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Editor's Note:

No sooner had the previous Kibitzer gone to press than Linda Lee (NPC of Canada's Venice Cup Team) was pressed into playing service due to the illness of one of her players two days before the team's departure for Shanghai. Thus husband Ray Lee galloped to the rescue, assuming the role of Captain, and performing with distinction. The team got off to a poor start, perhaps due to unfamiliar partnerships, then settled into a rhythm and qualified for the quarterfinals before losing to Germany. The Canadian Senior Team dominated the round robin, finishing first, then lost to Brazil in a very close quarterfinal.

District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg has announced his retirement after five three-year terms on the ACBL Board of Directors.

John Carruthers

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Notice is hereby given that an annual meeting of the Members of the Ontario Unit 249 of the American Contract Bridge league will be held in Tillsonburg, Ontario at the Seniors Centre, at 12 o'clock noon August 9th for the purpose of:

- a) Receiving the statement of financial position and the statement of income and expense and net assets for the fiscal year ending 31 December 2007 and the report of the Auditor thereon,
- b) Appointing an Auditor,
- c) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at London, Ontario, the 11th day of January, 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

L Brawn, Secretary

ONTARIO UNIT 249 NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office for two years and nominations are invited for these positions. Nominees must be members of Unit 249. The election will be held Saturday, September 6, 2008 at the St. Thomas Sectional Tournament. Nomination forms must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee. They must be received by the Unit 249 Secretary by August 15, 2008.

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Jonathan Steinberg to Retire from ACBL Board



Steinberg at the San Francisco NABC

ACBL District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg does not intend to stand for re-election this year. This is the third and final year of Steinberg's fifth term on the ACBL Board of Directors; he preceded that with a term on the ACBL Board of Governors. He was also Vice-President of the ACBL Educational Foundation for 1998-99.

When asked about his successes as the District 2 Director, Steinberg had this to say: "I have always strived to be an effective communicator. In that vein, I set up my website where I post reports after every meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors. I attempt to listen to people and if they have a good idea, to run with it. The last couple of years I have been taking lots of photographs of bridge players. Not surprisingly, I have discovered that viewing my photos is far more popular than reading my reports from ACBL Board meetings!"

Steinberg's bridge career has also been successful in other areas: as a player, and as NPC of Canada's Junior Teams. As a player, he has more than 11,000 master points, ranking him in the top ten in Canada, and has two second-place finishes in North American Bridge Championships – he is still searching for that elusive win. As an NPC, his team won bronze at the 1995 World Junior Team Championships in Sydney, Australia and came first in an invitational tournament in the Netherlands in 1999.

Jonathan had this to say about his playing career: "I have been fortunate to have played with many outstanding partners, starting with Mike Kenny, who was my first partner when I started playing in Montreal in the late 70's. Bert Eccles from Montreal has been a semi-regular partner for more than 25 years. We hope to win the 2008 CNTC playing with an Ottawa-based team of Ed & John Zaluski, Jeff Smith & David Sabourin. In the Toronto area I have had success playing with Brad Boyle (who now lives in Calgary), Bill Sheryer (who just moved to the Vancouver area), Steve Mackay, Danny Miles, Martin Hunter, and most recently, Daniel Korbel, among many others. Two thousand and seven has been, by far, my best year at the bridge table, winning more than 900 master points and coming second in the Open Pairs with Daniel Korbel."

With more time on his hands to devote to playing, we expect Steinberg to win that first national title very soon.

The Canadian Bridge Federation



Nader Hanna

CBF Zone III Director

In a recent survey conducted by the ACBL, Canadian members were asked several questions regarding the Canadian Bridge Federation.

The survey results showed that the 50% of ACBL Canadian members who are not members of the CBF did not know the CBF existed or did not see the benefit in being a member. Sadly, a minority even responded that they saw no purpose in having a separate Canadian organization.

This represents a significant problem for the CBF since membership fees are a major source of funding for its programs, and the future of the organization depends in large measure on the continued support of all of us as informed Canadian bridge players.

The CBF was founded over 40 years ago, by a group of Canadian enthusiasts led by the legendary Eric Murray, when the opportunity for international competition was created by the fledgling World Bridge Federation (WBF), and the need for an entity to organize national competition for selection of our international teams became apparent. The CBF's first playdown culminated in a national final held in Winnipeg in September, 1967. In addition to providing financial

and moral support to our national teams, the CBF became the organization that directly linked Canadian bridge players.

The CBF has grown and changed since those early years. The CBF currently consists of six zones, each represented by a volunteer **Zone Director**. The zones are comprised of ACBL units which are grouped more-or-less according to geography.

The CBF Board administers five separate funds:

- ◆ The **Charitable Fund**: This fund ensures that Canadian charity dollars are spent to benefit charities in our own communities. The fund takes in monies raised through ACBL charity games held in Canada, and these monies are then used exclusively to assist national and regional Canadian charities. The Zone Directors act as trustees for the Charitable Fund.
- ◆ The **International Fund**: Revenue for the International Fund originates mainly from ACBL International Fund and Olympiad Fund games held in Canada, the CBF International Fund Regional, an allocation of the ACBL International Fund surcharge on the NABC+ entry fees, as well as the surtax on Canadian Bridge Week entries. These monies are used to provide financial support to our international representatives to the Open, Women and Senior

Team World Championships. The subsidies provided typically cover the competition's entry fees and the airfare.

