



The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter

March 2015



VICTORIA SPRING SECTIONAL



March 27 – 29, 2015
Pearkes Recreation Centre

Gather your favourite partner(s) and join us at our Spring Sectional. Don't forget to bring contributions (or cash and let us do the shopping) for the hospitality table!

Fast Results Comes to Victoria's Spring Sectional!

Would you rather go have a bite to eat than stand around waiting for your results for the pairs game just completed? No more! You can now retrieve all of the information via the Internet.

If you already have a current email address registered with the ACBL, you don't have to do anything. If your email address is not registered, you simply send an email message to FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com. In the subject line, type in your ACBL number. No need to write anything in the message, just click send! If you'd like to pre-enroll to receive a link to your results via text message, send your ACBL number and last name to (312) 800-1790.

When the results are posted (generally within 15-20 minutes of completion of all sections during that session), you will receive an email notification. The email will contain links you can click on that will take you directly to your personal results and the field's results for that session.

If you choose not to sign up via email, but would like to view results for that day, you can log on to www.BridgeFinesse.com/FastResults/D19. Click on the *Event > Date > Session*. At the top of the screen you will see all the Master Point winners—if you scroll across their names you will see their picture (if available) and the approximate number of MPs they have. You can scroll down to see the summaries for all the sections that played during that session. If you wish to see the complete details for you and your partner, click on the number adjacent to your name—that will provide you a complete recap of all your results. If you wish to review your results in a traditional format, rather than clicking on the *red highlighted game*, continue to the right and click the *N/S* or *E/W* results as appropriate. The results will also be displayed on the Unit 431 home page, but may be delayed by 12-24 hours.

Finally, we want to emphasize the importance of verifying your correct score in the Bridgemate system before "accepting." It is much easier to correct the score at that point than after the game is completed!

Ele Gibson, Tournament Chair

UNIT 431

In Memoriam 2014

Helen Bandy
Sheila Bellows
Sheila MacDougall
Bob McIntyre
Margaret Morris
Bill Stitt



Jan Soutar and Marnie Hueston

As her last duty as Vice President, Jan Soutar presented Marnie Hueston with the "Rose Bowl" trophy (awarded to the person with the highest score at the AGM).

Unit 431 2015 Master Point Races

Master Point Range	MINI MCKENNEY STANDINGS Master points earned at any ACBL event	ACE OF CLUBS STANDINGS Master points earned at Unit events
0-5	Bob Macdonald	Bob Macdonald
5-20	Dolf Daam	Dolf Daam
20-25	Kathy Gaudry	Kathy Gaudry
50-100	Russell Page	Russell Page
100-200	Esther Wiebe	Andrea Pite
200-300	Kim Imada	Dallas Goodchild
300-500	Donald Berry	Nev Hircock
500-1000	Kaye Farmer	David Reid
1000-2500	Tony Farr	Tony Farr
2500-5000	Ernie Tradewell	Bela Hirczy
5000-7500	Brian Fraser	Brian Fraser
7500-10000	Michael Roche	Sandra Fraser
Over 10000	Gerry McCully	Duncan Smith

Meet the Board of Directors

Returning members of the Board are: Deb Carnes, Tony Farr, Ele Gibson, Peggy Pepper, Gail Richardson, Jill Stainforth, Judy Stewart and Leslie Wood.

We welcome the new members:

Marnie Hueston – I started to play bridge when I was in high school with my Mom, Sister, Aunts and Uncles socially as a family past time. We were a card playing family and some of my first memories were playing cards. First Fish then Canasta, Crib and on to Bridge which became my game of choice. I graduated to duplicate bridge about 20 years ago and it has taken on a whole new love.

I was married quite young having three children, a daughter and 2 sons and have 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. While my children were still young I started to work as a bookkeeper, taking accounting classes at night. Professionally, I spent over 30 years doing accounting for several different companies, first in Edmonton then in Victoria.

