

NANAIMO SECTIONAL



August 4-6, 2017



Bowen Park Complex

500 Bowen Road

Friday	1:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Session (Free for Novices with 0-20 Masterpoints)
	7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Session
Saturday	12:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	1st Session
	6:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	2nd Session
Sunday	9:30 am	Stratified Swiss Teams	1st Session
	T.B.A.	Stratified Swiss Teams	2nd Session

\$9.00 per session (ACBL Member)

\$12.00 per session (Non or unpaid ACBL Members)

Sunday lunch provided—price to be announced.



Welcome new members!

Peter Jarman	Parksville
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Ed Sennin	Alert Bay
Graham Smith	Parksville
Linda Banks	Campbell River
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Welcome Transfers into the Unit

Lavonna Holmes	Nanaimo
Genevieve Redman	Thetis Island
Joan Walker	Royston
Roger Walker	Royston
Anne Jenkins	Qualicum Beach

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Unit 429

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Club Master's Corner

John Godfrey

Last issue we introduced the more aggressive modern practice of bidding weak two's. These are made safer by using the **Ogust** convention. Here are another couple of hands.

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8		♠ Q 9 6 5 4 2
♥ A K Q J 6		♥ 7 3
♦ Q 8 4		♦ 5 3
♣ K 4 3		♣ A 10 7

♠ A 10		♠ J 7 3
♥ 8		♥ 10 9 5 4 2
♦ A J 9 7 2		♦ K 10 6
♣ Q 8 6 5 2		♣ J 9

N
W
E
S

♠	Q 9 6 5 4 2
♥	7 3
♦	5 3
♣	A 10 7

NS 3♥; EW 2♠; EW 3♣; EW 2♦; Par +100;
EW 3♠x-1; EW 4♣x-1

East's spade suit is pretty ragged, but not vulnerable vs vulnerable it is worth a shot. Every once in a while you will go for a big number, but will score above average boards much of the time. Opponents do not like to give up a vulnerable game to double you when you are not vulnerable.

Look at the position it puts North in. The bidding is jammed. Does she double first, then show her hearts to show 16+, or just bid 3 hearts? Does South now bid game? They are guessing! No one in Campbell river was talked into bidding four. Perhaps none of our East players opened 2 spades.

The Campbell river results:

Contract	Lead	Score		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♠x W-7♥A		1700		4.00	0.00
5♣ W-3♥A		150		3.00	1.00
2♥ N 3♦5		140		1.50	2.50
3♥ N 3♦5		140		1.50	2.50
3♥ N-1♦5			100	0.00	4.00

Here is another:

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 4		♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A K Q 7 4		♥ 9
♦ 5		♦ K 9 4
♣ A Q 9 3		♣ 10 8 7 6

♠ J 5 3		♠ 8 7
♥ J 2		♥ 10 8 6 5 3
♦ A J 10 8 3 2		♦ Q 7 6
♣ K 4		♣ J 5 2

N
W
E
S

♠	K Q 10 6 2
♥	9
♦	K 9 4
♣	10 8 7 6

Two Diamonds does not have much preemptive value, but does describe the hand, and creates competition. North can double, but if East raises to 3 diamonds, what does South do? The diamond queen is dead!

Contract	Lead	Score		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ N 5♠K		450		6.00	1.00
4♥ N 5♠10		450		6.00	1.00
4♥ N 5♠K		450		6.00	1.00
4♥ N 4♠6		420		4.00	3.00
3♥ N 5♦K		200		3.00	4.00
3♥ N 3♦4		140		2.00	5.00
4♠x E-1♥5		100		1.00	6.00
4♠x E 4♥8			590	0.00	7.00

Perhaps that's why two pairs stopped at three.

More in the next issue.

