information shall be provided unless the opponents request it. For example, do not say, "Alert. Fourth suit forcing," since this might provide unauthorized information to partner.

VICTORIA SPRING SECTIONAL



Carl and Pauline Thompson

The Spring Sectional was held on May 17-19 and a good time was had by all who attended. For the first time comfortable chairs were rented for a sectional tournament and by all accounts, they were a hit. Thanks to all who brought "goodies" for the hospitality table - they were well received. Marg Wright did her usual superb job of running the hospitality area and coffee was available at all times, not an easy job when the breaks cannot be predicted. The table numbers were down quite a bit, according to Matt Smith, mainly because it was a long weekend. The Bridgemates which the Board purchased a year ago were a big hit and allowed the scoring to be done efficiently. As well, having the Bridgemates meant that only one caddie was needed at the Friday and Saturday games.

The winners of the Saturday two session stratified open pairs games were as follows: Strat A: Tim Ayers and Rhonda Foster; Strat B: Burton and Kinga Voorhees; and Strat C: Pauline Thompson and Carl Thompson.

The winner of the Madeline Anderson trophy for the best overall performance was won by Tim Ayers. The celebrity speakers for the weekend were Duncan Smith who spoke on how to play different card combinations, while Rhonda Foster spoke on the Jacoby 2 NT convention over a major. Both talks were well attended and the committee thanks Duncan and Rhonda for generously giving up their time to do the talks. Hopefully, we will have a larger turnout for the Fall Sectional which will be held on September 6 - 8.

Gayle Good, Chair

VICTORIA REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT REVIEW

April 8 – 13th, 2013

We are pleased to report that our April Regional Bridge Tournament was a smashing success!!

We had a multitude of positive comments about, to name but a few, the location, the venue, the caterers and the hospitality.

The committee would again like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors; we could not have put on such a good show without you. And again, thank you to all the locals who participated in our first RideShare; we had so many positive comments about that service.

We would like to report the following stats:

- We predicted 1400 tables, we got 1318.5 (2009=1684; 2007=1800; 2005=2309).
- We made over \$12,000 (2009 = loss of over \$10,000).
- We had 20 responses in our Suggestion Box; seven of which want the tournament back downtown; (and we know there would be more, but we cannot afford to be downtown). Plus we had a number of specific suggestions on how to improve the tournament - which we are already working on. Thanks again for contributing.
- We had 818 persons attend:
 - Victoria and Area = 376
 - Duncan and North Island = 89
 - Vancouver and Area: 134
 - Alberta = 29
 - Saskatchewan = 11
 - Washington = 70
 - California = 34

Future of the Victoria Regional.....RUMOURS, RUMOURS!!

Many of you have heard numerous rumours about our Victoria Regional future, including that it will be moved to a different time of year or cancelled entirely.

At this time, we on the Committee are greatly concerned about either of these possibilities. We have written to the DINO Board asking them for clarification, but have not heard back officially, nor are we likely to until October 2013. I will point out that we are not taking this lightly, and neither is Vivian Thickett, our DINO representative. As soon as we have a clear answer, we will inform you.

And so you know, we have tentatively booked Pearkes Recreation Centre for April 13 -19, 2015 and we have registered with the ACBL for those times.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank my committee: Gail Richardson, Coreen Hamilton, Ele Gibson, Diane Moffatt and Claire Ward: your participation, contributions, support and good humour are invaluable!!

And to thank Matt Smith – without whom nothing would be possible.

Respectfully submitted

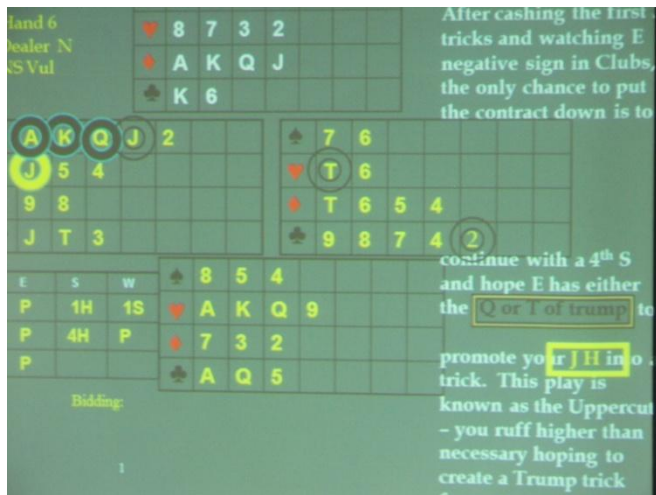
Jan Galenza, Chair

Lifetime Achievements

Congratulations to all those who gained Life Master status and beyond at the Regional, particularly new Silver Life Master Lyn Jones (incorrectly announced as Life Master at the tournament) and Gold Life Masters, Mike Ainsley and Debbie Hargreaves. A full listing of all achievements can be found on the Unit website at http://d19.org/victoria/?page_id=260

CLUB CORNER

Capital City



Congratulations to Tom Barnes and Barry Arnsdorf for winning our Wed. evening Great Western STAC game with a 72.63% . This percentage placed them 2nd overall for a jackpot of over 12 Silver Points!

Just a heads up – Lakehill’s Wed. evening game is cancelled for July 17th ONLY – the bowlers are playing host to other bowls clubs for a tournament that night.

As you can see in the accompanying photos, we’ve incorporated technology in the presentations of our pre-game lessons with the aim of allowing everyone in the room a good view.



