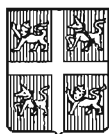


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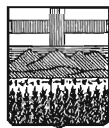
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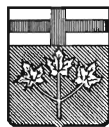
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## Canadian Bridge Directors Re-Elected

The Directors for Zone 5 (Jack Murphy) and Zone 6 (Sandra Borg) were unopposed. The Director of elections, Executive Secretary Alvin Baragar, has therefore declared them elected for an additional three year term.

## CHIMO

A preference for technical articles was indicated from the recent reader survey. In the Canadian Bridge Digest we have the unique opportunity of providing a forum for all Canadian bridge players. I believe that publication of items representing all areas of the country should take precedence over anything else. If this can be accomplished whilst increasing the technical content so much the better, but I am convinced that maintenance of a Canadian flavour is the prime objective.

To date -- with several notable exceptions -- there appears to be a dearth of Canadian players with technical bridge writing ability. If such players/writers exist, it is hoped that they will soon surface since the demands on the few known outstanding player/writers will become unacceptable or will result in regionalism.

I appeal to those players that may have latent writing talents and urge them to submit items for publication.

*Bob Brooks*

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# CBF Committee On International Trials Events

A committee of the CBF is currently considering standards and methods of selection for Canadian representatives to international bridge competitions. This will be carried out on an event-by-event basis, beginning with the Olympiad Pairs Trials. Interested parties are invited to make submissions to Steve Willard, Department of Mathematics, The University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2G1.

General comments on selection procedures and philosophy, as well as particular comments about the running of past and future Olympiad Pairs Trials, are welcome. For your information in preparing the latter, the Olympiad Pairs Trials are held every four years. As set up this year, ten pairs will be qualified to represent Canada in the World Bridge Olympiad

in New Orleans (one pair from each of Zones 1, 4, 5 and 6, two pairs from each of Zones 2 and 3, two pairs by nomination). Further details should easily be available to you locally since the event is just now concluding.

## Reader Survey

The reader survey resulted in 58 responses from 8 provinces. The responders had a masterpoint holding from 7 to over 4000 and had up to 31 years membership in the ACBL. For all these players bothering to respond we thank you deeply. Your suggestions and criticisms will be of immense help in the future. Although readers were satisfied with present content (rating slightly above average) there was a definite preference for technical articles (play/defence, hands, bidding) expressed. A more detailed analysis of the responses will be reported in a future issue. The following were the first identified responders in each CBF zone: David P. Gallant (Summerside, PEI), George Retek (Montreal), Howard Jacobs (Willowdale, Ont.), John Ross (Flin Flon, Man.), Mrs. L. van Dusen (Lethbridge, Alta.), and J.H. Crossfield (Powell River, B.C.)

## Sexism, Doubled and Redoubled

The following open letter to the Hon. Minister of Sport and Physical Fitness concerning the denigration of women in bridge appeared in Barbara O'Hanlon's "About Town" column in "the courier" (Vancouver's west end paper) last November.

Dear Ms. Minister:

The game of bridge, although it does nothing much for physical fitness, certainly provides mental stimulus. However, we must protest the sexual discrimination of the game. The offending feature lies in the cards. There are twice as many male honor cards as female, and half of these supersede the females. To rectify this it would be a simple matter to make the four aces feminine, but that would give the females dominance, and all we ask is equality.

We propose the following more complex change:

Let the aces remain neuter and in their present position. Also, allow the spades and clubs to stay unchanged, with the males dominant. After all, spades and clubs have always had a masculine connotation, just as hearts and diamonds have had a feminine one. The changes would be in these red suits. The queens would supersede the kings and, to complete a perfect balance, the jacks would become jills or jackesses.

Women could then play the game secure in the knowledge that they were being fairly treated.

Yours truly,  
Ms. Marion Coburn 'ChairPERSON,  
Equality in Bridge Committee.

# Treasurer's Report for 1977

To the President, Directors and Members of the Canadian Bridge Federation.

For the Ninth consecutive year I am pleased to present a report of financial operations of the Canadian Bridge Federation for the year ending December 31st, 1977.

On Membership account it will be seen that 1977 receipts of \$14,196.20 did not quite equal 1976 receipts of \$14,409.20. I rather expect that one unpaid Unit which has never faltered in its support of the C.B.F. will meet its 1977 assessment early in the New Year, thus establish 1977 as perhaps our best year for receipts.