- ◆ **The Operating Fund:** supports the day-to-day running of the organization which entails the following costs: a salaried Executive Assistant, publication of a national bridge magazine (Bridge Canada), annual meeting of the CBF Board of Directors, maintenance and operation of the CBF website, and other minor expenses.
- ◆ **The Junior Development Fund:** Revenue for the Junior Development Fund is derived mainly from Junior Fund games held at clubs throughout Canada. The funds are used to run the Junior Program which selects, trains, and subsidizes junior teams to represent Canada in the various University and Youth Team World Championships. In addition, the Junior Development Fund is used to support grassroots events that help bring more young players into bridge.
- ◆ **The Erin Berry Memorial Fund:** This fund was established in 2001 as a trust fund set up by Erin Berry's father, Larry Berry. The trust account helps juniors 19 or younger with expenses incurred to attend bridge events.

The CBF now represents all Canadian players, not just

champions vying for international competition. It acts as a liaison with the ACBL and the WBF to ensure that Canadian concerns are raised with these organizations.

The CBF conducts several national championships during Bridge Week, including: flighted Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC-A and CNTC-B), Canadian Women Team Championships (CWTC), Canadian Senior Team Championships (CSTC), Canadian Open Pairs Championships (COPC), and Canadian IMP Pairs Championships (CIPC). The CBF also runs two Canada-Wide Rookie-Master games each year to help promote duplicate bridge to new players, as well as a Canada-Wide STAC (Sectional Tournament At Clubs). In addition, the CBF awards the Richmond Trophy to the Canadian that wins the most master points each year. The CBF also publishes the bilingual Bridge Canada magazine three times a year and maintains an English website (www.cbf.ca) as well as a French website (francais.cbf.ca). The magazine and websites are tailored to provide information and to address the specific needs of Canadian bridge players.

Finally, many Canadian players may not be aware that, since 2001, the United States has created a separate organization, the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), for the primary purpose of selecting and supporting United

States teams in international competition. The USBF receives support for United States International Teams from the ACBL International Fund and Junior Fund. Additional funds come from membership dues (US\$50 per year), as well as contributions and entry fees for the United States team trials.

It is worth mentioning that the USBF is able to fully cover the expenses of the US players participating in the World Championships, the majority of whom are professional bridge players who are paid by their sponsors to play in the first place. On the other hand our representatives usually incur significant out-of-pocket expenses,

in addition to taking time off from their jobs.

I hope that you agree with me that the value of the CBF to you as a Canadian bridge player far exceeds the annual membership fee. If you are not already a member, please support your national bridge organization by becoming a CBF member. Whether renewing by mail or by internet, be sure to read your ACBL membership renewal forms carefully and be sure to include the CBF fee. The annual membership fee is CDN\$12 if paid with your ACBL renewal, CDN\$15 if paid directly to the CBF. First-time members and juniors under 25 pay CDN\$8 per year (CDN\$10 if paid directly to the CBF).

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The 2007 World Championships

John Carruthers

The 2007 World Championships were held in Shanghai during the first two weeks of October. The Canadian Women's and Senior Teams both reached the quarterfinals, where they both unfortunately lost, the women to Germany and the seniors to Brazil.

One of the high points of the Championships was that the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl contestants all played the same deals at the same time. Thus one could compare how one did against not only one's own event, but the two others as well. This made for much more stimulating dinner conversation.

There were many spectacular deals. These were a few of them.

Quarterfinal Segment 2

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A K Q 9 8 3

♥ A 7

♦ —

♣ A J 7 3 2

♠ J 5

♥ K 8 4 3

♦ A 10 7 6 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 7 6 4

♥ J 10 9 5 2

♦ K J 9 8

♣ K

♠ 10 2

♥ Q 6

♦ Q 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 9 8 5

On the face of it, this does not seem a complicated deal. Open one spade, two clubs, or one club, according to

your predilections, find club support, determine that a top honour is missing, and stop in six clubs. Ha!

The board was played 24 times in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl quarterfinals: 7 times in a grand slam, 5 times in game and only 11 times in a small slam. That's only 23 times, you say. Yes, North-South defended four diamonds doubled on the other occasion, leading the heart queen to nip it a trick. At least they didn't then underlead the club ace to let it make! Of the 12 matches in play, double-digit swings were produced in 10 of them on this deal.

One of the pairs in a grand slam declared spades from the North hand, which had no play. The other six pairs played seven clubs, five from North one from South. One East and one West led diamonds, the other four led the heart jack.

An amusing anecdote appeared in the Daily Bulletin: Paul Chemla of France told Sabine Auken of Germany that he had noticed a magnificent defensive manoeuvre. In seven clubs on the heart jack lead, declarer plays the queen from dummy and West **ducks!**

When Auken asked Chemla if anyone had found this play, he replied sadly, "No. I was not playing." Rather arrogant, wouldn't you say?

Of the six players who declared seven clubs, five of them made it, one of them doubled. This is the story at the sixth table (in the England versus China quarterfinal match)...

West	North	East	South
Michelle Brunner	Liu Yi Qian	Rhona Goldenf'd	Wang Wenfei
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1 ♣ ¹	Pass	1 ♠ ²
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
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The Precision auction propelled the Chinese pair to the unsound seven club contract. Rhona Goldenfield of England was on lead and looked no further than the jack of hearts. Declarer played the queen and Michelle Brunner, in perfect tempo, followed low!

Declarer, who was relieved to gain a surprise entry to the dummy, had no qualms about taking advantage of the entry to take the percentages in trumps by running the queen! Oops!

How was this brilliancy found? Should declarer have been fooled? One club was strong (16+ HCP) and one diamond negative (0-7 HCP). The jump to two spades was natural and forcing, showing a very strong hand. Two no trump and three clubs were both natural. Over partner's natural four clubs, showing support, North jumped to five no trump, the Grand Slam Force.