My second hobby was making jewelry and then in my first retirement I bought a small gallery and bead store which I owned and worked in for 5 years. Now retired for a second time I still make jewelry, teach classes in

Metal Clay, Viking Knit and Wire Wrapping and sell my jewelry at craft fairs, as well as try to play as much bridge as I can.

I love to travel, whether to a tournament or sightseeing and enjoy what I am doing at most times including an annual camping trip with my grandkids.

Jean-Philippe (JP) Weber emigrated from Switzerland to Quebec at age 5, bringing his parents and kid brother with him. He studied chemistry, with bridge as a minor (in lieu of attending organic chemistry classes) eventually completing a PhD in microwave spectroscopy. He then joined the Quebec Toxicology Centre, where he developed and applied methods to measure human exposure to heavy metals, pesticides and other environmental contaminants. Upon retiring in Victoria in 2008, he renewed with bridge after a 40-year hiatus, discovering the joys and heartbreak of duplicate. His other interests include hiking, cycling and dabbling in computer programming and website design.

2014 New Life Masters:

Nancy Adrian,
Donald Berry
Sue Foley
Diane Moffatt
Suzanne Reed
Mitra Shojania

Unit 431 Xmas Party



JP Weber, President Ele Gibson, Keith Hibbert

The turnout for the Christmas party was the largest in recent years. Congratulations to JP Weber and Keith Hibbert, winners of the Sam Duprau Trophy. We are able to continue subsidizing this event although expenses are increasing as a result of the support our members show in attending our two sectionals.

Membership Report

New Members and returnees

New, returned and recently transferred members include Rhonda Foster, Babett Harvey, Morgan Hocking, Ernst Kramer, Eileen Lugossy, Gerry McCully, Elizabeth Miller, Gail Sharp, and Alix Whitfield. Welcome and welcome back.

Name Tags

Be known! Please contact Jill (jstainforth@yahoo.ca) to order a name tag. The cost is \$8.50.

D-light - Start Duplicate the Easy Way

The Unit has set up three games a month for bridge players who would like to enter duplicate at the shallow end.

So far since January almost 60 people have played in our D-light games. One player of each pair should have either no master

points or no more than five. The partner can have any number of master points or none at all.

It is a gentle and friendly game with plenty of assistance about the particulars of duplicate. Please tell your friends who are social bridge players in case they'd like to give duplicate a try.

The games are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at Victoria Bridge Centre**, the 3rd Wednesday at 9:15 am at Island Bridge Club*** and on the 4th Friday at 9:15 am of the month at Capital City Bridge Club****.

**880D Esquimalt Road, upstairs behind Tim Hortons

(www.bridgewebs.com/vbc/)

*** St Aidan's Church Hall, 3703 St Aidans Street, at the very top of Richmond Road.

(www.islandbridgeclub.com/)

**** Lakehill Lawn Bowling clubhouse, 3930 Lasalle Street. Parking is at the top of Prestwood Drive near Reynolds Park.

(www.capitalcitybridgeclub.com)

ACBL advancements:

NABC Master

Lainey Clark
Catherine Gendur
Dallas Goodchild
Cynthia Thomson

Sectional Master

Tom Goodchild

Club Master

Hans Aldhoch
Aimee Botje
Bob Macdonald
Janet McGregor

Junior Master

Susan Breiddal
Sheila Collyer
Gordon Corns
Lois Coyle
Louise Edwards
Brenda Jackson
Shiela Wansbrough
Rene Weir

Recognition for New and Improving Players

Unit 431 is pleased to announce a new initiative to recognize new and improving players. The person(s) starting 2015 with fewer than 20 masterpoints who accumulates the most points throughout the year at the four Unit sectionals (Ace of Hearts, Spring Sectional, Fall Sectional and Ace of Spades) will be presented with a memento at the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Ace of Hearts