Analysis of our receipts does show that whereas many Units in 1976 showed an increase in membership, many in 1977 showed a decline, hence reduced payments to the C.B.F. Ontario Unit 166 proved an exception showing a healthy increase (almost 7%), as did South Saskatchewan Unit 573 (a fine 15%), and Quonta Unit 238 (a splendid 20%), these increases tending to offset the declines which occurred elsewhere. Directors who can, should make every effort to co-operate with Units in their annual endeavour to maintain and hopefully increase their membership. Dues from Units are the life blood of the Canadian Bridge Federation and revenue must be maintained if we are to remain viable.

Despite near maximum receipts, Membership account shows a drop to \$22,781.38 from the 1976 year end balance of \$23,708.52. Taking into account an outstanding for the November 1977 Digest, about \$1300.00 and some unpaid items estimated at \$500.00, our year end balance drops to something under \$21,000.00, not exactly an unhealthy position, but one which should not be allowed to deteriorate further.

In the Disbursement column, 4 Digest inserts in the ACBL Bulletin represent as usual one big item of expense. Total cost of \$7200.00 varies little from 1976. There

seems no way to economize on cost of production and distribution, but so long as the Digests provide the one useful link between Directors and Members of the C.B.F., continuation seems to be a must.

The one other important item of expense is the cost of holding Director's and Membership meetings. By custom and by Constitution, 3 meetings are held every 2 years. The 2 meetings held in 1977 - widely separated, in Vancouver and Halifax - each cost just under \$4000.00. In 1976, and in prior years, meetings could be held at a cost under \$3000.00, but travel and hotel costs have increased mightily. Only one meeting is scheduled for 1978, and serious thought might be given to holding but one meeting in 1979, utilizing more telephone and letter communication between Directors, thereby effecting a worthwhile economy. Other listed expenses are routine and need no comment.

With our limited income, unlikely to increase much if at all in ensuing years, Directors must try to keep annual expenditures well within projected income.

On Olympiad Fund account gross receipts of \$9677.40 fell short of the \$10,552.15 realized in 1976. An even greater disparity is noted if one takes into account a payment of \$500.00 from District 2 actually paid in 1977, but properly applicable to 1976. Two Canada Wide games held in 1976 produced \$7160.00 from 955 tables in 79 locations, whereas the 1977 games produced \$6264.00 from 894 tables in 77 locations, in short just 2 less locations, but considerable less participation and less for the fund. Apart from the 2 Canada Wide games, 37 Units, Clubs, etc. participated in Olympiad Fund games in 1976 realizing \$3392.15, whereas only 29 participated in 1977 realizing \$2413.40. There is evidently a falling off in support, yet our needs remain as great or greater. I have continuously stressed, and again stress, the necessity for continued effort to secure participation by all Units and

Clubs and Members in Olympiad Fund games since increased revenue is imperative if Canada is to continue its participation in the field of International Bridge, and maintain its current top grade standing.

Your Directors this year are engaged in the task of selecting Canadian Pairs to participate in the 1978 International Olympiad Pairs event. By a pre-determined format local Trials by means of which qualified pairs are to be determined are being held and are expected to produce funds sufficient to cover some substantial portion of the ultimate cost. Initial Trials held in areas designated in my statement, have so far produced \$3160.50. More will be forthcoming, but it is doubtful if the final total will do more than cover the total cost of determining our representatives. Which means that we will start with about \$10,000.00 in our Olympiad

Fund available to finance our Pairs to the Olympiad event this year, not much indeed when we look at the overall cost. We need more support from all areas if we are ever to underwrite fully the cost of sending Canadian players to these important International Bridge events.

I extend best wishes to all of you, and to all Units of the Canadian Bridge Federation for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,  
Aaron Goodman, Treasurer  
3rd January 1978.

[The above edited report omits the details of receipts and disbursements for both the Membership and Olympiad Fund account which were contained in the Treasurer's report. This information is available to Unit officials.]

## Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund

The Canadian Mental Health Association has been chosen as the Canadian Charity of the Year for 1978. Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Limited has again donated awards for the leading North-South and East-West pairs in each of the six zones of the Canadian Bridge Federation's Canada-wide charity game of November 21st for which a record number of clubs (84) obtained sanctions.