Whether the Chinese partnership agreed or disagreed about the meaning of five no trump, or of the responses to it, one thing that Michelle could be certain of was that declarer

had a source of tricks in spades for her auction. Therefore there could be no danger in giving declarer a cheap trick in hearts since the heart loser would soon be disposed of on spades in any case.

From Michelle's point of view, a jump to seven clubs holding only the queen in trumps left room for partner to have a trump honour and there was a significant danger that it would be singleton. With plenty of time to think about it, we can all see that it can't cost, and may gain to duck the king on this layout.

Should she have been suspicious? Perhaps - you should not expect the queen of hearts to hold the first trick. Nevertheless, it is quite a distance from there to assume that West has ducked in order to persuade you to take a losing finesse in trumps. This brilliancy was the play of the tournament.

How did Canada fare on this deal? In the Venice Cup quarterfinal match, neither pair got to slam, the Canadians playing five clubs and the Germans four spades – 1 IMP to Germany. In the Senior Bowl, the Canadian pair who held the North-South cards stopped in six clubs (shrewdly, they thought), while their counterparts from Brazil bid to seven clubs. Both Easts led the heart jack and both Wests played the king on the queen – 13 IMPs to Brazil.

The second deal was a "shoulda been," and again involved a grand slam, this time from the semifinals. It was played

twelve times. Five times in a grand slam, twice in hearts and three times in the best spot of seven spades.

The declarers in seven hearts both received a trump lead and were soon scoring up 2210, when a spade lead would have beaten them. The declarers in seven spades received spade, heart and club leads respectively. Two of these cashed the ace and queen of spades before trying to cash a second heart, down one. The third declarer, Bart Bramley of USA2, did things a little differently...

Semifinals Segment I. Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ K 9 7 4 ♣ K J 9 5</p> <p>♠ K 8 3 ♥ A K Q 4 3 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q 10</p> <p>♠ 10 7 4 ♥ J ♦ J 8 5 3 2 ♣ 7 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 6 5 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q ♣ A 8 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Stansby	Smith	Bramley	Kasle
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
7 ♦	Pass	7 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The opening lead from Gaylor Kasle of USA1, South, was the club seven to the ten, jack and ace. The first

question was how best to guard against bad splits in the major suits. Since 4-0 trumps was a possibility, Bramley started spades by playing the five to the king (this allows declarer to pick up all four trumps in the North hand).

If trumps had been 2-2, the contract was cold against any 4-1 heart layout, but declarer must keep a trump entry to dummy to enjoy the long hearts.

After finding out that trumps were 3-1, declarer ran the rest of the trumps before playing on hearts. From the lead and the play to the first trick, he was reasonably certain of the layout of the club suit.

Declarer pitched a heart, a diamond and the queen of clubs from dummy. North pitched the five and nine of clubs and the four, seven and nine of diamonds. South discarded the two of clubs and the two and three of diamonds. The end position was as follows:

<p>♠ — ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ K ♣ K</p> <p>♠ — ♥ A K Q 4 3 ♦ 10 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ J 8 5 ♣ 6 4</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q ♣ 8 3</p>
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When declarer played the eight of hearts to the ace, fetching the jack

from South, he had to play the diamond from dummy to make the contract; North would be squeezed on the diamonds! If North had followed with a low diamond or had discarded, East plays the ace and tries to run hearts.

Unfortunately, declarer did not figure out the end-position and played a second high heart from dummy, going down. He was an almost hero!

Would you like to try a little defensive problem? Decide what you'd do before peeking at the full deal.

RR14. Board 4 Dealer West. Both Vul.

North (You)

♠ K 9 7
 ♥ Q J 4
 ♦ K 9 5 2
 ♣ J 4 2

East (Morse)

♠ Q 10 8 3
 ♥ 10 6 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ K Q 8 3

West	North	East	South
Wolff	You	Morse	Partner
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

With an unattractive hand to lead from, you choose the queen of hearts, three, two (low encouraging), five. You continue hearts with the jack, six, seven, ace. Wolff plays the ace of spades, seven, three, six, and the two of spades. You play...?

This was the full deal:

♠ K 9 7
 ♥ Q J 4
 ♦ K 9 5 2
 ♣ J 4 2

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

♠ J 6
 ♥ K 9 7 2
 ♦ Q 8 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 6

Did you find the smooth duck? If you did, as happened at the table, Wolff plays the queen, dropping Partner's jack, and cashes four rounds of clubs, throwing his heart loser. You score one spade, one heart and one diamond, and Wolff-Morse score plus 620.

If, on the other hand, you rose with the king to play another heart, you get two heart tricks, the spade king and a diamond to come later.

At the other table, your teammates saved you by playing in precisely the same fashion after the same misdefence.

Was it really a mifence or merely a misguess? Sure, it was a misdefence. Look at the order in which your partner played his hearts - two, encouraging, then seven, remainder count - if he'd had the heart eight as well, he would have played the nine (from the remaining king-nine-eight-seven) to tell you he had four left.

What of declarer's play? It can only gain to duck the first heart if hearts

are 5-2 and the duck blocks the suit to the defence's advantage. Additionally, winning the ace denies the defence to give count on the second heart lead.

Nevertheless, the play was obviously not all that easy to find, since, in all

three events, only three of the 19 North defenders in a position to make the play actually made it. Worse, some declarers who were fortunate enough to see North duck, themselves played the ten, going one extra down!

Stan Tench Retires Long-Time Director in Ontario Tournaments



Stan Tench, long-time tournament director, has recently retired for the second time – this time from a position as a full-time employee of the ACBL's tournament directing staff. The first time he retired, it was from his career as a senior official with the federal government in Ottawa. Prior to that retirement, Stan did all his directing on weekends and holidays. He has been directing tournaments in Ontario for 50 years.