Duncan Sectional Results

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Carol Williams Frank Kimantas,
2			Ingrid Anderson, Sheldon Spier,
3			Guy Coutanche, Brian Fraser,
4			Gail Fennell David Harper,
5			Maarten Tjebbes Brad Digby,
6	1		Tim Kennelly Sharon Feduniak,
7	2		Lori Daniels Jeanne Eid,
8			Maurice Wuetherick Dora Lee,
9			Pete Marinus, Ken Bibby,
10	3	1	Gina Curran Susan Breiddal,
4			Bruce Boan Peggy Boan,
5	2		Sheila Snider C.A EbbsCanavan,
6			Paul Reitsma Roger Taylor,
3			Larry Fiege Sheryl Sametz,
4			Audrey Sekulich, Helen Schuckel,
5			John Morgan, Robert Mair,
6			Lois Powell Darlene Carolsfeld,

Friday Evening Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Eleanor Scott-Kerr, William Voth,
2			Chris Penner, Roger Bennett,
3			Pete Marinus, Dianna Rickson,
4	2	1	Mark Raymond Joyce Scott,
5			Susan Clayton, Slava Simice,
6			Guy Coutanche, Brian Fraser,
7			Ted Heck Karen Wood,
8	3		Paul Reitsma Roger Taylor,
4			Bernice Snyder Lloyd Snyder,
5			Terry Foster Donald Berry,
6			Nadia Schneider G Anderson,
2			Lois Grill Francis Grill,
3			Barb McCrindle, Denise Holst,
4			Allen Hopwood, M. Ellen Fisher,

Saturday Open pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Louise Elliott, Slava Simice,
2			Tim Kennelly Pete Marinus,
3	1		Terry Foster Donald Berry,
4			Paul Reitsma, John Currie,
5			Sally Urton Margaret Lavigne,
6	2	1	Mel Zimmerman, Brenda Wilson,
7			Rita Beny Neville Hircocok,
8	3		Shirley Charters, William Bentley,
9			Gail Richardson Jan Galenza,
10			Chris Cookson, Barbara Schultz,
11			M. Wuetherick Barbara Jubenville
12			Jack Bradshaw Carole Bradshaw,
13			Chris Penner, Roger Bennett,
14			Cathy McCully, David Kleinfelder,
15			Michael Dickie, Vince King,
16			Sheldon Spier, Paul Kempling,
17			Tony Farr Danielle Goulet,
18			Ruth Cain Ted Heck,
4			Susan Moran Maureen Steele,
5			Frances Newall, John Albertson,
6	2		Helen Schuckel, Audrey Sekulich,
7	3		Dawn Campbell David Campbell,
8			Rod Anderson, Janet Woolgar,
9			Milos Hajskey, Nick De Lange,
10			Jack McAully Larry Fiege,
4			April Andrews Joy Tangen,
5			Keith Hibbert Holly Boudreau,

Sunday Swiss Teams 35 Tables

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Roger Allen Daniel Lyder	
			Ernie Tradewell Axie Millar,	
			Chris Cookson, Barbara Schultz,	
			Carole Bradshaw Jack Bradshaw,	

- 3 Alison Campbell Jon Preston,
Brad Digby Maarten Tjebbes,
4 Ken Bibby, Pete Marinus
Tim Kennelly, Alexandre Ribeyre,
5 Doug Fraser Sandra Fraser
Karen Turner Karen Billett,
6 Paul Kempling, Dave Francis
Chris Penner, Roger Bennett,
7/8 Ted Heck Ruth Cain,
Barry Waldman Linda Waldman,
7/8 David Harper Gail Fennell,
Lorraine Spik, Arlene Petersen,
9 Sheldon Spier, Ingrid Anderson,
Brian Fraser, Guy Coutanche,
1/2 1 Keith Ware Evelyn Ware,
Denise Holst, Barb McCrindle,
1/2 Margaret Lavigne Sally Urton,
Michael Fine Robert Mair,
3 Terry Foster Donald Berry
H Roy Sadd Marc Furnemont,
4/5 Wanda Deisman Darlene Carolsfeld
Ellen Waatainen Maureen Steele,
4/5 Joanna Daam Vilborg Wilson
Susan M Breiddal Gina Curran,
2 Sheila Snider C.A Ebbs-Canavan
Ken Ebbs-Canavan Paul Van Bergen,