Gayle Good, Jon Punnett, and Bob Macdonald

The Ace of Hearts tournament for 199ers in February was very successful with 21 and 1/2 tables for the morning pairs event, and 11 tables for the Swiss team event in the afternoon. The free coffee, tea, orange juice and muffins were well received as was the use of the Bridgemates which Roy Sadd generously loaned for the event. The winners of the morning's event were Bob Macdonald and Jon

Punnett with a 64.3% game, and Tom and Dilys Halford who had a 63.3% game – congratulations. The winners of the afternoon team game were Holly Boudreau, Janice Closson, Bob Macdonald and Jon Punnett who won all four rounds. The overall winners with the most points for the day were Bob Macdonald and Jon Punnett who were awarded the Margaret Hinton Memorial trophy.

A big thank you to Merv Adey who directed the tournament and to the following volunteers: Ted Eisner Kim Imada, Ryley Breiddal and Jordan Tessarolo. A very large thank you to JP Weber who spent a few hours manipulating the data to produce the final results and upload them to the Unit's website.

Thanks to all the participants for making the tournament a success.

Gayle Good, Chair

VICTORIA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

It's almost time for our Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament—April 13-19, 2015!

Come and play without worrying about parking—lots of spaces and free. Grab a bite to eat at the concession stand and then enjoy the game as you sit in comfortable banquet-style chairs.

Line up your partners or head to the partnership desk! Thanks to your feedback, there are more games to choose from this year:

- 3 days of Gold Rush Pairs for pairs with fewer than 750 master points.

- 6 additional 199^{er} games
- Get involved by volunteering.
- There is still time to offer your services as a driver for visiting players. Drop by the Rideshare desk to sign up.
 - Please stay a few minutes after a game to help with tidying up.

Special thanks to all our sponsors for their generosity; allowing for a splendid array of hospitality items from table gifts to treats following two of the evening games.

Thank you to Capital City Bridge Club, Island Bridge Club, and Victoria Bridge Centre for cancelling their games during the tournament week so that you and they can support the Regional.

Thank you for your support and involvement in making your Regional Bridge Tournament a smashing success!

See you at the tournament!

Jan Galenza
Tournament Chair

Caddies Wanted Please!!!

The Victoria Regional is coming fast April 13 to 19th, we are looking for caddies for this event; the shifts specifically needed are the WEEKDAY morning, afternoon and evening games.

If anyone knows of older students and/or adults that can work any of the weekday shifts please have them contact Ruth Cain, Caddie master at ruthcain@shaw.ca.

Each session pays \$40.00, so if two are worked per day that is \$80.00 per day.

We have a job description we can send out to anyone that has an interest.

Ruth Cain, 2015 Victoria Regional

DUNCAN SAYS

Playing Victoria Standard, where a 2D response to 2C is "waiting" (at least a king) and 2H shows a "bust" (no Aces, no Kings), the question arises: When is responder allowed to pass? After a 2D response, responder must not pass until game (at least) has been bid.

After a 2H response, there are only 2 sequences where responder may pass.

1) 2C P 2H P 2NT P?
Responder is allowed to pass.

2) 2C P 2H P 2H/S P
anything P 3 of same major may be passed.

After 2C P 2H P 2 or 3 of any suit cannot ever be passed. eg.
2C P 2H P 2S P
? x xxxx xxxx xxxx

Responder is forced to keep the bidding open. Pass is not an option.

ACBL PRIVACY POLICY

The revised ACBL Privacy Regulations (<http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/administration/privacy-policy/>) require that any new members to Unit 431 must give their permission to have their contact information added to our telephone directory. New members are being advised of this requirement by the Membership and Recruitment Coordinator.

Anyone wishing to have their contact information removed from the next edition of the Unit telephone directory must so inform the Unit Secretary, Peggy Pepper, at pegpepper@shaw.ca or 250-727-6228.

Members may change their address and other contact information by going to MyACBL and clicking on "Update My Information." They may also request the individual information that the ACBL has collected about them, correct factual inaccuracies in their information, remove personal information from the ACBL's databases and/or update their personal information by calling the ACBL Customer Service Department at 1-800-264-2743 or email at service@acbl.org.