You thought Stan was too young to retire, right? Can you guess when he first directed a tournament? It was in

1954! He was 25 years old and it was in Vancouver. A year later and he was Chief Director – his assistant was Phil Wood, later to become the unofficial King of Directors in western Canada and the US.

Stan was born on July 11. “My grandparents heard about my birth the day before I was born,” he said. “I was born in Japan, and because of the time difference it was still the 10th back in North America.” He moved East to Ottawa in 1956, and he has especially enjoyed working in the Maritimes and northern Ontario. “The people are so sociable, so friendly, so enjoyable.”

Stan wistfully remembers the good old days when directors used pencils instead of computers to score. “It was more fun the old way, but I suppose the computers are faster.”

Directing is a great way to meet people and to travel, Stan said. “And I've so enjoyed working with such wonderful people who were my fellow directors. Henry Francis and I used to have a wonderful time in the Maritimes.

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We'd race to finish our 25-top sheets, and we'd each have a rooting section cheering us on."

Doing sheets was fun for Stan. "One time we were doing a stanza 25-top where we scored the first half while the contestants played the second half. One of the players, Hugh McLean, bet us that we couldn't get the first half in balance before play finished in the second half. We eagerly took the bet. Then we bet him we could finish by the 12th round. We won that one too. But when we offered a bet on the 11th round, Hugh refused. He had learned his lesson."

"I love directing," Stan emphasized. "I have enjoyed every minute of it." With more energy than others half his age, we don't believe Stan will really embrace retirement full-time. Expect to see him for years to come.

The Student

A student in the beginners' class raised his hand and asked his teacher what he should bid. The instructor looked at the student's hand and saw 16 high-card points and a good six-card heart suit.

"How has the bidding gone so far?" the teacher asked.

"I dealt and opened one heart," the student replied.

"Impeccable."

"And it went pass, pass, pass ..."

"So I bid two hearts ..."

"And it went pass, pass, pass ..."

"What I want to know is, am I worth three hearts?"

Play of the Hand

David Lindop

Nothing to Lose

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Finesses are a risky business. They depend on the location of the missing high cards, so they don't always work. Suppose we need two tricks from this heart suit and have to play it ourself:

North (Dummy)

♥ 6 4

West

♥ ?

East

♥ ?

South (Declarer)

♥ A Q

We lead a low heart from dummy and, assuming East follows with a low heart, we finesse the queen. If East has the king, our finesse succeeds and we have our two tricks. If West has the heart king, the finesse loses, and we are left with only one trick, the ace.

Unless there's some indication from the auction, it's a 50-50 proposition. West will have the heart king half the time...although it probably seems that our finesses lose more often than they win, especially when playing against opponents we don't like!

Every now and then, however, we get an opportunity to take a finesse that can't lose. If West leads a heart in the above situation, we are assured of two tricks no matter which defender holds the king of hearts. This is called a **free finesse** - we can possibly gain a trick with no risk. If East produces the king,

we haven't really gained anything since we could have taken a successful finesse ourself. But if West has the king, we've gained a trick because we'll win the first trick with the queen of hearts and, if we'd had to play the suit ourself, the finesse would have lost.

As declarer, we should be on the lookout for situations where we have everything to gain and nothing to lose. For example, suppose we are in four hearts and West leads the four of diamonds.

♠ K Q 9

♥ 10 8 3 2

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 9 5

Lead: ♦4

♠ A J 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 5

♦ 5

♣ 8 7 3

We don't have any losers in spades or diamonds but we'll have to lose the ace of hearts and there are three potential club losers. It looks as though our contract depends on the location of the club ace. If West has it, we'll be able to take a successful finesse by leading toward dummy's king of clubs. If East has it, we'll be unlucky.

Can we do better? Let's look more closely at that diamond suit. At first glance, it seems risky to play dummy's queen instead of the ace. If East has the king, we'll have lost a trick in the suit when we could have guaranteed no diamond losers by simply winning the ace. Playing the queen on the first trick, however, is really a free finesse.

We have everything to gain and nothing to lose. If West has the diamond king, dummy's queen will win the trick and we can discard one of our club losers on the ace. We no longer have to rely on the club finesse to make the contract.

What if we play dummy's queen of diamonds and East produces the king? We've still lost nothing. We can still use dummy's diamond ace to discard one of our club losers and now we're back to trying the club finesse to make our contract. By taking the diamond finesse at trick one, we give ourselves two chances to make the contract instead of one. We'll make the contract if West has either the diamond king or the club ace. If East has both those cards, then we truly are unlucky.

Here's a more spectacular example of a free finesse. This time we are in a slam contract of six diamonds and West leads the six of spades. We have three potential heart losers but none elsewhere.

♠ A Q 4
 ♥ 9 7 2
 ♦ K J 9 4
 ♣ A J 5

Lead: ♠6

♠ —
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 3 2
 ♣ K Q 10

On the opening lead we could play dummy's spade ace and discard one heart loser from our hand, but that doesn't gain anything. We can always do that later. Instead, West's lead gives

us the opportunity to take a free finesse of dummy's queen of spades. If it wins, we can discard two heart losers from our hand...one on the spade queen and one on the spade ace. If East produces the king of spades, we've lost nothing. We can ruff, draw trumps, discard a heart loser on dummy's ace of spades, and still try the heart finesse to make the contract.

West's lead allows us to do something we could not do ourselves: take the spade finesse. Thanks West.

If we're given a chance for a free finesse **we may still need to decide how best to take advantage** of it.