The following are trophy winners:

- 69.9% N-S Mrs. W. Griffin, Mr. W. Murphy, Charlottetown, PEI  
64.0% E-W Mrs. J. Beveridge, Mrs. F. MacDonald, Kentville, NS  
  
70.5% N-S P. Neufeld, R. Cohen  
Beauharnois, Quebec  
66.1% E-W J. Boyer, G. Lacroix  
Laval-Chomeday, Quebec  
  
67.3% E-W J. Coen, L. Coen  
Aurora, Ontario

- 64.8% N-S Ms. N. Sugarman, W. Orme  
Kingston, Ontario  
  
66.5% N-S Ms. V. Schankula, R. Pollock, Pinawa, Manitoba  
66.1% E-W G. Gilchrist, B. Kan  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
  
65.1% N-S N. Anderson, W. Shaw  
64.9% E-W S. Viswanathan, H. Brend  
all Edmonton, Alberta  
  
67.8% N-S L. Feeny, L. Vervoort  
Chilliwack, B.C.  
64.8% E-W Ms. A. Henneberger, H. Henneberger, Port  
Coquitlam, B.C.

Mrs. C. Boissonneault and Mrs. F. Bedard playing N-S at Iroquois Falls, Ontario receive honorable mention since they were ineligible for an award only because their game site was one table short of the 9 required.



# Directors' Rulings

There are a rash of complaints by players feeling that they have been injured on their score because a member of a partnership has deviated from their convention card.

Suppose the opponents have 15-17 HCP as the opening 1NT range. When the hand is completed the director is called because the opener had a lowly 14 HCP. The director should first ascertain if the partner's responses were normal and not underbid. His next questions are directed at the opener to discover why he opened 1NT and if he frequently opens 1NT on 14 HCP hands.

The facts are now determined. The director should make sure that responder expected his partner to have the agreed strength. If responder is not surprised at his partner's weakness it might indicate a partnership understanding, a deliberate attempt to mislead the opponents by the convention card: a very serious offense.

Opener's explanation of his bid may include that he miscounted his hand. No adjustment should be made if the director believes this to be true. An acceptable explanation on an infrequent occasion would be that he liked the hand because of additional tens, etc. Directors do not accept an answer that he was making a psychic call on 14 HCP. It is felt a deviation of one point is not psychic and the term is reserved to describe deception as to HCP or distribution.

In the instance that a player frequently opens no trump with a point spread lower than announced, he should change his card accordingly. Even though the partnership has no understanding, frequent use may alert the subconscious reaction. An adjustment should be made if declarer and dummy had an understanding other than described on their convention card and only if the defenders can show that their play was affected by the mis-information.

If you want to get the ire of the director after he has made a ruling, always describe his method as "ruling against you". It is not an easy task to direct any level of competition whether it be at the local club or a North American Championship. Directors do not rule for or against, but interpret the laws and apply them to the situation which has been created. If the facts are in dispute, Directors will perceive to the best of their knowledge what took place and apply the appropriate law.

Please see the February issue of The BULLETIN for additional information on psychics.

## Brook Tomlinson 1900-1977

Brook Tomlinson was respected and loved throughout the bridge community in Western Canada. Born in Minneapolis, his family moved to Winnipeg when he was five. Prior to arriving in Edmonton in the 1950's, Brook was involved in the lumbering business in British Columbia, and at one time, owned a dress manufacturing company in Toronto with his sister Margaret.

Having always been attracted by the game of bridge, Brook and Margaret opened the Edmonton Bridge Studio in 1958, the first bridge premises in the city. The Studio was, and continues to be, home to Edmonton's finest players; it is there that they mastered the game under Brook's guidance. Many players have enjoyed not only bridge at the Studio, but, until his retirement from active management in 1975, Brook's excellent cuisine. Brook also directed at the Royal Glenora Bridge Club for fifteen years.

Distinguished, always gentle and generous, Brook will be warmly remembered especially by the many who were in need, and found, in Brook Tomlinson, a loving friend.

Survived by his wife, Bertie, four children, and his sister Margaret.

[Obituary prepared by Mary Carson, Secretary Northern Alberta Unit 391]

# Bridge to PEI

by Jack King, PEI

## The Worst Bridge Player

Rubber bridge, Both vulnerable

	985	
	8	
	KQ2	
	AQ9853	
J62		107
K1093		QJ7542
A107		9543
K76		2
	AKQ43	
	A6	
	J86	
	J104	
	Worst	

We have a young chap in Summerside who is reputed to be the world's worst bridge player. If there is a way to go down he is bound to find it. Why he still plays this game is anybody's guess. Let the reader be the judge on this multi-compression play.

How would you fancy your chances if you are in 4S on the North-South cards with the club 6 lead? You say it's fool-proof? Stay awhile.

### Jan Barna

Jan Barna was a very popular and leading figure in Montreal Bridge circles. He was a lifemaster of long-standing and was president of the Montreal Bridge League for two consecutive terms 1969-70. He was a regular participant in the league's functions and tournaments. He passed away whilst on a trip abroad.

