

The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter

March 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My name is Barbara Boisvert. As newly elected President of Unit 431, I look forward to working with all my board members. I currently serve as Tournament Coordinator which I will continue to do as well.

I love new ideas and change. I like progressive approaches to problems and am a team player. I want you to know that you can approach me anytime to hear your thoughts on how our bridge world can be improved. Until then....see you at the bridge table!

Barbara Boisvert,
President, Unit 431

2016 In Memoriam

Bette Andreas
Raye Bell
Bob Bosley
Marie Greeniaus
Bela Hirczy
Rita Holley
Gail Marus
Ron McKenzie
Wanda Nunan
Jean Scott
Harwant Singh
Sharon Wilkinson
Peter Wollner

UNIT 431

Ace of Diamonds

Saturday, June 24, 2017

St. Aidan's Church

Unit 431's Inaugural Silver Point Sectional
Tournament *Restricted to Players with fewer than 100
Master Points (MP).*

See flyer for details

<http://www.bridgevictoria.ca/tournaments-and-events/upcoming-tournamentsspecial-games/>

Tournament Chair: Barb Boisvert (250) 477- 9730
(ladybarbara10@hotmail.com)

New Life Masters

Congratulations to the 2016 Life Masters:

Jack Campbell
Heather Erskine
Russell Page
Bree Watts
Ann Williams



Sadly we have already lost Pietor Ahrend and Larry Tickner this year.

AGM

Meet your new board members:

Shelley Burnham –Member at Large.

Holly Boudreau - Unit 431 Secretary - Holly retired in 2012, returning to Victoria, at the end of a long career in health care. Board experience includes two years as Chairman of Pacific Sport Diving and the Vice-Chair of the Artistic Gymnastics Committee for the XV Commonwealth Games. Although Holly played the occasional bridge game in Prince George, upon retirement she began a steep learning curve on the game that is ongoing! Other hobbies include badminton which she helps her husband, Pierre, coordinate at Saanich Commonwealth Place, waterfit and the occasional game of golf. Her children and grandchildren keep her humble and bring a constant joy to her life.

Nev Hircock – Member at Large. Nev is a Professional Engineer from Britain and Calgary. Nev has been retiring slowly for the past 50 years since graduation by letting go the more vigorous activity every 10 years in favour of something less punishing; from Rugby to Squash to Skiing to Golf to Bowls and now Bridge.

Nigel Williamson – Member at Large

The returning members of the board are:

Nancy Adrian – Vice President and Membership and Recruitment Coordinator

Barbara Boisvert – President and Tournament Coordinator

Gloria Dorrance – Awards Coordinator

Marnie Hueston – Asset Inventory Coordinator

Gail Richardson – Treasurer

JP Weber – Webmaster



Jim Brackenbury and outgoing President, Leslie Wood

Jim Brackenbury won the individual movement game following the AGM with a 65.48% game to win the Rose Bowl Trophy.

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Winners

Range	Ace of Clubs	Mini-McKenney
0-5	Bakh Dhillon	Bakh Dhillon
5-20	Margaret Skinner	Margaret Skinner
20-50	Gina Curran	Gina Curran
50-100	Bob MacDonald	Tom Goodchild
100-200	Joanna Daam	Daniel Lyder
200-300	JP Weber	JP Weber
300-500	Esther Wiebe	Terry Foster
500-1000	Donald Berry	Donald Berry
1000-1500	David Reid	David Reid
1500-2500	Tony Farr	Tony Farr
2500-3500	Bela G Hirczy	Karen Turner
3500-5000	Ernie Tradewell	Ernie Tradewell
5000-7500	Brian Fraser	Brian Fraser
7500-10,000	Michael J Roche	Michael J Roche
Over 10,000	Duncan Smith	Gerry W McCully

BIG GAMES

Mea Culpa. Ewa Zwicky and Mike Dickie played at VBC on October 11th with a 72.49% game which was missed in the December *Bridge Buzz*. This would have Ewa tie Duncan for the most big games in 2016.

71.75%	Doug Fraser and Karen Billett	Dec. 2, VBC
72.92%	John Miller and Roger Allen	Dec. 23, VBC
70.95%	John Brodrick and Tom Pelton	Dec. 19, IBC
70.74%	Karen Billett and Doug Fraser	Jan. 13, VBC
71.30%	Debbie Mineault and Duncan Smith	Feb. 16, IBC
71.02%	Karen Turner and Doug Fraser	Feb. 14, VBC

DUNCAN SAYS

There are 2 basic requirements for a direct takeout double:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening bid values and 2. Support for the unbid suits 		
eg. 1S ?	a. x Axxx AKxx Qxxx	This is an example that fits both criteria. Double 1S
	b.xx AQxx Kxxx Axx	A good double. 4 cards in unbid major & at least 3 cards in each unbid suit
	c. AQJx AJ10x x Axxx	Pass. Too many spades and unprepared for a response in diamonds.
A takeout double of a major usually has 4 cards in the other major.		
eg. 1S ?	d. x Axxx KJxx Qxxx	Pass. Shape perfect, but doesn't meet criterion 1.
	e. xx Ajxx AQxx Kxx	A good double.
	f. xxx xxx AKxx AKx	Pass. Partner will strain to bid hearts, and this heart suit is inadequate support.

CLUB CORNER

Capital City Bridge Club

It was a great experience to hold D-light games at our club, but the program came to an end at the beginning of this year. However, it's wonderful to see how many of the D-light players are now playing regularly and doing well at our open duplicate games. All in all, 22 new players from this program joined the ACBL. Since more than 10 players joined through CCBC we were awarded an Upgraded Club Championship which was very well attended. I want to

thank and congratulate the unit for their initiative and help in this venture.