The Unit 431 Board of Directors assures all its members they will not use the members' contact information for any unauthorized purpose (i.e. promotion of private programs, products, fundraisers and business opportunities, even if they are bridge-themed.)

MISCELLANEOUS

How Good Is Your Memory?

A husband and wife were arguing about whose memory was better after twenty-five years of marriage. She said, "I bet you don't remember when my birthday is." Thinking quickly, "It's in the spring, ah....April?" he asked. "You idiot!" she said. "It's in September."

He quickly retorted, "What was our first car?" She looked at him blankly. "Ah ha!" he exclaimed. "It was a Toyota Camry, white and had a sun roof."

They both retreated to think about things. Then she said, "I bet you don't remember where we met." He said, "Oh yes, I do. We met at Van Buchanan's at a bridge party of Swiss Teams. In the first round, I played with Pete Wollner. In the second round, you were my partner. On the first hand, you had king-queen fifth of spades, ace-third of hearts, stiff diamond and king-queen fourth of clubs. We should have gotten to six spades, but you didn't show me your singleton club."

"What?!" she exclaimed. "You bid two clubs with only three of them instead of bidding Jacoby 2NT. As far as I knew, my club shortness wasn't useful!"

They glared at each other and both agreed it was a good thing they only played together at the annual Christmas Party at the Monterey Centre.

Memorable Quote

"If you lead an (unsupported) ace, you will often learn what you should have led." Mike Lawrence, *Bridge Bulletin*, January 2010, p. 43



Lots of good food, good people and good bridge helped Loren Leader say goodbye to Leaders Bridge Club in December.

Spring Lessons with Delma Murray

ACBL accredited 4 Star Teacher,
Better Bridge Accredited Teacher
17 years experience teaching bridge
Silver Life Master

In Oak Bay at Monterey Centre - 1442 Monterey Ave. Lessons are on various days and times. First start date is Apr. 21st. Register in person or by phone at 250-370-7300

Beginner (Club Series)	A course for new bridge players, those who have played bridge but never had lessons, and those who want to sharpen and modernize their foundation in the basics.
Play of the Hand (Diamond Series)	Basic declarer play for those who have completed a Beginner course and experienced players who want to sharpen their playing technique. This course also includes additional bidding and defence topics.
Defence (Heart Series)	Learn how to get more tricks when defending. Suitable for experienced intermediate plus players who want to sharpen their defensive skills and improve communication with partners.
Conventions (Part 1)	Part 1 will cover conventional responses to no trump openings, strong two club openings and pre-emptive openings, including how to deal with interference from opponents.
Conventions (Part 3)	Part 3 will cover conventional bids used in competitive auctions by advanced players, including conventional doubles and cuebids.
Conventions (Part 2)	Part 2 will cover conventions used after openings of one of a suit, including forcing and non-forcing bids and dealing with interference.
Conventions (Part 4)	Part 4 will cover conventional bids used by advanced players to find slams, including quantitative, control showing, control asking, and slam forcing bids.

In Sidney at Greenglade Community Centre 2151 Lannon Way, North Saanich. Register at Panorama Rec Centre, or by phone at 250 656 7271

Basic Bidding Brushup	A review of bidding in the Standard American System for students who have completed one or two basic courses and need practice applying what they have learned. Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 pm Starting Apr 22
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Teachers page on the Unit website. If you would like to be included please send the following information to jpweber@shaw.ca:

- Your accreditation and/or experience
- Website address or Facebook page if applicable
- Email address and phone number you would like people to use to contact you
- A brief paragraph outlining what type of lessons you offer and where

BIG GAMES

Leaders Bridge Club took part in the 2014 GW Holiday STaC held on December 8th. Sharon Wilkinson and Doug Scott came 15th out of 1386 pairs (Playing in flight A) with a 66.03% game. Congratulations!!

