

# The Bridge Buzz



ACBL Unit 431 Newsletter September 2018



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## BB on the BB

It has been a busy summer, warmer temperatures and smoke affecting the sunny days. None of this deterred our members from playing their bridge! The Unit's fall sectional event at the Mary Winspear event was well attended with record attendance on the Saturday Swiss Team Event. The unit remains committed to its mandate of "An Even Playing Field" at our sectionals. The web movement was used in ALL events in the fall sectional. The unit would like to remind all 199'ers of the Ace of Spades sectional. On October 27/18 at a new location "St Peter's Church" on St. Peter's Ave. Registration 9:00 am. See you at the bridge table!

Barb Boisvert

## CLUB CORNER

### Mike Ainsley:-

The VBC Mentor Game is finishing its 4th year and we are still doing well. Of course I could always use more mentors.

The big change though is the time for the game. I am now running this game as an afternoon game, the start time being 1 PM. The Lesson and Puzzle solution is at 12:30 PM. The next VBC mentor game will be September 30th. I had planned earlier but holiday plans intervened.

I could always use more mentors, so if you want to volunteer my email is [meainsley23@gmail.com](mailto:meainsley23@gmail.com).

As a novice if you are looking to play in the VBC Mentor Game you may also contact me at that email.

### Nicole Dupuis:-

Monterey Bridge Club:

The March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Memorial Game was well attended as we honoured Merv A, Eric A, Pietor A, Stephanie B, Anne Louise C, Florence C, Daphne D, Kaye F, Kathryn G, Olyve H, Gordon L, Bruce M, Mary N, Robert S, Gwen S, Larry T, and Isobel T.

The Day of Bridge Auction on June 19, 2018, was a success, raising \$4027 for Alzheimer Society of BC. Several experts, teachers and mentors offered their services for the benefit of this

auction. The experience proved to be worthwhile and we are hoping to duplicate these results next year. [See Day of Bridge on the website for feedback and comments.](#)

Future events at Monterey are the following:

- September 18th and 22nd: [Club Championship Games](#) (81.8% sectional rating black). No Additional cost.
- October 16th and 20th: [Jane Johnson Appreciation](#) (81.8% sectional rating black). No additional cost.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Keep Calm and Bridge On!

Nicole

## ASK THE EXPERTS

This quarter **BB** has asked the “Experts” their opinions on Jumps over Partner’s 1NT. Responses came in from Ewa Zwicky and Mike Ainsley.

**EZ:** Since I use the four suit transfer system, I do not need the jump in one of the minors to indicate some type of hand with 6 of a minor. Instead, I use 3C to show a weak hand with 5-5 in the minors and 3D to show the game going hand with 5-5 in the minors. By default this shows a hand with a singleton or a void, which is good information for the NT opener. When, as responder, I bid 3C partner may pass or bid 3D if he prefers that suit.

If I respond 3D to partner’s 1NT, I’m happy to accept game in either minor or in 3NT, as partner has received a description of my distribution and point count, and has subsequently decided on the best contract.

The response of 3H or 3S is used in many ways. When it’s used to show a slammish hand, I feel it’s a wasted bid as there are many other ways available to us to show slam interest. Players also use this bid to show a singleton in that suit, but in that case, what opposition is hearing is that that declarer has a maximum of 5 cards in that suit to play with, so let’s attack this suit. For me 3H in response to partner’s 1NT shows a hand with 1S, 3H, and 5-4 in the minors. The downside of this bid is that, should opener decide that the best course is to play the hand in a moysian fit, then the weaker hand would end up as declarer. Nothing is perfect.

This bid does not come up often, but when it does it feels really good to have it your tool box.

**MA:** As for my use of 3 clubs, diamonds, hearts and spades in response to 1NT they vary with different partnerships.

Currently, I am using 3 clubs as Puppet Stayman, 3 diamonds as a strong 5- 5 in the minors. 3 hearts as a splinter in hearts with 3 spades and 5 - 4 in the minors, and 3 spades as a splinter in spades with 3 hearts and again 5 - 4 in the minors, in one of my partnerships.

If I was a novice I would not recommend this usage. I would recommend instead using 3 clubs and 3 diamonds as invitational to 3NT, 7 or 8 HCP, and a good suit(partner would bid 3 NT with honour 3rd and pass otherwise) and 3 hearts and 3 spades as a slam try with a good 6 card major. Sometimes keeping things simple is best until you have a good grasp on the conventions you feel you have them all mastered.