- 11.81 Carole Bradshaw
11.80 Ingrid Anderson
11.10 Frank Kimantas
11.10 Carol Williams
10.53 Paul Reitsma
9.21 Sally Urton
9.21 Margaret Lavigne
9.17 Ken Bibby
9.04 Alexandre Ribeyre
8.93 William Voth
8.56 Gail Fennell
8.56 David Harper
7.70 Helen Schuckel
7.44 Audrey Sekulich
6.67 John Currie
6.58 Denise Holst
6.58 Barb McCrindle
5.99 Maurice Wuetherick
5.84 Maureen Steele
5.56 Dianna Rickson
5.34 William Bentley
5.34 Shirley Charters
5.34 Sharon Feduniak
5.12 Robert Mair
4.76 Dora Lee
4.36 Michael Fine
4.35 Susan Moran
4.26 Vince King
4.23 Susan Clayton
4.15 Keith Ware
4.15 Evelyn Ware
3.98 Lorraine Spik
3.98 Arlene Petersen
3.68 Barbara Jubenville
3.54 Dave Francis
3.39 Frances Newall
3.22 Lori Daniels
3.22 Jeanne Eid
3.15 David Kleinfelder
3.15 Cathy McCully
3.08 Roger Taylor
2.91 Peggy Boan
2.91 Bruce Boan
2.78 John Albertson
2.72 Rod Anderson
2.65 Lloyd Snyder



Top Unit 429 point winners

- 22.96 Pete Marinus
21.37 Tim Kennelly
18.35 Slava Simice
15.81 Louise Elliott
15.55 Sheldon Spier
12.73 Chris Cookson
12.73 Barbara Schultz
11.82 Roger Bennett
11.82 Chris Penner
11.81 Jack Bradshaw

Choices

Hans Winckler

Should I bid, double, or pass? At what level do I respond? What card should be my opening lead? Bridge is a game of decisions, and it is only natural that times we chose wrong. Here is a hand from a club game late in February. During the bidding sequence you have learned that your partner has six Hearts and a game-forcing hand. Your hand is:

♠A Q J 9 8 6 ♥J 2 ♦6 5 ♣Q J 8

You are North, the dealer, and vulnerable. Do you bid four Hearts or four Spades? Here is the full deal:

♠A Q J 9 8 6

♥J 2

♦6 5

♣Q J 8

♠10 7 3 2

♥A 10 3

♦J 7

♣A K 7 6

♠5 4

♥Q 9

♦8 4 3 2

♣10 9 5 4 3

♠K

♥K 8 7 6 5 4

♦A K Q 10 9

♣2

Sitting North I placed the contract at 4 Spades. My reasoning was that my suit

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Blocked

Harvey Piercy

You are sitting South in the 4th round at the Friday night game. After a somewhat questionable bidding sequence, you end up in 3NT.

You hold:

♠A 10 9 ♥A K ♦A 7 3 2 ♣Q 9 8 7

West leads the ♥Q and partner spreads:

♠3 2 ♥5 4 3 2 ♦5 4 ♣A K 6 5 4.

You mentally review the bidding for some semblance of sanity but then settle down to assess your options.

East follows with the 6, and you win the Ace. You play the ♣Q as all follow. Before your partner can frown you quickly study your hand and the dummy.

You	Dummy
♠A 10 9	♠3 2
♥K	♥5 4 3
♦A 7 3 2	♦5 4
♣Q 9 8 7	♣A K 6 5 4

In addition to the ♥A you have 5 club tricks, two aces and the ♥K. Nine tricks. Good!

Can anything go wrong?

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Choices

could play quite well even opposite a singleton, and I had no feasible entries to my hand outside the Spade suit.

The opening lead was the Club Ace followed by a switch to a low Trump. I overtook the King and played Trumps hoping they would break three-three. When that did not happen, I still had the chance of Diamonds breaking evenly, or the outstanding Trump was with the long Diamonds. The third Diamond was ruffed. I over-ruffed and still had a chance if the Heart Ace was onside. When that did not happen, I lost four tricks (two Clubs and two Hearts).

Did you Know?