The top Victoria players at the recent Duncan sectional were Michael Roche (23.64 MP) and Tim Ayers (20.18 MP.) Well done!

Big games at the clubs:

76.68%	Russ Etherington and Russell Page	Jan. 6, Monterey
75.97%	Ewa Zwicky and Keith Dowdall	Dec. 2, VBC
75.00%	Ethel Turner and Bruce McKenzie	Jan. 15, VBC
72.69%	Guy Coutanche and Ron Smith	Feb. 7, Monterey
72.22%	Bela Hirczy and Debbie Wastle	Feb. 7, Monterey
72.07%	Barbara Latham and Dennis Latham	Feb. 28, D-light @ Capital City
71.96%	Carol Smart and Peggy Pepper	Jan. 20, Monterey
71.30%	Karen Billett and Donald Gray	Dec. 9, Monterey
71.01%	Donald Berry and Ken Wigen	Dec. 5, VBC
70.83%	Nancy Baal and Tom Pelton	Feb. 4, IBC
70.67%	Kirk Homis and Guy Coutanche	Feb. 28, VBC
70.51%	Bela Hirczy and Nancy Baal	Dec. 1, Leaders
70.24%	Gilda Good and Ken Wigen	Dec. 9, VBC

STAYMAN OR TRANSFER?

When two strangers sit down to play bridge, they normally will briefly discuss the convention card and agree on the general systems they will use. Seldom is there an in-depth discussion until there is a miscommunication. Even established partnerships frequently have not discussed some bidding sequences until there is a disagreement on how to handle a situation. For instance: How do you differentiate between a zero point hand and an invitational hand when your partner opens 1NT and you hold 5/4 or 4/5 in the majors and either 2/2 or 1/3 in the minors (3 clubs)?

As various books and websites seem to disagree, we asked some local experts.

Merv Adey

Interesting topic. Here's what I actually do in most partnerships.

With 5/4 in the majors and a weak hand, I Stayman and if partner responds 2D, I sign off in 2 of the longer major.

The above is not invitational and promises nothing in the way of HCP.

With what most consider an invitational hand (8 points plus the attractive shape) I do the same thing. Two clubs, then if partner responds a major, invite game via 3 if the major. If partner responds 2D, sign off in the longer major. With at best an eight card fit (5/3), it won't pay in the long run to stretch too much when our average combined HCP are only 24.

With a little more (9 points plus the 5/4 shape,) right or wrong I'll insist on game via Stayman followed by 3 of the major over a 2D response (or a Smolen bid if we have that agreement.) This is forcing. Bob McKinnon, who knows more math than I'll ever learn, tells me that 5/4 major hands make game a surprisingly high percentage of the time. So this is a "forgivable stretch". Our average combined HCP are now 25 for whatever that's worth.

Most important to remember is that the 5/4 major shape dips in value when partner responds 2D to Stayman. It greatly improves in value if partner shows a four card major. So 8 points or so can be worth a lot, or not as much as it seems, depending on fit or lack of obvious fit.

The alternative approach to this is to transfer with any weak hand, and promise invitational values for the 2C response. Bad idea, because your transfer may land you in your 5/2 fit in one major, instead of your 4/4 fit in the other. And a really weak hand is exactly the one where getting to the best fit is crucial.

Karen Billett

In your introduction, you mentioned partnerships disagreeing on how to handle this hand. It is important for partnerships to decide how they want to play 1NT P 2C P 2D P 2H or 2S. A good reason to make the sequence invitational is that you always have the option of transferring to the five-card major and passing partner's bid with a hand that does not want to invite. If you make the

sequence "drop dead Stayman", how do you invite?

If you play two kinds of Stayman: non-forcing and forcing Stayman, more options are available. That system is generally used by people playing a weak no trump opener. 2C is non-forcing Stayman and 2D is a game forcing Stayman. That means the sequence of 1NT P 2C P 2D P 2H or 2S is to play. You don't have this information available if you play transfers.