## **Congratulations**

The Unit would like to congratulate Jan Soutar, Marc Furnemont, Jordan Tessarolo and Ryley Breiddal on their coming second in C of the Swiss Event at the Grand Nationals in Atlanta. The Nationals are a huge event and we can be proud of the performance of these players.

Michael Roche and his partner, John Carruthers were the winner of the prestigious Von Zedwitz Life Master Pairs. They were competing against 336 pairs.

### **UPCOMING:**

From Chris Cookson Up-Island (In view of life's uncertainties, always eat dessert first):-

### **CLUB DIRECTORS COURSE**

Unit 429 (North of the Malahat) is in the initial planning stages of a 2 day Club Directors course. This would be facilitated by Linda Marinus, and would be similar to the directors course run at NABCs, with 1 ½ days of instruction, followed by the open book test. This would be ideal for anyone wanting to become a club director. Target date is February of 2019. Location TBA, but likely Nanaimo.

If you are interested in this, please email Chris Cookson to be put on the mailing list for updates. [chriscookson@shaw.ca](mailto:chriscookson@shaw.ca)

From Jan Galenza, Tournament Chair ([jangalenza@shaw.ca](mailto:jangalenza@shaw.ca), 250-385-7597):

### **2019 VICTORIA REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT; April 8-14, 2019 Venue: Victoria Conference Centre**

Our Victoria Regional Bridge Tournament is only 7 months away! Once again the Regional Tournament is being held at the Victoria Conference Centre in beautiful downtown Victoria.

- There are ample parking spots available on site, on a first-come first-served basis, for \$10 per day, and with in-and-out privileges. Weekly passes may be purchased.
- Our friends at the Liberty Cafe & Deli will be serving us again.

Your Regional Committee consists of Chris Cookson, D19 Liaison; Gail Richardson, Treasurer; Kinga Biro, Partnership; Margaret Skinner, Hospitality; Alison Campbell, Caddie Master; and Dallas Goodchild, Education and Speakers Corner Coordinator, and yours truly as Chair.

We are looking for many volunteers to help out at the Desks; so if you missed me or Gail at the Fall Sectional, please phone/email us.

Thanks to our own JP Weber, the Regional now has its own website. Check out [www.vicregional.ca](http://www.vicregional.ca), and bookmark the page. It will have all the latest updates before the tournament starts; and the link to up to date results will be posted during the event.

A "Call Out" to all Snowbirds and Bridge travelers: If you are heading anywhere and playing bridge at a tournament or club, would you please help us get the word out by taking a handful of flyers with you.

**Together we can make Victoria a destination regional once again.**

## DISTRICT 19 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS 2019

After the great response to both the Whistler BC and Leavenworth WA Regionals, the District Board has decided to add both of these locations to the Regional Calendar. These tournaments will rotate in the fall with Whistler in odd years and Leavenworth in even years.

In 2019 the District has added a 6th regional in Pasco (Tri Cities area). So, in 2019 District 19 Regional Tournaments are:

April 8-14	Victoria BC
June 10-16	Penticton BC
June 17-23	Anchorage AK
Aug 19-25	Lynnwood WA
Oct 21-27	Pasco WA
Oct 28-Nov 3	Whistler BC

Check the ACBL website for details.