You are South, the dummy, and at trick 9 you suspect West has revoked. You rightfully wait until the play has completed before you call attention to it. You call the director (you are no longer the dummy, so this is now allowed). The director asks players to expose the cards played to trick 8, and this reveals west failed to follow suit when declarer won the third round of trumps. Declarer then crossed back to the dummy to cash her club winners, but on the 10th trick west trumped with the ♠3 over trumped by declarer, who won the last two tricks. ———→

Blocked

Yes! The clubs are going to block. The lack of 10's J's and Q's makes it harder to overcome this problem.

Yes. There is a way! Can you see it? To make your contract what card do you play at trick 3, no matter how the cards lie. **The ♥K! Yes! Then What?**

Over to a high club and then a small heart on which you must discard a club. The worst that can happen is that west has 6 hearts, but then you have 9 tricks.

Would you make more tricks without this play to unblock the clubs? Yes, but how much would you bet on it? How many MP's would you get if the outstanding clubs were 4-0?

Careful review shows that if the clubs were 4-0 there is no way to make 3NT, so cashing the ♠Q at trick two didn't hurt that much.

The director ruled there was no penalty and no adjustment to the score. **Was this correct?**

Yes! If the offender did not win the trick on which the revoke occurred, only if the offending side subsequently won any tricks are any tricks awarded. **No previously won tricks can be awarded to declarer.**

Head to Head

Two expert pairs were asked to bid an interesting hand that arose in the regular game at the Campbell River Bridge Club. They were each emailed only one hand, E or S, their regular partner, the corresponding hand W or N. Possible opposition bids by their RHO were provided. The hands were bid by email and each player was asked for their thought process for each bid. The declarer was then asked to give their plan for the play of the hand. Only then were they provided with the complete deal. **How would you and your partner bid the hands?**

Board 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 6	♠ 9 8	♠ AKJ7432
♥ AK 10 8 2	♥ Q 7 5 4	♥ 9 3
♦ —	♦ J 7 5 4	♦ Q 9 3
♣ AK 10 9 5 4	♣ J 7 2	♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 5	♠ 10 5
♥ J 6	♥ J 6
♦ AK 10 8 6 2	♦ AK 10 8 6 2
♣ 8 6 3	♣ 8 6 3

EW 7♣; EW 7♣; E 5N; EW 5♥; W 1N; E 2♦;
W 1♦; Par -2210

Roger Bennett and Pat Blackall

Pat	South	Roger	North
1 ♠ ¹	pass	2 ♣ ²	pass
2 ♠ ³	pass	3 ♥ ⁴	pass
3 ♠ ⁵	pass	5NT ⁶	pass
6 ♠ ⁷	pass ⁸	All pass	

1. My hand is too strong for a preempt and the suit is only worth a 1 spade bid .
2. I respond 2 clubs which is game forcing. Two hearts would also be forcing, but particularly with this strong responding hand I prefer to bid my longer suit first then 'reverse' in my heart suit to show a stronger distributional hand.
3. The only bid I can make is two spades to show a minimum hand.
4. To further describe my shape and strength.
5. I now bid three spades which would show seven spades and nothing else to show.
6. With my hand I am pretty certain we have a slam and when partner bids Spades for the third time it is in Spades. The question is how to proceed from here. It sounds

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Head to Head

like partner has at least 7 Spades. My hand has 4 quick tricks ♣AK and ♥AK and my ♠Q should help fill out the trump suit. If partner has the ♠AK a Diamond ruff would give 12 sure tricks. My Club and Heart suits could possibly develop another 1 or 2 tricks. I need to make a forcing bid. I decide that 5NT is the best option. It will ensure that we get to at least a small slam. If partner takes my bid as a request to bid 7♠ if she holds 2 of the 3 top honors and bids 7 spades I can live with that.

- After my 3♠ bid he bid 5NT which says pick a slam so I bid 6♠.
- Partner bids 6♠. One of my regular partners (Who shall

remain nameless) doesn't like me to bid a grand slam unless I am certain that it will make so I pass.

