



**VENUES**  
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**NEWSLETTER**

**ACBL SANCTIONED CLUBS IN VICTORIA**

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**Finding partners**

Contact the club directors if you need a partner – they may be able to help.

**Cost to play**

The fee for each duplicate session is \$8.50.

**Lessons**

Bridge teachers are listed on the Unit's website.  
 bridgevictoria.ca



**SCHEDULE OF DUPLICATE GAMES<sup>†</sup> IN VICTORIA**



	Mornings	Afternoon	Evening
MON		12:15 IBC Open	7:00 VBC Swiss teams
TUES		12:15 VBC Open 12:15 MBC Open	*6:45 VBC NLM
WED	9:30 IBC Open		*6:45 CCBC Open **7:00 VBC Open
THURS	**9:30 VBC NLM	*12:15 IBC Open 2nd Th. of mo. Team game *12:45 CCBC Open	
FRI	*9:15 CCBC Open	*12:15 VBC Open	
SAT		12:15 MBC Open *12:15 VBC Open	7:00 VBC Swiss teams 1x/mo.
SUN		**1:00 VBC Unit Mentor Game 1x/mo.	**6:45 IBC Open and D-light

<sup>†</sup> ACBL Sanctioned games at which masterpoints may be earned

\* Indicates 15 min lesson prior to game

\*\* Indicates 30 min lesson prior to game

Open: Players of all levels welcome, results stratified.

NLM: Non life masters



The ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) of North America is divided into 25 Districts. Each District is divided into Units. Unit 431 (Victoria and the Gulf Islands) is part of District 19 (Alaska, BC and Washington.)

## UNIT 431

Unit 431 has an elected executive whose mission is to promote the game of duplicate bridge in Victoria and on the Gulf Islands.

### Unit sponsored events include four annual tournaments:

Ace of Hearts (under 200 MPs) Sectional (February)  
Ace of Spades (under 200 MPs) Sectional (October)  
Spring Sectional  
Fall Sectional

The Unit also sponsors a monthly mentor game at which less experienced players are paired with advanced players. Call Alison Campbell (250-391-0662) for information.

The Unit also hosts two "Rookie - 99er" games a year for players with fewer than 100 points and new members of the ACBL.

A quarterly newsletter, "Bridge Buzz", can be downloaded from the website.

### For further information:

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## READY TO PLAY DUPLICATE? THINGS YOU MAY BE WONDERING ABOUT ...



### How does duplicate bridge differ from rubber bridge?

Duplicate bridge differs from rubber bridge in mechanics, scoring, and challenge:

#### *Mechanics*

- Each table is numbered and each pair is assigned a number either East/West or North/South. East/West move up one table after each round. North/South do not move.
- Cards are shuffled (unless preset) once at the beginning of the game and individual hands are placed in a slot in a numbered metal or plastic board.
- Bidding is done silently using bidding boxes. Bids are placed on the table in front of the bidder.
- Cards are played sequentially in front of each player (not pooled in centre of table) and aligned after each trick with the pair who won the trick.
- After play, each hand is returned to the appropriate slot in the board.
- Once all boards in the round are played, South moves the boards to the next lower table.

#### *Scoring*

- North enters the score electronically on a Bridgемate or writes it on a traveler.
- East or west confirms the score.

#### *Challenge*

- You are competing against every other pair sitting the same way in the room, not just the opponents at your table.



### What is a director? What does it mean when someone calls the director?

The director is the game facilitator. S/he is there to ensure the game runs smoothly and fairly for all. The director should be called to the table whenever there is a query about procedure or behaviour at the table.



### What responsibilities or rights do I have as a player?

- Arrive early enough to discuss bidding and defence agreements with partner and ensure you each have a completed convention card.
- Keep your convention card in view of your opponents.
- Move to the next table as soon as the round is called and not before.
- Ask partner if he/she is out of a suit when he/she hasn't followed suit.
- Call the director whenever something unusual occurs.
- Ask what an opponent's bid means when it is your turn to bid or before leading to the first trick, if something is unclear.
- Expect to be treated with courtesy.
- Have fun!

