



The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter

June 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Unit 431, I would like to welcome Nev Hircock on his first edition of the Bridge Buzz and at the same time give thanks to Leslie Wood for the many years she did the Buzz.

Attendance at the Spring Sectional was fairly good, in spite of the Regional following just two weeks after. The time changes were well received and the survey revealed 2 to 1 in favor of staying at the Mary Winspear Center and \$2.00 increase for each session.

During the coming weeks Unit 431 board members will be working on our next fund raising event for our Bridgesorter....we are committed to having it by our fall sectional.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer...

Barb Boisvert

President Unit 431

CLUB CORNER

The following reports came in from our Duplicate Clubs

Island Bridge: Hello bridge community, it has been a busy 4 months for the Island Bridge Club with 2 charity games in April, a big game by Duncan and Debbie that will be in the bulletin in June, and a successful Grassroots FUNd team game in May. There will be a North American Open Pair qualifier in June to celebrate Irene MacDonald's hundredth birthday.

First off, April was the ACBL's charity month and Island Bridge Club ran two games for local charities and one to support the CBF charity foundation. The Monday before the regional we had 16 tables come out to raise \$200 for the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation which was donated in memory of Bela Hirczy. The team game on Thursday saw 11 tables come out and support Cat's Cradle Animal Rescue with \$150 presented to Ruth Robinson, a volunteer who came out to collect donations.

On Thursday March 30th of this year Duncan and Debbie had a superb game earning 75.89 % in a 7 table field, making them eligible for the big game report in the ACBL bulletin. Duncan and Debbie also had a good game during the 2017 Canada-Wide sTac, placing 3rd overall on Thursday afternoon on February 16th with a 71 % game. The Mineault team also won the most recent team game in May, a Grassroots FUNd game which helps pay for district 19 members to compete in events like the Grand National Teams and the North American Open Pairs.

I'd like to thank you, the excellent bridge community for your continued support and if you have any feedback or questions please feel free to phone or email me.



Roy Sadd Island Bridge Club

MONTEREY BRIDGE CLUB

[Monterey Bridge Club](#) holds two sanctioned games per week with **pre-duplicated** boards, hand records and score summaries. The part-time scores are printed and made available at the break. The final 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 [ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy](#) and the [Scent Free Zone Policy](#).

I am thrilled with the number of people using the [Partnership video link online](#). Please let me know if you are having trouble with this feature.

Congratulations on the top 6 big games at Monterey:

April 11, 2017	Delma Murray	Larry Margetish	71.02
May 9, 2017	Andrea Pite	Barb Boisvert	68.98
Jan 31, 2017	John Brodrick	Nancy Baal	67.41
Jan 10, 2017	Delma Murray	Larry Margetish	67.33
May 2, 2017	Joanna Daam	Harry Sadd	67.31
Feb 4, 2017	Ewa Zwicky	Brian Fraser	67.00

I can be reached by phone or text at [250-884-5414](tel:250-884-5414) or by email at montereybridgeclub@shaw.ca.

Keep calm and bridge on,

Nicole Dupuis

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DUNCAN SAYS

Duncan says he needs a well-earned rest so this column will, in future, be renamed:- “*Ask the Experts*”. In this issue we ask three of our senior players to what extent they insist on “two quick tricks” when opening in first or second seat.

B.B. asked Ernie Tradewell; Mike Ainsley and Delma Murray whether they would open the hand KQxxx / Jx / Qxx / KJx in 1st or 2nd seat.

E.T: I would open that hand. You want a spade lead BUT I am not happy. 2nd seat openers should be sound. You have lots of soft values and -200 is possible if it goes 1S p 3S all pass. If your partnership style is sound opening bids I would pass but almost no one does that today. The only seat I may not open is 2nd vul vs not vul. Anything else is not the modern style.

M.A. I would open in first or second with this hand. I don't like soft values particularly, but 5 spades to the KQxxx is a valuable suit. Even lead directing if partner is on lead.

D.M. I am opening with 12 hcp and a 5 card Spade suit.

DIRECTOR PLEASE

A few interesting calls illustrated the varied life of our game Directors.

Ele Gibson: One of the most common mistakes is when you make an insufficient bid. Most people immediately correct it. This is not the correct course, The LHO has the option of accepting the bid. For example if it went 1 diamond - 1 club, the next bidder has the option of accepting the bid and doubling for the majors. If the LHO does not accept the bid, the bidder can bid anything he likes except a double, but his partner is barred for the auction.