Consider this deal:

♠ Q 10 8 2
 ♥ Q 10
 ♦ J 5 2
 ♣ K Q 10 2

Lead: ♣5

♠ A K J 7 5 3
 ♥ K J 8
 ♦ 9 7 6 3
 ♣ —

We reach a contract of four spades and our friend West leads the five of clubs. That's helpful. At least the defenders haven't taken three diamond winners right away, which would defeat the contract since we would still have to lose the ace of hearts.

How can we make the most of our good fortune? Our first instinct might be to play dummy's queen of clubs. If East plays the ace, we can trump and dummy's king is now established as a

winner. But that won't do us much good. We can discard one of our diamonds on dummy's king of clubs, but we are still left with three diamond losers and a heart loser.

Instead, we need to establish two winners in the club suit. How can we do that? We know East probably holds the club ace since West is unlikely to lead away from an ace against a suit contract. However, East may not hold the jack of clubs. If that's the case, we can get two tricks by playing dummy's club ten at trick one. We hope the full layout is something like this:

<p>♠ Q 10 8 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 5 2 ♣ K Q 10 2</p> <p>♠ 9 4 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ J 9 7 5 3</p> <p>♠ A K J 7 5 3 ♥ K J 8 ♦ 9 7 6 3 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A 6 5 4 3 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ A 8 6 4</p>
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If we play the ten of clubs on the first trick, what can East do? If East plays the ace, we ruff, draw trumps ending in dummy and discard two diamond losers on dummy's king and queen of clubs. It doesn't do East any good to let dummy's club ten win. We discard a diamond loser and can then play dummy's king of clubs. If East plays low again, we discard another diamond loser; if East plays the ace, dummy's queen is now established as a second winner in the suit. All we lose are two diamonds and a heart.

Most of the time, the defenders won't be so friendly as to give us a free finesse on the opening lead, but that doesn't mean we can't force them to be helpful later on. In this next deal, we reach six hearts and West leads the king of spades:

<p>♠ J 8 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ A Q J</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K 10 8 4 ♣ 8 5 4</p> <p>♠ A 7 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 5 ♦ A Q ♣ K 9 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 5 4 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ 10 7 6 3</p>
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It would have been nice if West had led a diamond, giving us a free finesse, but no such luck. Still, West's lead of the spade king is likely to be the top of touching honours, so we might be able to take advantage of knowing that West holds the queen of spades.

Suppose we win the first trick with the spade ace, draw the defenders' trumps, and then take our club winners, leaving the following cards:

<p>♠ J ♥ J 4 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ Q 10 6 ♥ — ♦ K 10 8 4 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ A Q ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 9 5 4 ♥ — ♦ J 9 2 ♣ 10</p>
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We now lead a spade, putting West on lead and...it's free finesse time! If West leads a diamond, it's right into our ace-queen. It's no better for the defenders if West leads a spade. We can trump in the dummy and discard our diamond queen.

Free finesses are great, but we must take care not to get too carried away with them. **We have to consider Greeks bearing gifts.** Take a look at this deal. We get to three no trump and West leads the five of hearts:

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

A free finesse at trick one! We can play low from dummy and when East can produce only the heart ten, we can win a trick with the jack.

By leading away from the heart queen, West has given us three tricks in the heart suit when we would only have two if we played the suit ourself. A heart finesse would lose to West's queen. But if we happily play the eight of hearts from dummy on the first trick, we've just thrown away the contract.

After winning a cheap trick with the jack of hearts, we can take dummy's



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ace and king of clubs and ace of hearts, but what next? If we lead a low spade or diamond from dummy, the defenders will win and, unless they help us out by leading another heart or a club, we'll never get to our hand to enjoy all the winners.

Before playing from dummy, we should count our tricks: one spade, two sure heart tricks, and six club tricks - provided we can get to them! That tells us we should win the first trick with dummy's heart ace, foregoing the free finesse and preserving the king of hearts as an entry to our hand. We next take dummy's ace and king of clubs to unblock the suit and lead the heart eight to our king and take four more club tricks. The spade ace is our ninth trick and it's on to the next deal.

Perhaps there will be a free finesse that actually helps us on that deal!



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Napping at the NAP

Andy Stark

Two of the ACBL's best events, if solely for the *concept*, are the Grand National Teams (GNT) and the North American Pairs (NAP) championships. Both begin at the grassroots level - or in bridge parlance, the club level - and finish at the national level. Everyone should play in this event, but not everybody does. Oh sure, you may get crushed and not even make it out of your District, but how often does one get the opportunity to play in a national event?

A year ago or so, in late October of 2006, I played in the District 2 Finals of the NAP with a certain bridge publication editor, and in an unintentional homage to Mr. October - former New York Yankee and Oakland "A" Reggie Jackson, who wore number 44 - we pitched back-to-back 44% games. Needless to say, we did not qualify for national glory; regional ignominy yes, but not national glory.

This year I played with Doug Baxter and, in true Carruthers NAP fashion, if we hadn't had bad luck, we wouldn't have had any luck at all. However, improving on my previous year's result in the first session, Doug and I had a 45% game. Things were looking up! At this rate, I can look forward to a 60% game in 2022. My unborn grandchildren cannot wait to

celebrate with me. (Nor can my unborn children.)

Somehow in bridge, bad luck begets more bad luck. Here's an example from this year's NAP. Imagine you are in four hearts with the following layout:

♠ 6 3
♥ A Q J 9 4
♦ A K J 2
♣ 10 3

♠ A K J 8 5
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A 7 2

The opening lead is the queen of clubs and you win the ace. Now, do you play the ten of hearts and let it ride when LHO plays low? Or do you play a low heart to the queen? (*I might try to ruff a diamond or two in hand as follows: club ace, spade ace, diamond to ace, spade to king, diamond to king, diamond.* – Ed.)