Thoughts upon reflection and seeing the full deal: Exclusion 1430 would have been perfect for this hand, but my partner and I do not have this agreement. If we did, the bidding could have gone:

After partner's 3♠ bid, a bid of 5♦ would ask for key cards in spades excluding the ♦A Her response would be 5♠ showing 2 key cards which could only be the ♠AK. Therefore, a bid of 7♠ would be warranted.

Scott Glaspey and Terry Stokes

Scott	South	Terry	North
1♠ ¹	pass	2♣ ²	pass
2♠ ³	pass	3♥ ⁴	pass
4♠ ⁵	pass	5NT ⁶	pass
7♠ ⁷	pass ⁸	All pass	

- This is an annoying hand because it's easy to anticipate rebid problems. I will be forced to rebid 2♠ after ANY new bid by Terry. I really want to bid 2 1/2 spades but that card is not in my bidding box, so I will choose the underbid.
- Partner has bid 1♠ I respond 2♣ We do not play 2/1 so this is a standard bid not game forcing but promising 10+ points and implying five or more clubs
- Terry forces with 2♣. NOT 2/1 GF but one round force only. I bid 2♠, a slight underbid as planned.
- I bid 3♥. This bid is forcing
- Terry forces again with 3♥. Now I know he has 5+ clubs and a good hand. The Queen of clubs now deserves some serious respect with Terry's known 5+ card suit. The 3♥ bid as close as possible to a game force as we have. If I rebid 3♠ now I am underbidding yet again. I would do so without the Q♣ so I

think it's time for a slight overbid to balance things out. This will show a very good 7 card suit and a maximum for my previous wimpy bidding.

- I bid 5NT. This a grand slam force asking partner to bid 7 with 2 of the three top honors in spades.
- Terry now emerges from the woods with 5NT. This is clearly the **Grand Slam Force** and suggests I bid 7 spades with ♠AK I comply.

The full deal:

Board 26	♠ 9 8	
East Deals	♥ Q 7 5 4	
Both Vul	♦ J 7 5 4	
	♣ J 7 2	
	♠ Q 6	♠ AKJ7432
	♥ AK 10 8 2	♥ 9 3
	♦ —	♦ Q 9 3
	♣ AK 10 9 5 4	♣ Q
	♠ 10 5	
	♥ J 6	
	♦ AK 10 8 6 2	
	♣ 8 6 3	

EW 7♠; EW 7♣; E 5N; EW 5♥; W 1N; E 2♦;
W 1♦; Par -2210

The hand is a lay down in 7♠.

East's hand is very close to a Namyats 4♦ opening. Had the two queens instead been any ace, it would have qualified. Namyats shows a hand too strong to pre-empt, but too weak for a 2♣ opener

Campbell River Bridge Club.

Wednesday 1:00 PM

Thursday 6:30 PM.

Campbell River Community Center

www.campbellriverbridgeclub.com

Strong Hand Evaluation

John Godfrey

Most of us are fairly astute in evaluating one level opening bids, but may have a blind spot when it comes to opening two clubs. Here is an example from a Campbell River game. Three passes to you, and you hold:

♠A K 9 ♥A K 10 6 5 ♦K 10 4 ♣K J.

You have 21 HCP and a good 5 card major. Many players would not hesitate, and open two clubs. More often or not, this would work out well but let's consider an alternative which may result in the same good contract, but allow for a minimum 2♦ response by partner.

My partner and I play a 2♦ response to show at least an A, a K, or two Queens. We got this approach from a Karen Walker article. As a result, I do not count HCP when I open 2 clubs, but look at my hand and imagine my partner with any A, any K, or any 2 queens, and ask myself, if she has just that and no more do we have a decent shot at game? If the answer is probably no, I will make a limiting opening bid. Holding any more than that, she would respond to my 1 heart opener. If she passes, the opponents would likely come into the bidding giving me another chance to show my strength, if not, I will make a partial. I may also let the opponents hang themselves.

With the above hand I would have two choices. If my partner has the ♦A the ♣A, or any two queens **even with** three small trumps, game is probably less than 50%. I could open 1 heart, but this hand to me is a clear 2NT opener. Seriously, what is the ♣J really worth? You want the lead coming up to you. If you are reluctant to miss an 8 card major fit, you can employ puppet Stayman to uncover a major fit, but frequently this will not yield a superior contract.