If Bidder passes lead penalties may apply

If bidder makes a sufficient bid, the auction continues as normal.

Roy Sadd forwarded Matt's response to an interesting director call that came up last week during the team game. It involved a player that failed to count their cards with only 11 in their hand. Roy awarded an average board which is +3/-3 in IMPs and wrote in to Matt, asking for his opinion.

M.S. *“First of all, I assume that the original South put all thirteen cards back in the board. If not, then there are two offending sides--the player who did not return the correct number of cards to the board, and the person on the other team who failed to count thirteen cards before play began. If both sides had a person who did something irresponsible and wrong, the normal thing to do is just throw the board out if there is no time for a replay.*

So if the original South did return all thirteen cards and two dropped out before the board got to the other table, then our second South has violated Law 7B2. By doing so, he has caused the board to be unplayable per 13B. Law 12C2(a) and 12C2(b) say that the offending side gets average minus and the non-offending side gets average plus, defined in IMPs as -3/+3. 86A reiterates that but allows for regulations where the adjustment may be more or less (the ACBL has not taken that

option). Note also 86D. It says that if the non-offending side got a result at the first table that would likely have been better than +3 IMPs, the director is allowed and encouraged to assign a score at the second table that reflects that. For example, if at the first table the partners of the guy who did not count his cards bid a slam off two cashing aces and went down 100, it would be reasonable to assign a score of +650 to the non-offenders at the other table. Offenders should not apparently profit from getting average minus.

None of the above represents a penalty. But in addition to the score adjustment of A-/A+, the director may issue a separate penalty. We usually don't do that in this case, but it is perfectly legal. Note that when deciding how strongly you should consider a penalty you should refer to the Introduction at the beginning of the book. It quantifies how you should treat "shall", "may", "must" as they appear in the laws. Since 7B2 simply says a "player counts his cards . . .", I think it means you should tend not to penalize unless you have had repeated problems with this kind of thing with the same player. If a penalty were in order, the law would say something like a "player must count" or "shall count".

MILESTONES

Thursday, June 8th was a grand celebration for one of our bridge players, Irene McDonald, who will turn 100 years old this month. Her long time bridge mentor Allison Campbell, played with her in the Thursday duplicate game at St. Aiden's.

The church was full, even spilling into the back room. She was given a lovely corsage, a card that was signed by the complete bridge community and we all applauded her accomplishment.

There was birthday cake and other goodies, decorations and just plain fun!

HAPPY 100TH IRENE!

VICTORIA 2017 REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT SUMMARY May, 2017

Wow, what can I say, but THANK YOU to everyone for making our 2017 Victoria Regional Tournament such a huge success!

To the Organizing Committee: Gail Richardson (Treasurer), Margaret Skinner (Hospitality), Gina Curran (Partnership), Alison Campbell (Caddie Coordinator), thank you for all your hard work, your brilliant ideas, and your support. We made a great Team!!

A special Thank You to Dallas Goodchild, who came to Gail and I several months ago to ask if she could set up an Educational Programme for the I/N players. As we all saw, it was a smashing success: the Workshop on Monday had 72 attendees and with 23 more on the wait list. Dallas, you definitely have the pulse of the community!

Thank You to Debbie Hargreaves for sharing her “thought provoking” Art Installation with us... the subject of many a conversation.

To the Volunteers at the Hospitality and Partnership Desks, to the Supervisor of the Novice Games - Jim Brackenbury, to all the Caddies, to the Meet and Greet Treat Team: You were all just fabulous and we could not do this event without all your help and support.

To the Sponsors of the Games: Thank you again for your generosity; for the third time, we had sponsors for all the events. Your contributions supported, among other things, the Monday Evening Meet and Greet Treat, the Evening Ice Cream Treats and almost 200 free plays at our local bridge clubs or at this Regional.

To all our local Bridge Players who promoted our Tournament at every city they travelled to: Thank you for spreading the word! You did a great job!

By the Numbers:

1. Played 1969 tables (1116 in 2015)
2. Had 1069 bridge players. Unit 431 (us) 302; Unit 430 (Vancouver) 133; Unit 429 (Up Island) 138. (687 in 2015)
3. 72.4% were from Canada, 27.3% from the USA
4. Profit: \$8600 (\$700 in 2015)

To all the Bridge Players who came and played: thank you for supporting the Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament.

Mark your calendars for our next Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament - April 8-14, 2019.
Thank you again for all your generosity and your support.

Jan Galenza. 2017 Chair.