Wednesday, June 14th CCBC will be offering a Canada wide Olympiad fund game and on Wednesday, June 21st we plan to hold the Alzheimers fundraiser game for the second year.

Thank you all for supporting CCBC

Ewa Zwicky

Victoria Bridge Centre

Sheila MacDougal Award



The Sheila MacDougal Award for December 2016 was presented to Vivian Rennie and Esther Wiebe by the previous year's winners David Reid and Maureen Trappe.

Tuesday Evening at VBC

Tuesday evenings are a friendly game with quite a varied standard. It is open to all non Life Masters and Life Masters with less than 500 points. (They qualified for LM under the old rules.)

There is no need to come with a partner. If there is no-one to play with, you will play with me.

Hope to see you at VBC

Ele Gibson

PLAYER PROFILE

John Brodrick – Bridge Personality



John Brodrick was born in Nanaimo. His father had the difficult choice during the war of going into the army or working underground in a coal mine. His father chose the coal mine. When John was about twelve, his father was fortunate to get a job in a sawmill.

John learned how to work hard. He apprenticed as a tin smith, but it wasn't the job for him. He went into the navy and was able to build a satisfying 30-year career. He was trained as an electrician who worked on big motors and engines.

He played some bridge on the ships. John married Norma in 1963 and they had a boy and a girl that fortunately have both stayed in or near Victoria. John was away for three months at a time on shipboard and it must have been difficult for his family to readjust each time he returned. Norma taught school while raising the children herself when John was away. In 1966, John started playing bridge at Harry Braun's club. That was where he first met Duncan Smith who was about 15 years old.

John's job took him to many ports around the world. What can a married man do while travelling? It's obvious – he takes up golf! John discovered left-handed golfing and in 1982, he started competing in the Left-handed Golf Tournaments. There was often a Bridge Tournament close by. There is usually a golf

tournament each year in B.C. with the World Left-handed Golf Tournaments occurring once every three years in different countries. In 2003, the World Championship was held in Victoria. John was an area director for the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers of Canada by then and with very few people, helped to prepare and create a successful tournament for 320 golfers from twelve countries.

In 1990, John took up duplicate bridge more seriously. John and his wife, Norma, still live in their own home where there is always work to do. They love to entertain their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John has had to give up golf, but fortunately, still has a passion for bridge. He now plays duplicate bridge most week days and in 2016, obtained the standing of Gold Life Master (over 2500 Master Points).

John is a pleasure to play against at the bridge table and makes it obvious that he enjoys being there.

Written by Karen Billett

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

Mar. 31 – Apr 2	Victoria Spring Sectional, Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney
Apr. 9	Unit 431 Mentor Game, VBC
Apr. 17 – 23	Victoria Regional, Victoria Conference Centre
May 7	Unit 431 Mentor Game, VBC
May 19 – 22	Vancouver Sectional, Queensborough Community Centre, New Westminster
June 4	Unit 431 Mentor Game, VBC
June 12 – 18	Penticton Regional
June 24	Ace of Diamonds, St. Aidan's Church, Victoria

For anyone interested in looking further ahead, the complete listing of events for Victoria and vicinity is available at <http://www.bridgevictoria.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Bridge-Events-Calendar-2017b.pdf>

MISCELLANEOUS

Ace of Hearts Winners



Congratulations to Eileen Lugossy and Julia Day, the top overall scores for the day and the winners of the Margaret Hinton Trophy at the Ace of Hearts Tournament on February 25th.



The Swiss team winners shown above are Bill Worobets - Janet Worobets - Mark Raymond - Joyce Scott, Victoria BC

VICTORIA REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT UPDATE

It's almost time for your Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament—April 17-23, 2017
In Beautiful Downtown Victoria at the Convention Centre

**** NEW For INTERMEDIATE AND NOVICE PLAYERS ****

A free workshop on ***Defence Basics*** for players with fewer than 50 MP is being offered on Monday, April 17 from 1:30-4:00pm in the Convention Centre Colwood Room.
Rita Beny and Nev Hircock will be the Leaders.

Advanced Registration with Dallas Goodchild (dallas.goodchild@shaw.ca) is highly recommended, as we can host only 16 tables.
See the "***IMPROVE YOUR GAME!***" Flyer that is at all the Victoria Bridge Clubs and at the Unit 431 Spring Sectional.

SPEAKERS CORNER

The Speakers' Corner has been moved to Noon, Tuesday through Saturday,
and is in the Colwood Room.

Some of the Best Bridge Teachers will present a free 30 minute lecture.

These lectures are open to Bridge Players of all levels,
but will be at the Intermediate and Novice Level.

See the "**IMPROVE YOUR GAME!**" flyer for details.

PARKING DETAILS

Enter the Convention Centre Parking Garage and take the ticket.

Present this ticket when you leave, indicate you are a bridge player
and that you will or will not be coming back later that day.

Pay the Parking Attendant \$5.00. Repeat if you return later that day,
but without paying when you leave the second time.

Enjoy your lunch, or a coffee and snack, at the **Liberty Deli and Cafe**,
just at the bottom of the stairs on Douglas St

Get Involved by **Volunteering**:

- Please offer to bring coffee and snacks to players who may have problems with stairs.
- Please stay a few minutes after the games to help tidy up.

****Special thanks to all our Sponsors for their great generosity****
You out did yourselves this year!

Thank you to all our local Bridge Clubs: Capital City Bridge Club, Island Bridge Club, Monterey 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!

Your Committee:

Jan Galenza, Gail Richardson, Alison Campbell, Dallas Goodchild,
Gina Curran, Margaret Skinner, Chris Cookson.