Duncan Smith

I'll give you my preferred (Not universal) methods. It's impossible to be able to Stayman with both sign-offs and invitationals, so there is a trade-off. I suggest using Stayman with each hand (contradicting my earlier statement.) When partner responds 2D, we bid 2 of our 5 card major, and partner must pass, covering the 5/4 sign-off. With 5/4 or 4/5 and invitational values, the trade-off comes in. We give up potential 5/3 major suit fits, and bid 2NT over 2D. It's not perfect, but I think it works very well.

Debbie Wastle

With the zero point hand I would bid Stayman and if partner bid 2D I would bid my 5 card suit at the 2 level as a drop dead bid. With the invitational hand, I bid Stayman and if partner bids 2D I ignore the 5 card suit and bid 2NT assuming that if partner has no 4-card major I am justified in hoping she can stop diamonds.

Ewa Zwicky

When declarer is dealt an average balanced 15-17 point hand with no suit to run, it's almost impossible to make the seven tricks needed to score 1NT because declarer has to play everything from his hand. It's much easier when there is a trump suit and declarer has access to the dummy and is able to take finesses. That's why, with a hand holding 4/5 in the majors but no or very few points, I like to first Stayman. If there is a fit in one of the suits then I pass. If, however, no fit exists, then I bid my 5 card suit for a drop dead bid.

With invitational values, holding 4 spades and 5 hearts, I transfer to H then bid S and let partner decide on the contract. Unfortunately, this does not work when I hold 5S and 4H. In this scenario I Stayman and if a fit exists then I raise partner to 3 of that suit. If no fit exists then I bid 2NT. Partner will figure out my distribution, as with 4/4 in the majors and fewer than 9 points, I would not Stayman at all, just pass partner's 1NT.

The invitational 5/4 or 4/5 hand against a 1NT opener is not my favourite situation. But it's not the only one, and, after all, these challenges are what make bridge so much fun.

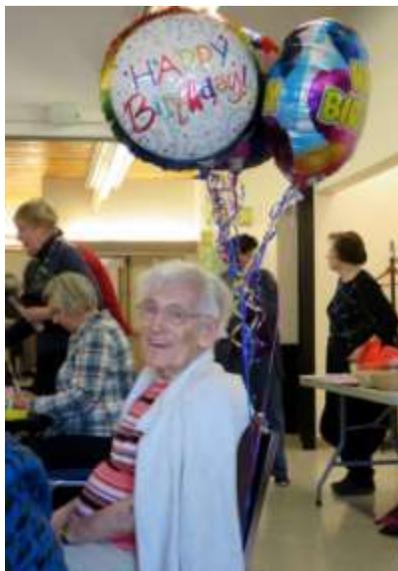
CLUB CORNER

Capital City

We held our second "D-light" bridge game Feb. 28th. Five tables of "new to duplicate bridge" players competed alongside our regular Friday a.m. players who are also "delighted," because their point awards are now based on a 12 table game! Barb and Dennis Latham, a husband and wife pair, claimed first overall with a 72% game which garnered them 1.2 MP.

Rita Beny and Ewa Zwicky
Capital City Bridge Club
<http://www.capitalcitybridgeclub.com>

Monterey Bridge Club



Betty Willekes celebrated her 96th Birthday on March 4th playing bridge of course!

www.members.shaw.ca/MontereyBridgeClub

Island Bridge Club



Banana and Anastasia

Before I get to the few announcements I have this month, I would first like to thank the great bridge community that we have in Victoria for all their support that I've received in the New Year. We really are blessed to have so many avid duplicate players in this city who support all the clubs in the area with their regular attendance. I've received numerous positive comments and ideas on how the club can improve and I appreciate all of these thoughts and concerns.