He was always courteous and gentlemanly at the bridge table and will be missed by his many bridge partners and opponents.

[Obituary provided by Maurice Gauthier]

Our hero ducked in dummy and had the club 4 out of his hand and played before he realized that the finesse had won. Alas, the trick was won by West with the 6! After the general hilarity had subsided, West played the club 7 which the worst bridge player ducked and ruffed by East. The diamond return to West's Ace allowed another club lead which was ruffed with East's last trump. And the contract had already gone down one. With the layout of the cards, anybody else would have made 7, but not our player from Summerside. Yet worst was to come.

When he played a high trump, our player panicked for he imagined all the trumps were stacked behind him, having forgotten that East had trumped in twice and the trumps were splitting nicely. Resigning himself to fate, he played a second high trump and ruffed a heart. He then realized that he had no way of returning to hand, for on the first diamond lead he had forgotten to unblock a high honour from dummy. West still had to score the trump Jack. Down two.

The worst bridge player only played five tricks worse.

## District 1 Charity Game

Tuesday, April 18, 1978

This will be the 3rd District wide charity game held in District 1. The first was in October 1976 and was won by Mrs. P. Synishin and Mr. A.R. MacLean (71.5%) playing at the New Waterford Club in Cape Breton, N.S. The second was held in October 1977 and was won by M. English and R. Sinhover (71.4%) playing at the RA Duplicate Bridge Club in Ottawa.

Any club in District 1 that has not received an instruction sheet in connection with the April 18th event is asked to contact Ms. Anna Kinsella Chairman District 1 Charity Committee at 348 Douglas Avenue, Saint John, N.B. E2K 1E7.

## MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS - OCTOBER 1977

UNIT #	UNIT NAME	TOTAL MEMBERS	GROWTH %	ONE PER HOUSEHOLD		UNRANKED	JUNIOR		MASTER	NAT'L		SENIOR	ADV. SR.		LIFE
194	Maritimes	737	(.5)	641		74	174		119	115		116	58		81
230	Acadian	616	2.3	529		70	152		131	94		97	38		34
		<u>1,353</u>	.7												
151	Montreal	2,035	1.2	1,735		314	631		319	230		244	97		200
152	Quebec	320	3.9	272		71	83		60	32		35	12		27
192	E. Ontario	1,213	1.8	1,055		138	348		218	155		141	80		133
199	Saguenay BA	387	17.3	322		78	96		53	55		68	14		23
		<u>3,955</u>	3.0												
166	Ontario	<u>5,048</u>	6.7	4,348		693	1,544		833	619		641	251		467
		<u>5,048</u>	6.7												
181	Manitoba	674	8.0	571		73	218		103	84		65	52		79
212	Soo Int BA	195	0	166		20	40		27	22		47	18		21
228	N.Wn Ontario	205	7.9	181		17	38		25	40		35	26		24
238	Quonta BA	448	12.0	385		59	153		70	67		55	18		26
		<u>1,522</u>	8.0												
390	Calgary	635	7.4	528		77	181		97	88		82	35		75
391	Northern Alta.	669	12.6	565		73	191		97	104		106	23		75
392	Lethbridge	151	(4.4)	123		8	35		23	14		34	11		26
393	Med. Hat	53	20.5	48		9	13		6	12		10	1		2
573	S. Sask.	414	4.3	339		43	115		81	53		69	24		29
575	N. Sask.	448	10.6	377		42	124		76	70		54	30		52
		<u>2,370</u>	8.3												
429	Parksville	326	6.2	272		46	110		52	51		39	16		12
430	Vancouver	1,544	8.7	1,295		232	435		243	208		176	88		162
431	Victoria	282	(14.5)	243		25	64		42	41		42	26		42
456	Quesnel	202	3.6	172		40	44		42	24		28	6		18
571	Okangnan	406	.7	341		51	121		68	63		63	20		20
574	Kootenay	231	(4.1)	192		14	71		49	36		41	14		6
		<u>2,991</u>	3.2												
	Totals	17,239		14,700		2,267	4,981		2,834	2,277		2,288	958		1,634
	Growth %	5.0	5.0	6.3		.2	6.0		.7	4.0		5.8	15.4		12.5



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## Edmonton Sectional

- Olive Macdonald

Records are made to be broken and proof to this statement occurred at the "Edmonton Tricks & Treats Sectional". Don Carson, President of Unit #391, is happy to report a table count of 125% increase over the past year. There were a record 322 tables in play over the three-day Tournament held at the Holiday Inn. Two Novice Events drew 11

tables Friday night and 10 tables Saturday night.