The declarer at our table played the ten of hearts at trick two and LHO showed out. The ten lost to the king and back came the king of clubs, which held, and a club over to West's jack. Refusing to ruff in dummy, declarer pitched a diamond. Now, LHO played yet another club and RHO's eight of trumps was promoted to the setting trick. Down one. All would have been well if you had saved the ten of hearts - the only card in your hand that can overruff the eight.

Bad luck for declarer, right? Maybe, but even worse luck for East-West because five North-South pairs got to the five-level or higher on this deal and they went down two or three tricks. So in effect, the bad luck was East-West's and that was the direction Doug and I were sitting. But that is just one hand of bridge - it's this second example that proves how things can quickly go from bad to worse. Or is it "worst?"

In second seat, vulnerable against not, I picked up:

♠ A K 10 9 3
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 4 2

My RHO opened the bidding with one heart and I overcalled one spade. LHO made a negative double and Doug bid two spades which ended the auction. LHO, whose identity I am protecting for her sake and my own, led the queen of diamonds. Here was what I was looking at:

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

♠ A K 10 9 3
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ 4 2

I studied the dummy for a minute or two, trying to figure out the opponents' likely distribution. Obviously LHO was void in hearts, so if she held (say) nine cards in the

minors, she held four trumps. That would leave RHO with five hearts, a singleton trump and seven cards in the minors. Add the opponents' 16 cards in the minors to dummy's six and my five and it adds up to 27. What? So I tried again: If LHO has four-four in the minors that means she has five trumps. Which means RHO has a void in trumps and eight cards in the minors - another impossibility. Do the math and you'll see something just doesn't add up. Or, you can look more closely at the dummy and see that it has 3=5=3=3 shape. Aha! That adds up to 14. (Whoops.) Director!

Martin Hunter appeared and told us we needed to record a result. So he inspected the hand records and determined that the deuce of spades actually belonged to LHO. We were instructed to play it out. I thought I might go down two, but that down one would be a decent result.

Well, after a series of plays and miscues that would make Rod Serling blush, I made my contract of two spades. I only needed LHO to accidentally drop two cards on the table - so the penalty card gave me a winning option. And, I needed LHO to duck a trick. I scored up plus 110 thinking *this is huge*. Plus 110 just had to be the TSN turning point for Doug and me, right? Wrong. As we got up to leave the table, Martin came over and told us, "You're both getting average minus on that board." Du-du-du-doo, du-du-du-doo.



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ON; Carol Wills, Sandy UT; Sunday Aft 199er Teams Michael Beauchamp - Lynn Beauchamp - William Hughes, North Bay ON; Denis Gardner, Corbeil ON; Sunday Open Swiss Teams Rob Avery - George Knight, Barrie ON; Jack Kilby, Orillia ON; Danny Schamehorn, Washago ON

Bay of Quinte Trenton, ON September 28-30, 2007

Fri Eve Str Open Pairs Charlotte St Amant, Trenton ON; Ruth Browning, Lanark ON; Fri Eve 199ers Pairs Kathryn Pfander - Carolyn Moynes, Belleville ON; Sat Aft Strat Open Pairs Birte Ayer, Toronto ON; Jerry Vopicka, Sarnia ON; Sat Aft Strat 199er Pairs Brenda Goldstein, Willowdale ON; Debby Kaplan, Toronto ON; Knockout Teams Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; David Cohen, Thornhill ON; Stratiflighted Pairs A/X Elaine Johannsson, Picton ON; Betty Bishop, Wellington ON; Stratiflighted Pairs B/C Ray Thibeau, Stirling ON; Barry Symons, Brighton ON; Sat Eve Strat 199er Pairs Elsie Schulz - Diana Farquharson, Belleville ON; Sun Morn 199er Swiss Riet Haaksman, Kingston ON; Gary Beamish, Norwood ON; E John Hall, Mississauga ON; Bob Harris, Cobourg ON; Sun Aft 199er Swiss

Ellen Hutt, Marmora ON; Patricia Varey, Carrying Place ON; Carolyn Moynes - Kathryn Pfander, Belleville ON; Stratified Open Swiss Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; David Cohen, Thornhill ON

**Caledon Fall Sectional
Caledon, ON
October 13-14 2007**

Saturday Compact KO's Andrew Risman - Sheldon Pearlman, Toronto ON; Max Tang, Scarborough ON; Elizabeth Gallagher, Oakville ON; Sat Aft 199ers Pairs Lori Bailey, Waterloo ON; Lorette Savauge, St Marys ON; Stratified Open Pairs Eric Murray - Roy Hughes, Toronto ON; Sat Aft 199er Pairs Judy Darke - Shirley Corcoran, Brampton ON; A/X Swiss Teams David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; William Sheryer, Guelph ON; B/C/D Swiss John Marskell - Joan Soifert - John Stark - Marilyn Hunt, Mississauga ON

**Blue Mountain
Collingwood, ON
October 19-21, 2007**

Friday Aft Open Pairs Herbert Spanier - Waldemar Janowski, Port Elgin ON; Friday Aft 299er Pairs John Higgins - Donna Higgins, Erin ON & Loretta

Whalen - Moira McKechnie, Wasaga Beach ON; Friday Eve Open Pairs Don Brock, Brampton ON; Czeslaw Kepa, Mississauga ON; Friday Eve 299er Pairs M Firman - Michael Schneider, Collingwood ON; Saturday Aft 299er Pairs Loretta Whalen - Jean Thomson, Wasaga Beach ON; Saturday Open Pairs Doreen Bernhardt, Orillia ON; James Cummings, North York ON; Saturday Eve 299er Pairs Sandra Dickson - Donald Dickson, Collingwood ON; Sunday Morn 299er Teams Beverley Nettleton - Paula Gretsinger - Barbara Lamb, Toronto ON; Anne Richards, Bond Head ON; Sunday Aft 299er Teams Jane Insley - Mary Martyn, Orillia ON; Helen Perry, Hawkestone ON; Karen Harder, Don Mills ON; Sunday Open Swiss Teams Gary Edmonds - Bill Garner - Rob Avery - George Knight, Barrie ON