The full deal:

Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A K 9	♠ J 6
♥ A K 10 6 5	♥ Q J 8 4
♦ K 10 4	♦ J 9 7 3
♣ K J	♣ Q 8 2

♠ Q 8 7 5 4	♠ 10 3 2
♥ 9 3	♥ 7 2
♦ Q 6 5	♦ A 8 2
♣ A 9 3	♣ 10 7 6 5 4

N 2N; NS 2♠; NS 2♥; NS 3♣; S 1N; N 2♦
 S 1♦; Par +120

If you open 2 clubs, most South's will respond 2 diamonds, a game force. You will now bid 2 hearts, and South has a difficult choice. Should he bid 2NT and have the strong hand as dummy, or bid 3 clubs and pass the responsibility to North? Most would take this option. Continued page 13



Duncan Duplicate Bridge Club

2035 Herd Road, Duncan

Sunday 1:15

Monday 1:00

(instructional game 20 MP limit)

Monday 7:15

Friday 7:15

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Games

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New Silver Life Masters

Tim Kennelly Courtenay
 Sandi Link Nanoose Bay

New Ruby Life Masters

B Christopherson Nanoose

Strong Hand Evaluation

After a 3♣ response North will confidently bid 3NT.

The Campbell River results:

Contract	Lead	Score		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3NT S	4 ♠ 5	430		9.95	0.05
3NT N	3 ♥ 4	400		8.85	1.15
1♥ N	4 ♥ 4	170		7.75	2.25
2NT N	3 ♥ 4	150		6.10	3.90
1NT N	3 ♠ J	150		6.10	3.90
1♥ N	3 ♠ J	140		4.45	5.55
3NT N-1	♥ Q		50	1.70	8.30
3NT N-1	♥ 4		50	1.70	8.30
3NT N-1	♥ 4		50	1.70	8.30
3NT N-1	♥ Q		50	1.70	8.30

Deep finesse says 3NT by North should go down one. My choice of leads would be the ♦3. Four North's went down and four had a little help. 2NT by North is the best contract. Deep finesse says North should make 2NT, South 1NT.

Here is another hand.

♠A K 5 ♥6 ♦K Q 9 8 7 6 5 4 ♣8

This a very strong hand in spite of only 12 HCP. The rest of the table has 5 diamonds. Partner rates to have at least one, so the odds are you have 9 winners and 3 quick tricks in a diamond contract. Do you open 2 clubs? By some criteria this is justifiable. The problem is how do adequately describe this hand to your partner? Starting at the 2 level cramps your style. If you open 1 diamond, isn't

someone going to bid 1 heart? You will have a second chance to show your strength. A very important second consideration is that if you open 2 clubs, and they end up in 4 hearts, partner may double, expecting you to have at least three or four first and second round winners, and will double for penalty. You have only two probable winners, and they may well make their contract.

Two suited hands also present a problem.

♠Q ♥A Q ♦A K J 5 3 ♣K Q J 5 4


This may be a little more mainstream. You have 22 HCP and 4 1/2 quick tricks which outnumber your quick losers. Even discounting the ♠Q you can count an extra point for your 5 card diamond suit and come up with 21 total points. Do you open 2 clubs?

Anticipate the bidding. Partner bids two hearts, 'bust'. Now you bid 3 diamonds. Partner bids three of either major (she must bid to one trick short of game even with nothing). What do you do now?


If instead partner responds two diamonds showing a game going hand. Now you bid 3 diamonds (higher ranking of equal length suits). Partner now bids 3 hearts (if she bid 3 spades 3NT may be an option, but transportation may be a problem). I suppose you should bid 4 hearts crossing your fingers never having a chance to describe your shape. If instead you open one diamond, isn't someone going to bid one spade? Now you can jump shift to show your strength and distribution. If you are passed out in

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Courtenay / Comox Duplicate Bridge



Every Monday at 7:00 pm
 Every Thursday at 1:00 pm
 Team Game - 5th Monday of the month



At the Lion's Den in Comox under the Library
 (Across from the Comox Mall - Nordon Street Entrance)

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Strong Hand Evaluation

one diamond, what are the odds you missed out on a 3NT game? Could you make five of a minor opposite a bust?