A Wine and Cheese Party was held after play Friday evening. On Saturday, a party was enjoyed by all at the Northlands Bridge Club.

Local colour was added to the Swiss Team event on Sunday by a team called "Christy's Angel Team" captained by local bridge expert Bob Crosby. Bob was playing captain and coach to members Joan Foulkes-Jones, Judy Lindberg, Mary Carson, Sandi Link and Diane Northfield. The gals and Bob sported appropriate T-shirts.

# Canadian Champions for 1977

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>		<u>Points</u>
<u>Category A - Rookie of the Year</u>			
1	456	Mr. K. Dang, Prince George, B.C.	111.25
2	166	Mr. D. Camacho, West Hill, Ont.	95.51
<u>Category B - Non-Master of the Year</u>			
1	571	Mr. A. Orlandini, Kelowna, B.C.	153.58
2	151	Mr. L. Dumont, Montreal, PQ	152.19
3	166	Mr. P. O'Hara, Toronto, Ont.	92.96
4	166	Ms. R. O'Hara, Toronto, Ont.	86.67
5	575	Mr. D.D. Rankin, Saskatoon, Sask.	85.56
<u>Category C - Master of the Year</u>			
1	575	Miss J. Newbold, Saskatoon, Sask.	140.96
<u>Category D - National Master of the Year</u>			
1	151	Mr. R. Carey, Montreal, PQ	176.45
2	151	Ms. T. Verret, Laval, PQ	156.85
3	166	Mr. N. Star, Willowdale, Ont.	153.23
4	166	Mrs. C.G. Hutton, Hamilton, Ont.	142.48
5	151	Mr. R. Carriere, LaSalle, PQ	142.40
<u>Category E - Senior Master of the Year</u>			
1	181	Mr. M. Rahtjen, Winnipeg, Man.	214.35
2	181	Mr. R. Kuz, Selkirk, Man.	208.74
<u>Category F - Advanced Senior Master of the Year</u>			
1	181	Mr. N.D. Kimelman, Winnipeg, Man.	213.42
2	166	Miss L.L. Milner, Scarborough, Ont.	202.94
3	391	Mrs. C. McKinney, Edmonton, Alta.	201.13
<u>Category G - Life Master of the Year</u>			
1	430	Mr. B.J. Ferguson, New Westminster, B.C.	670.85
2	430	Mr. R.J. Donaldson, Burnaby, B.C.	553.44
3	151	Mr. E. Kokish, Montreal, PQ	540.73
4	151	Mr. J.M. Molson, Montreal, PQ	512.80
5	192	Mr. J. Bowman, Ottawa, Ont.	511.31

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## Dave Richmond Trophy

Bruce Ferguson of New Westminster, B.C. retains the Dave Richmond trophy which he won for the first time last year. This trophy is awarded annually to Canada's top masterpoint winner.

The following are Canada's top masterpoint earners for 1977:

Rank	Unit		Points
1	430	Mr. B.J. Ferguson, New Westminster, B.C.	670.85
2	430	Mr. R.J. Donaldson, Burnaby, B.C.	553.44
3	151	Mr. E. Kokish, Montreal, PQ	540.73
4	151	Mr. J.M. Molson, Montreal, PQ	512.80
5	192	Mr. J. Bowman, Ottawa, Ont.	511.31
6	166	Mr. A. Paul, Mississauga, Ont.	445.26
7	151	Mr. P.I. Nagy, Montreal, PQ	404.93
8	430	Mr. L. Betts, Vancouver, B.C.	404.62
9	166	Mr. J. Carruthers, Scarborough, Ont.	396.99
10	192	Mr. B. Wings, Ottawa, Ont.	393.67
11	390	Mr. S.C. Gupta, Calgary, Alta.	375.91
12	151	Mr. D. Fraser, Montreal, PQ	365.38
13	151	Mr. B. Baran, Montreal, PQ	360.40
14	166	Mr. D. Lindop, Toronto, Ont.	360.36
15	390	Mr. H.J. Kerger, Calgary, Alta.	359.86
16	192	Mr. J.E. Riegle, Ottawa, Ont.	352.45
17	192	Miss M.D. Roussin, Ottawa, Ont.	346.01
18	192	Mr. D. Curry, Ottawa, Ont.	339.91
19	192	Mr. D.R. McCorkell, Kingston, Ont.	330.89
20	192	Dr. A. Feingold, Ottawa, Ont.	329.62
21	151	Mrs. S. Kokish, Montreal, PQ	328.09
22	431	Mr. R.G. McOrmond, Victoria, B.C.	326.94
23	151	Mr. F. Hoffer, Montreal, PQ	324.27
24	571	Mr. A.G. Morris, Lethbridge, Alta.	322.50
25	430	Mr. J.A. Graves, Vancouver, B.C.	321.83
26	151	Mr. F.E. Gauthier, Montreal, PQ	318.64
27	151	Mrs. S.E. Fraser, Montreal, PQ	314.38
28	166	Mr. G. Mittelman, Downsview, Ont.	311.00
29	151	Mr. R. Lebi, Montreal, PQ	309.21
30	430	Mr. A. Nagy, Vancouver, B.C.	304.95