**Oshawa & District
Oshawa, ON
November 3-4, 2007**

Stratiflighted A/X Pairs David Cohen, Thornhill ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Stratiflighted B/C/D Pair Clay Dahl, Etobicoke ON; Rick Jenkins, Toronto ON; Stratiflighted A/X Teams Paul Janicki - Ian Findlay, Markham ON; Andrew Tylman - Gordon Brown, Toronto ON; Strat B/C/D/ Teams Eleanor Gardiner - Gail Lederer, Toronto

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Rodney ON; Sunday Aft 299er Swiss Sine Herold - E Campbell - Anna Mae Pearce, St Thomas ON; Doris Williams, St. Thomas ON; Sunday B/C Swiss Teams Don Ostrom, Cambridge ON; Mike Peng, Waterloo ON; Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Brendon Doherty, Ariss ON; Sunday A/X Swiss Teams John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington - Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON

Burlington Intermediate/ Novice Burlington, ON November 17, 2007

Sat Morn 299er Pairs Ned Bosanac, Ancaster ON; Hugh Clark, Dundas ON; 0-20 Afternoon Pairs Bonnie Bond - Annie Ferguson, Dundas ON; Saturday Aft 299er Pairs Andrew Drummond, Burlington ON; Pamela Ambachtsheer, St Catharines ON; 0-20 Afternoon Pairs Sarah Basciano - Rebecca Rayner, Oakville ON

District 2 STaC
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November 19-25, 2007

Monday Evening Pairs Elizabeth Barnes - Robert Barnes Muskoka DBC; Mon Eve 0-1000 Pairs Eileen Matheson - Lou Brooks Mississauga-Oakville BC; Mon Eve 199er Pairs Rosemary Miller - Linda Reid Brampton "EB" Club; Non Life Masters Pairs Doug Irvine - William Miller Belleville DBC; Mon Aft Open Pairs Danny Schamehorn - Marilyn Kalbfleisch Midland BC; Monday Aft 0-1000 Pairs Jack Boyde - Louise Boyde Fiesta Club; Monday Club Silver Pairs Mary Britnell - Helen Perren Barbara And Alex BC; Monday Morning Pairs Sharon Jones - Janet Hunter Hamilton Bridge Centre; Mon AM 299er Pairs Ed Formanek - Darleen Macmillan Mississauga-Oakville BC; Mon Aft Auxiliary Paris May Jackman - Jim Lefrancois Mississauga-Oakville BC; Tue Aft Open Pairs Hindupuram Sriharsha - Marilyn Kalbfleisch Barrie Bridge Club; Tuesday Aft NLM Pairs Teresa Picton - Brian Picton Bridge Centre Of Niagara; Tuesday Morning Pairs Sheree-Lynn Katz - Paul Leonard Hazel's Bridge Club; Tuesday Eve 299er Pairs Marion Jones - Eric Jones Mississauga-Oakville BC; Tue Eve Open Pairs Armeen Qayoom - Dave Nagy Craigs BC; Tues Eve Auxiliary Pairs Vera Petty - Roman Smolski Bermuda BC; Tuesday Eve 0-1000 Pairs David Elston - Gayle Elston

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Fokes; Friday Morning 49'ers Sharon Stevens - Elma Adie Bridge Centre of Niagara Friday AM Open Pairs Marlene Philp - Diane Walmsley Belleville DBC; Friday Eve Open Pairs Paul O'Hara - Roisin O'Hara Hazel's Bridge Club; Thursday Eve Open Pairs Vera Petty - Roman Smolski Bermuda BC; Thursday Eve 0-1000 Pairs Evelyn Storey - Edie Warren Washago Bridge Club; Thursday Aft Open Pairs; Dudley Camacho - Dixie-Lee Birnie Toronto Bridge; Thurs Aft 0-1000 Pairs Shirley Davis - Yash Khanna Mississauga-Oakville BC; Thu Aft 499er Pairs Peter Patterson - Linda Burroughsford Bridge Centre of Niagara; Saturday Aft Open Pairs Joseph Huang - Keh-Chiang Hsu; Toronto Chinese BC; Saturday AM Open Pairs Andrew Collins - Malcolm Collins Mississauga-Oakville BC; Sat AM 199er Pairs Eric Jones - Marion Jones Mississauga-Oakville BC; Saturday Eve Open Pairs John Vincent - Sophie Chess Bridge Centre of Niagara; Thursday Eve Aux Pairs Vera Petty - Roman Smolski Bermuda BC; Sunday Afternoon Pairs David Cohen - Paul Janicki Hazel's Bridge Club; Bridge Fokes Swiss Teams Andrzej Halec - Roman Dubinski - Anna Chelchowski - Richard Fokes The Bridge Fokes; Mississauga Swiss Teams Ed Formanek - Nicole Formanek - Cathy Kay - Anna Kennedy Mississauga-Oakville BC



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Sunday, March 2nd, 11:00 am
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Enquiries regarding any of the above can be made to
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TORONTO REGIONAL