With this hand you will fare better to open 1 diamond and jump shift in clubs. It is a better description of your hand.

Here is another hand from Karen Walker:

♠ - ♥A K 8 2 ♦K Q J 10 8 6 5 ♣K Q

Only 18 HCP but nine winners. You have 4 quick tricks, and only 3 quick losers, so by these criteria it qualifies as a 2 club opener, but how will the bidding proceed? If you open 2 clubs, you will then bid 3 diamonds. How can you show your heart suit? Will partner count on you for 9 1/2 tricks? Here you may be better to open 1 diamond. Isn't someone going to bid 1 spade? If partner cannot come up with a bid, the opponents rate to hold 19 or 20 HCP, and spades. You should have a chance to reverse in hearts for you second bid.

Head to Head

8 1/2 playing tricks. With an ace instead it would only have 8 winners.

The Campbell River results:

Contract	Lead	Score		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♠	E 5♦ A	650		10.00	0.00
4♠	E 7♦ A	710		6.50	3.50
4♠	E 7♦ A	710		6.50	3.50
5♠	E 7♦ A	710		6.50	3.50
4♠	E 7♦ A	710		6.50	3.50
4♠	E 7♦ A	710		6.50	3.50
6♠	E 7♦ A	1460		1.50	8.50
6♠	E 7♦ A	1460		1.50	8.50
6♠	E 7♦ A	1460		1.50	8.50
6♠	E 7♦ A	1460		1.50	8.50

Only four pairs reached slam, but none the grand. They all should find this article instructive.

CLUB DIRECTORY

CITY	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Duncan	Sunday	1:15	2035 Herd Road, Duncan BC	Vince King 250-597-4770
Powell River	Monday	9:30am	Alano Club 5856 Arbutus Avenue	Vivian Thickett 604 485 4430
Qualicum	Monday	1:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion	Wayne Sollitt (250) 752-7357
Comox	Monday	7:00pm	Lions Den www.cvdbc.com	Dave Mosher 250-334-1818
Gabriola Island	Monday	6:30pm	Rollo Senior Citizen's Centre Gabriola Island	Anne Drozd (250)247-7526
Nanaimo	Monday	7:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion 1630 East Wellington Rd	Bill Voth (250) 618-2645
Duncan	Monday	1:00pm	2035 Herd Road, Duncan BC Instructional game 20 MP limit	Vince King 250-597-4770
Duncan	Monday	7:15pm	2035 Herd Road, Duncan BC	Vince King 250-597-4770
Parksville	Tuesday	1:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion 180 Veterans Way, Qualicum	Dawn Campbell 250-468-9236
Powell River	Tuesday	7:00pm	Alano Club 5856 Arbutus Avenue	Vivian Thickett 604-485-4430
Oceanside	Wednesday	12:30	Anglican Church Wembly & Church Streets Parksville	Grant Bell 250-954-1067
Campbell River	Wednesday	1:00pm	Community Center 11th Ave www.campbellriverbridgeclub.com	John Godfrey 250-923-5687
Nanaimo	Wednesday	7:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion 1630 East Wellington Rd	Bill Voth (250) 618-2645
Comox	Thursday	1:00pm	Lions Den www.cvdbc.com	Dave Mosher 250-334-1818
Nanaimo	Thursday	1:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion 1630 East Wellington Rd	Bill Voth (250) 618-2645
Powell River	Thursday	2:00pm	Alano Club 5856 Arbutus Avenue	Vivian Thickett 604-4854430
Campbell River	Thursday	6:30pm	Community Center 11th Ave www.campbellriverbridgeclub.com	John Godfrey 250-923-5687
Qualicum	Friday	1:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion	Neville Sankey (250) 752-3388
Duncan	Friday	7:15pm	2035 Herd Road, Duncan BC	Vince King 250-597-334770