There are a few things going on these next few months that I'd like to mention the first of which is a special charity game to be held on March 16 for the Cat's Cradle Animal Rescue or CCAR. My fiancée Justine and I adopted two very special cats from this agency and I want to give back to the rescue that has provided us with so much joy. Since the game is the day before St. Patrick's Day, there will be a green theme and all are invited to join in a potluck starting before the game at 11:50 am. Game time will be 12:15 pm as usual with a slightly longer break to better enjoy the good food and socialize. The game fee will be \$ 9.00 instead of the usual \$8.00, the extra dollar going to

this non-profit organization. So please come wearing green and enjoy some bridge for a good cause.

Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone that the March team game falls on Thursday the 12th and that we will be closed the week of the regional which is April 13-19. Hope to see you all the table and many thanks.

Roy Sadd, Island Bridge Club
<http://www.islandbridgeclub.com/>

Victoria Bridge Centre



Mike and Nelda Ainsley

On Sunday March 8th, the Victoria Bridge Centre was transformed into a mass of blue and white for a potluck baby shower and bridge game. Mike and Nelda Ainsley are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their son, Cole, due April 12th.

The next VBC Mentor Game is Sunday March 22, 2015 at 7 PM with a 6:30 pre-game lesson by Mike Ainsley.

For partners and to get your mentee monthly puzzle please contact Mike Ainsley by email meainsley23@gmail.com, (preferably) or by phone at 250 385 7256 (leave a message.)

The rules will parallel the Unit Mentor Games.

www.victoriabridgecentre.com

DIRECTOR PLEASE

Use of Memory Aids

Law 40 includes this provision:

3. (a) unless permitted by the Regulating Authority*, a player is not entitled during the auction and play periods to any aids to his memory, calculation or technique.

Items that would fall in these categories include:

- Taking notes or writing down the auction and referring to it during the play
- Writing down one's complete hand and referring to it during the play
- Placing opening leader's first led suit to the far left of Dummy
- Arranging played tricks in some other way than allowed by law to assist in recognizing who won the trick or how many tricks must still be taken to set or make the contract
- Placing a finger on the table to consistently remind Declarer when he should be leading from Dummy rather than from his hand.
- Referring to one's own convention card at any time during the auction or play of the hand.

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*A club serves as its own Regulating Authority, whether it be in the form of a Board, an Owner, or Club Manager.

The above is taken from the ACBL website:

http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/club-directors/rulings-faq/use-of-memory-aids/

Card Played; Compulsory Play of Card

"Declarer is not subject to restriction for exposing a card (but see Law 45C2) and no card of declarer's or dummy's hand ever becomes a penalty card. Declarer is not required to play any card dropped 'accidentally.' See Law 48A (Exposure of Declarer's Cards; Declarer Exposes a Card.)"

HOWEVER, when Declarer deliberately plays a card it may not be picked up and changed.

Law 45C2 reads, "Declarer must play a card from his hand if it is (a) held face up, touching or nearly touching the table; or (b) maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rookie Game

The 2015 Rookie Game (formerly known as the Newcomer Game) will take place Sunday, May 24th at the Victoria Bridge Centre, 880D Esquimalt Road (near Head Street). The game starts at 1:00 p.m.

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints are invited to join us for a fun, relaxed afternoon of bridge. The Victoria Unit of the ACBL sponsors this game to welcome all new members to our family. ACBL members (or members who join at the door) pay only \$2.00 while Non-ACBL players pay \$8.00.

Free coffee and special treats will be provided!

Come alone or come with a partner. Partners are guaranteed. For more information contact Leslie Wood (leslie.wood@shaw.ca) or 250.727.6762.

Looking ahead:

Apr. 12	Unit 431 Mentor Game, Victoria Bridge Centre
Apr. 13 – 19	Victoria Regional Tournament, Pearkes Recreation Centre
May 1 – 3	Qualicum Sectional
May 3	Unit 431 Mentor Game, Victoria Bridge Centre
May 24	Unit 431 Rookie Game, Victoria Bridge Centre
June 7	Unit 431 Mentor Game, Victoria Bridge Centre
June 15 – 21	Penticton Regional Tournament

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/2014/10/2015-Bridge-Events-Calendar.pdf>