## Book Review

by Bea Calm

### The Philadelphia Contract Bidding System by Salvatore Merlino.

Goodbye dear old club suit.

This new book, "The Philadelphia Contract Bridge Bidding System", is a new version to the addicts of a forcing club. All opening one-club bids demand that the responder answer any suit that he holds an ace. Holding two or three aces the answer is one no trump. Opener's re-bid of two clubs is for kings and three clubs is requesting queens. Over any opening suit bid the responder can - with the big hand - get the same information by (asking) club bids.

A new term comes into the vocabulary in the form of "break-off" bids. Anytime the forcer bids no trump it breaks-off the control responses and long suits are answered. Distribution is also answered to a

four club asking call.

There are some other angles carefully explained on what to do with interference calls by the opposition. Excellent examples of hands are given to show the super results that you can achieve by playing the Philadelphia System.

The book will have definite appeal to those players wanting a new gimmick to astound their opposition. The main benefit to the duplicate player is perhaps reading between the lines and seeing the development of a bidding approach and how to overcome opponents spoiling tactics.

Publication of this book gives some hope that the KANADA KLUB convention will gain acceptance. "You see all hands with less than six points are opened with a club and this immediately tells your partner your whole miserable hand. It avoids partner overbidding and if he gets set in a contract it is all his fault." I like the KANADA KLUB convention.

# Bridge Club Scene

Seen by Cameron Cameron, Vancouver

Planning your summer holidays? Be sure to pack your ACBL club directory as it shows all the games in the towns you will visit in your travels. Our overnight stops matched the towns that had duplicate that evening.

We entered the weekly Swiss Team event at the Calgary Bridge Centre. It was a special mixed team event and our understanding partners were Archie and Yvonne Hess. Highlight of the evening happened when my right hand opponent, Dave Boushy, opened a strong no trump and I held 16 H.C.P. By a series of errors I ended up in 6NT, doubled - making SEVEN. The opposition could have cashed the first jillion tricks.

The Centre also has an IMP pairs every Sunday. My wife was asked to participate by one of the local players. No one invited me so I sulked by the TV set. Game director, Stan Matheson, phoned and wanted me to fill in a half table. The top-seeded pair was Joe Kerger and visiting Gordon McOrmond from Victoria. The best they could do was second as CC and Subhash Gupta triumphed.

We toured the under-construction Parklands Bridge Club in Red Deer. The club owns its own premises and the lower level is a beautiful wood panelled and well lighted area. It was not complete so we are looking forward to our next visit to see the finished project.

Bart and Ruth Symons invited us as house guests in Edmonton. One of our discoveries was that duplicate bridge is the best entertainment value in town. Bridge requires skill and knowledge, but that race track is another story.

Jim and Pat Lopushinsky are the new owners of the Klondike Bridge club in 'oiltown'. The team event drew a good crowd and the smoke-free air system was a real pleasure. Being clear headed all evening was more of an advantage to our opponents as cap-

tain, Hans Folkinga only reported two wins for our side.

The Northlands Bridge Club had just opened with Gus Duchon, George Hardy and Gordon Tokarchuk at the helm. They have beautiful plants from their opening and they all have name tags saying, "hello, my name is Betty," (after my wife) and "hello, my name is Mary," (after Mary Nicholl Carson). They were holding their first afternoon club championship and we donated two books for prizes. My bride and I declined the first place award and it went to that nice couple the Jim Rooneys.

The club at Lloydminster draws players from sixty miles in all directions. Imagine our surprise when we couldn't buy a cup of coffee, it's free. My better half only called the director twice. Once when her partner led out of turn, and later when the opponents made a doubled contract she wanted permission to hit her partner.