Ewa and Rita would like to wish all our players a wonderful summer – if only the rain would stop falling! LOL

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Monterey Bridge Club

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<http://www.members.shaw.ca/MontereyBridgeClub/>

Victoria Bridge Centre



Forthcoming in Summer and Fall 2013:

- [Bridge Summer Camps for Youth](#) - July 8, 9, 10, 11 and August 12, 13, 14, 15, 2013. Contact Nicole Dupuis email: benicha@gmail.com or [250-884-5414](tel:250-884-5414).
- Anna Boivin's Holiday Monday Charity Game is beginning July 1st, 2013.
- Bridge lessons and Play for Intermediate to Advanced players - 6 sessions - 2 hours - Saturday 10AM till NOON - starting September 14th by Ernie Tradewell. To register email: ernie.tradewell@telus.net.
- The Monthly Swiss Team Game (3rd Saturday of each month) is ranked as a Fund Game, thereby earning extra masterpoints; so come out and join in the fun! See the new website in case the schedule has changed.
- **New email address:** victoriabridgecentre@shaw.ca
- **New web site look:** www.victoriabridgecentre.com

Thanks for your continuing support. See you at the table,

Bill Wastle
VBC: *Your Bridge Club*

LESSONS

Duplicate Bridge Summer Adventure

Bridge the Generation gap and send your grand-kids, nephews, nieces, neighbours to [Bridge Camp](#) this summer! Have them spend 4 days with like-minded people learning Bridge, the stimulating mind sport you love so much! Our hope is that our youth will take advantage of this opportunity to engage academically and expand their social network. This is for ages 25 and under. The fee is \$80.00.

The complete schedule is on my website at <http://www.dupuisbridge.com/summer2013.html>. The location of this Bridge Camp is: [Victoria Bridge Centre, 880D Esquimalt Road](#). The two Bridge Adventure Weeks to choose from are: July 8,9,10,11 and August 12,13,14,15 2013.

You will find, on the schedule, several opportunities for you to join your “sponsors” at Victoria Bridge Centre during their 4 days of learning, playing and having fun. Come join us.

[Nicole Dupuis](#)
250-884-5414

Bridge for Intermediate and Advancing Players

Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 and 19th

Cost: \$110

This course will build on your basic knowledge of 2/1.

Explore and learn more about 4th suit forcing, one NT forcing, New Minor Forcing and other more advanced 2/1 sequences. Competitive bidding, signalling, opening leads and leads will also be discussed. Learn when to go against the odds as declarer.

Each lesson will introduce a new topic. The time will be split between lecture and practice hands. There will be a full analysis of each hand played in the practice sessions.

Contact: [Ernie Tradewell](#)

UNIT 431 NEWS

Membership and Recruitment Coordinator

The position of Secretary has now been officially divided into two positions. The portions of the original job description relating to membership duties have been renamed Membership and Recruitment Coordinator. The current incumbent is Ted Eisner. Among his duties will be to serve as the Unit 431 board contact for the mentor game coordinator and to be the board member responsible for bridge development within Unit 431.

Both job descriptions are available on the Unit website.

Board Minutes

If you are interested in what your board is up to, the minutes of each meeting are on our website. If you have a suggestion/request/complaint you would like the board to review, please send your submission to the secretary, Peggy Pepper.

For contact information for all board members, please see <http://www.d19.org/victoria/>

MEMORABLE QUOTE

“Card sense is when it’s technically right to do something, the little man that sits on my shoulder or anyone else’s shoulder says, “Don’t do that.” And you say to yourself, “Well, wait a minute, that’s the right way to play.” And he says, “Yeah, but you don’t wanna play that way.” That instinct is card sense. It’s almost an ability to feel where the cards are. It’s something that you can’t buy, you can’t find; you’re born with. The ability to do the right thing at the wrong time, or really to do the wrong thing at the right time.”

Barry Crane

VICTORIA FALL SECTIONAL

SEPTEMBER 6 – 8, 2013

PEARKES REC CENTRE



Come one Come all,
And play bridge in the fall.

You have all summer to continue to hone your skills in preparation for Unit 431's Sectional Fall Tournament.

No partner! No problem! Contact Danielle Goulet at (250) 474-0788 or email:danielle75@hotmail.com

For more Silver Points there will be a Charity Game on Friday evening with the opportunity to win 40% more points with no extra charge.

Also on Friday there are two *199er Pairs games (1pm and 7pm). These games are free for ACBL members with fewer than 5 masterpoints.

Not a member! Join prior to the tournament at any sanctioned bridge club, or at the tournament.

Prior to the start of games on Sunday, there will be free coffee from 9 to 9:30, along with free muffins as long as supplies last.

For further information pick up a flyer at any club in Victoria or go online to <http://www.acbl.org> and look under tournaments.

Diane Moffatt,
Chair Fall Sectional

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

July 7	Mentor Game	Victoria Bridge Centre
July 19 – 21	Nanaimo Sectional	
Aug. 11	Mentor Game	Victoria Bridge Centre
Aug. 19 – 25	D19 STAC	
Sept. 6 – 8	Victoria Fall Sectional	Pearkes Rec Centre
Sept. 6 – 8	Burnaby Sectional	
Sept. 15	Mentor Game	Victoria Bridge Centre
Sept. 20 – 22	Powell River Sectional	
Sept. 30 – Oct. 6	Seaside Regional	

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/2012/09/2013_Bridge_Event_Calendar.pdf