## NO MORE LOST SLEEP IN DUNCAN!

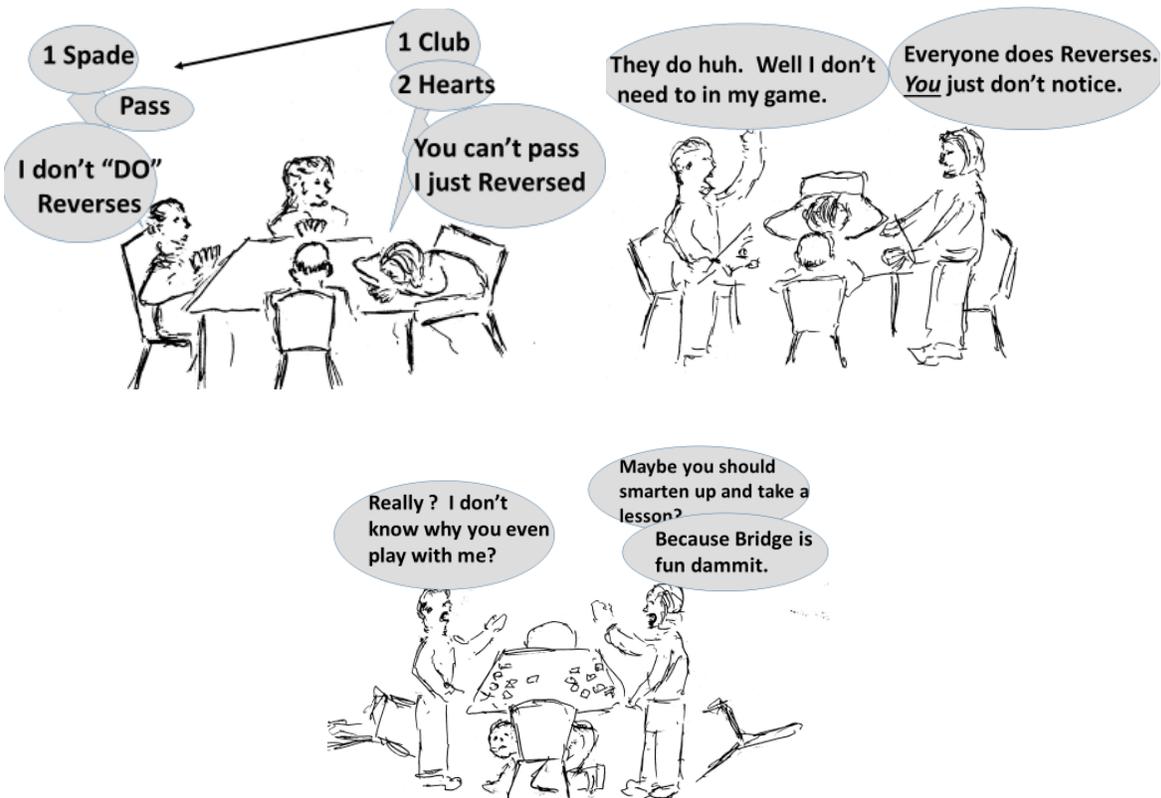
The Duncan Sectional has changed weekends, so it will no longer be on "clock change" weekend. The new dates for 2019 are February 22-24.

It will still be at the Cowichan Exhibition Grounds, a venue that has proven to be very popular

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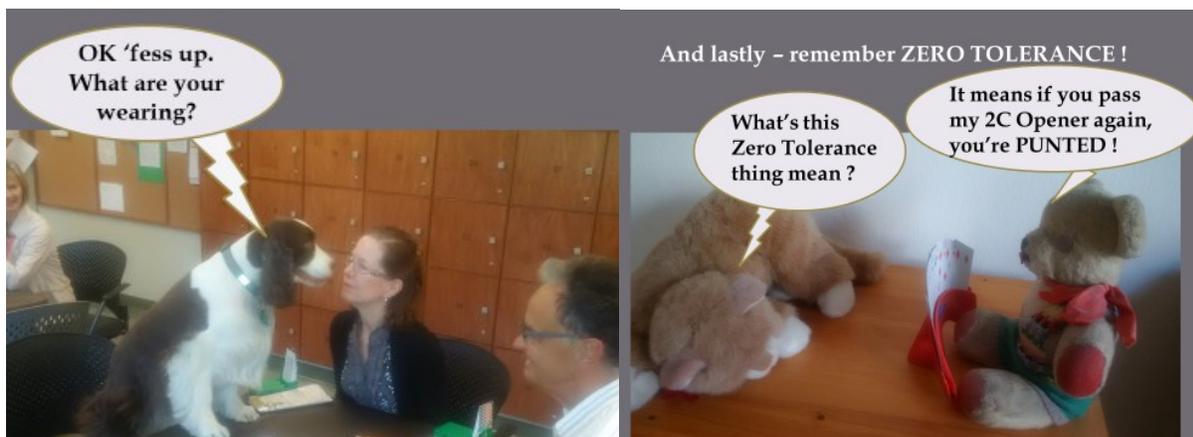
Finally, your Editor would like to 'clarify' a few Bridge Etiquette issues for our newer players.....

### 1 "Play Nice"



Remember: **If looks could kill, a lot of people would die holding Bridge Cards.**

**2 "No scents is good sense".** Some of our players are extra 'scentsitive'...



3 .....and you CAN ask the opponents their carding, but do you really want to.....?