Our first visit to the new Saskatoon Bridge Club was on their weekly junior-senior night. At least one member of each partnership must have under twenty points. The success of this unit is because of this type of program. Eileen Kronn was unfortunate to have me across the table and she carried me into the rankings. When the awards and trophies were presented at their sectional, that group chose to honour me with a rating point certificate for my efforts.

We next wended our way to the CPR station in Moose Jaw. The club has a permanent home right next to the main waiting room. Game director, Ev. Heal, was only able to add our score to third, only a half-point over fourth. The winners of the free books went to the pairs closest to average and we only got one match point a board from them.

The following evening we tried the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club. The winners were Tony Dae and Peter Wallner and my partner and I were

well out of the money. Our only claim to fortune was that the winners went zero-zero against our stupendous bidding and play.

You won't be a stranger at the Swift Current Bridge Club for very long. All the players introduced themselves and welcomed us at every table. We were all old friends by the end of the game. I am sorry to report that their friendship does not include giving 'high boards' to visitors as we only managed to come second from the bottom.

We hoped to redeem our poor showing the following night with a stop-over in Medicine Hat. Every room at the centre had a different activity going full blast. Betty and I should have got involved in one of the other programs as we were in the bottom half of the standings. Our policy is to give a prize to the partnership closest to average. Eileen Moncks put partner Pat Roloff into game and our star-studded defence had her locked into dummy. Without hesitation she trumped a good ace for communication, ...and that is an average player in this club.

You will find a warm welcome awaiting you visiting the 'weekly' duplicate session in your travels.

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## **A.C.B.L.** **Fall Championships**

Atlanta, Georgia. Nov. 18-27th, 1977

by Lynne Brooks, N. Vancouver

Congratulations to those who achieved overall standings in the following championships.

### Life Master Men's Pairs

Tied 3-4 - Eric Kokish, Montreal

### North American Open Swiss Teams

1st Jim Donaldson, Burnaby, B.C.  
Neil Chambers, Vancouver, B.C.  
Bruce Ferguson, Vancouver, B.C.

Tied 5-6 Drew Cannell, Winnipeg

### E.S.N.C. Mixed Pairs

2nd Joe Currie, Halifax, N.S.

### E.S.N.C. Open Swiss Teams

Tied 2-4 Mike Rahtjen, Winnipeg

Apologies to Neil Kimelman -  
Bob Todd, Bill Gray, Winnipeg, Man.  
omitted from winners list of the  
Summer North American Championships.

### 1977 Bridge Book Best Sellers

1. Defensive Bridge Play, Kantar
2. Five Card Majors, Western Style, Hardy
3. Test Your Match Play, Kelsey
4. Safety Plays, Reese and Trezel
5. Bid Better, Play Better, Hayden
6. Winning Swiss Team Tactics, Feldheim
7. Snares and Swindles, Reese and Trezel
8. Play of the Hand, Watson
9. Advanced 5 Card Major Textbook, Silverman
10. Opening Leads, Mallon

### Present New and Popular Sellers

The Bridge Bum, Sontag  
Bridge Humor, Kantar  
Profits from Preempts, Anderson and Wei  
Kamikaze No Trump, Kierein

# Bridge Club Balance Sheet Turned Out to be Trump Card

by Vancouver Sun

Eat your heart out Lions and Whitecaps. The Haida Bridge Club may not be in the big leagues, but it's big where it counts -- on the balance sheet -- and its owner has no trouble selling tickets.

Last year Jean Turnbull took home \$30,000 from her club -- not a bad income, she says, for a little old lady of 70.

"Why, that's more than a lot of people earn," she adds, "isn't it?"

But after seven years of ownership, and twice that long as a teaching professional, Turnbull has dealt herself out. She has sold the club to a Vancouver dentist for an undisclosed price, plus a percentage of future profits.

"It was becoming too much," she says. "I had to attend nine times a week and the evening games often didn't finish until 11:15 p.m., and then I wouldn't get home until after midnight. My bones are getting tired".

She has no intention, however, of giving up the game. On the contrary, her retirement will enable her to play more. She is, she confesses, a bridge addict, hooked since she was a teenager.

"There are people who would as soon play bridge as do anything else and I'm one of them. Fortunately, my husband is a life master just as I am and it helps when you both like to play.

"Years ago we would go on picnics and play bridge. It seems unreal, but these things happen to addicts. We play every chance we get. All we need is a table and four chairs and a deck of cards."

Non-players will need to know that there are two kinds of bridge: rubber bridge and duplicate bridge. In rubber bridge, you and your part-

ner play against another pair, usually for money, however small the stakes.

In duplicate bridge, you play the same cards that other people are playing and each team competes for points against every other team. The more skillful you are, the more points you will amass. After you have won enough points (in tournament play) you attain the rank of life master.

It took Jean Turnbull a scant five years to become a life master -- only the fifth woman in Vancouver to do so. And she and her husband, Norman, were Vancouver's first life master husband-and-wife team ("He's a little bit harder to play with but don't put that in. We used to yack at each other once in a while, but it never got so we wouldn't play together.")

Like other sports masters, for whom there are moments of great triumph, Jean Turnbull remembers her victories -- and defeats -- how the cards were dealt and how they were played. The day she became a life master was at a tournament in Portland. She needed one point and got 28. "Out of 86 teams we were second overall. It was very exciting."

The triumph she best remembers, however, happened in a club game. Bridge fans will appreciate the drama.

"The hand I picked up had eight spades to the ace, king, queen, jack; two hearts to the ace, king; three diamonds to the ace, jack and a small one; and no clubs.

"Most of the people in the game were opening with two spades and getting a negative response from their partners. They signed off for four spades.

"When I held the hand, my right hand opponent opened the bidding with one club. I thought, well as I don't have a chance to open with a strong diamond, the bid should be



two spades. But then I thought all I need from my partner is the king or queen of diamonds and I can make six spades.

"There was no way of finding out, so I had to gamble. I bid six spades -- which was quite something, to take the bidding from one club to six spades. The opening cards came out and the dummy came down with no points at all except the queen of diamonds. But that was it. That was all I needed.

"I always remember my partner saying 'You made it,' as if he couldn't quite believe it. He put down such a bad hand, he didn't think it was possible.

"Why, of course," I said, "I bid it, didn't I?"

The game of bridge is a cerebral pursuit, a battle of wits, says Turnbull, and this is its principle attraction. It is also a game that travels well.

"We used to take winter holidays

down in California. If you play bridge you never have to be bored or looking for something to do. Every new town we'd get to we'd go to the bridge clubs -- where else.

"There's a directory of all the clubs in North America and the nights they play. We'd plan ahead. If the game in the next town was Tuesday nights, then that was the night we'd hit town."

There are no membership fees at the Haida, which is at 2182 West Twelfth. Anyone can walk in and play for a fee of \$1.50 a night. Turnbull says they sometimes have as many as 100 tables a week. And if you play bridge you need never be lonely.

"We get people coming in without partners. We put them together to play and quite often they will win. That's the beauty of it. You don't have to know each other well, you just have to know the game."

[The above article appeared in the Vancouver Sun of Saturday, August 6, 1977.]

## Hand 7801

S/B S.9753  
H.AQ53  
D.62  
C.A104

S.J1042  
H.10874  
D.954  
C.KQ

S.8  
H.J9  
D.Q1087  
C.987652

S.AKQ6  
H.K62  
D.AKJ3  
C.J3

DJ and cashed the A-K, discarding a club from dummy. The position was:

S.9  
H.5  
D.-  
C.10

S.-  
H.-  
D.Q  
C.98

S.6  
H.-  
D.3  
C.J

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	5S	Pass
6S			

West led CK, dummy's ace winning. Two high trumps were cashed, discarding the bad break when East discarded a club. South also cashed SQ and played three rounds of hearts ending in dummy. West, however, showed up with a stopper. There was now only one chance. South finessed

When South continued with D3, West found himself squeezed in three suits, trumps included. If he ruffed with SJ, South would discard C10 from dummy, taking the last two tricks on a cross-ruff. Should West throw CQ, South ruffs in dummy and leads a club or ruffs H5. And if West elects instead to discard H10, dummy ruffs. South then discards CJ on the established H5.

## Hand 7802

S/O

S. 1063  
H. AK985  
D. A32  
C. J6

S. 5

H. 10

D. KJ8764

C. KQ1082

S. QJ98

H. QJ632

D. 10

C. 974

S. AK742

H. 74

D. Q95

C. A53

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1S	2NT	Dble	3C
Pass	Pass	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	

West led CK, South ducking. Next, CQ went to South's ace. SA-K followed, West discarding a diamond. At this moment South had five losers. West's 2NT call had shown ten or eleven cards in the minor suits. South now cashed HA-K. When West showed up with a singleton heart, South began to hope. He ruffed a heart in the closed hand and ruffed the last club in dummy. A second heart ruff was followed by a diamond to the ace. Having brought in nine tricks, South now ruffed dummy's fifth heart with his last trump! He gracefully conceded the last two tricks, East's winning trumps clashing with West's master cards in the minor suits.

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