MARCH 18-23, 2008



TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Bracketed KO 1 (cont. Wed.)	1 & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Senior Swiss Teams	10 am & 3 pm
Open Swiss Teams	1 pm & 7 pm
Bracketed KO II (cont. Thu.)	1 pm & 7 pm
Bracketed KO I (from Tue.)	1 pm & 7 pm
Open Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Morning KO (cont. Fri. & Sat.)	9 am
Senior Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Open Pairs	
KO III 0-1000mps (cont. Fri)	1 pm & 7 pm
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO (continues thru Saturday)	1 pm & 7 pm
Bracketed KO II (from Wed.)	1 pm & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Morning KO (from Thu.)	9 am
Senior Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Stratiflighted Pairs (A/X separate, IMP scoring)	1 pm & 7 pm
KO III 0-1000mps (from Thu.)	1 & 7pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Bracketed KO IV (cont. Sat)	1 pm & 7 pm

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All events are stratified

Stratified Events:

A=2000+, B=0-2000, C=0-750

Stratiflighted Events:

A=3000+, X=0-3000 B/C/D:

B=0-2000, 0-1000, D=0-500

I/N Events:

A=0-300, B=0-200, C=0-50

A=0-20, B=0-10, C=0-5

PERCY SHEARDOWN KO	1 pm & 7 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Morning KO (from Fri.)	9 am
Senior Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Open Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
Compact KO	1 pm & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Bracketed KO IV (from Fr.)	1 pm & 7 pm
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO	1 pm & 7 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

A/X Swiss Teams	10 am
B/C/D Swiss Teams	10 am

INTERMEDIATE-NEWCOMER GAMES

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

0-20 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

School Bridge	10:30am
0-20 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Newcomer Game (0-5 play free)	1pm
0-20 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

0-20 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

0-20 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

0-300 Swiss Teams	10 am
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City of Hamilton Sectional

April 11 – 13, 2008

Hamilton Convention Center

Friday, April 11

Stratified Open Pairs.....1:00 & 7:30 PM
Single Sessions; A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500
Intermediate & Newcomer Games *Single Sessions*
 Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200.....1:00 & 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 12

Bracketed KO Teams 1st.....9:00 AM sharp
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 PM
All Flights are Playthrough
Single Session Entries Welcomed
A(Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd... ..1:00 PM
 Bracketed KO Teams 3rd.....7:00 PM
Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd... ..1:00 PM
 Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5.....1:00 PM
 Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/2001:00 PM
 Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200.....7:00 PM

Sunday, April 13

Stratiflighted Swiss Team11:00 AM & TBA
A (Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C:0-500
ALL flights scored by Victory Points

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session).....11:00 AM
0-50/100/200
 Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session).....TBA



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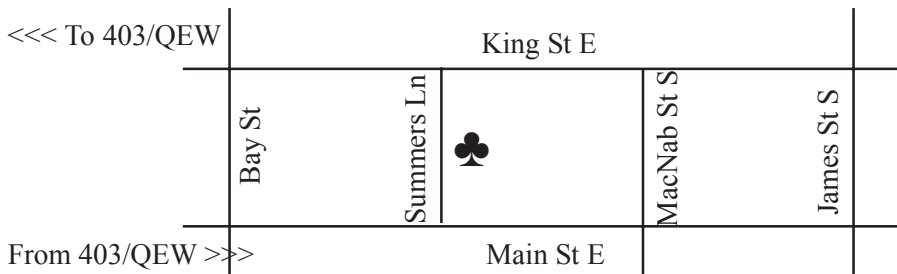


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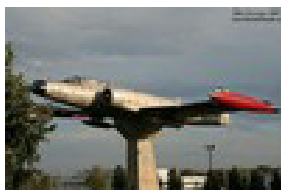
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NORTH BAY SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

April 25th, 26th, 27th 2008



North Bay Granite Club
2624 Trout Lake Road, North Bay, ON

Friday, April 25th, 2008

- 1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (A=1000+, B=500-1000, C=0-500)
1:30 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)
7:30 pm Stratified by Experience
(A=2 players over 1000, B=1 player under 1000, C=2 players under 1000)
7:30 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)
7:30 pm Newcomer Pairs (A=20-50, B=5-20, C=0-5) – relaxed pace, fewer boards

Saturday, April 26th, 2008

- 1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (A=1000+, B=500-1000, C=0-500)
1:30 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)
1:30 pm Newcomer Pairs (A=20-50, B=5-20, C=0-5) – relaxed pace, fewer boards
7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (A=1000+, B=500-1000, C=0-500)
7:30 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)

Sunday, April 27th, 2008

- 10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams (A=1000+, B=300-1000, C=0-300). Playthrough.

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26-27 April 2008

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SATURDAY 26 APRIL

Stratified 0-199ers:

2 Single Sessions

1/2 price for players with 0-5 m.p.

Stratified Pairs:

2 Session Playthru

A=1501+; B=500-1500; C=0-499

Game Times: 11:00 am & 3:30 pm

Food served on premises
1-hour break between sessions

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

0-199er Swiss Teams

Stratified Swiss Teams

A=1501+; B=500-1500; C=0-499

Playthru - 1/2 hour break for food

Game Time: 11:00 am

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Hwy 410

COBOURG SECTIONAL

MAY 3-4, 2008

Columbus Centre, Darcy Street, Cobourg



Events

Saturday: 1 pm and 7 pm

- Stratified A/X Pairs
 - Stratified B/C/D Pairs
- Single sessions offered

Sunday: 11 am Play-through

Half hour break- light meal for \$2.00 extra at time of entry

- A/X Swiss teams
- B/C/D Swiss teams

Chief Tournament Director: Nancy Hart

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Committee Members: Dick Jones, Bev Howard, Joe Sherman,

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Entry Fees: \$11.00/session; \$12.00 for non-ACBL members

Refreshments:

Coffee, water, and cookies available both days FREE of charge.
Sunday: Lunch at subsidized price @ \$2.00 per person added to entry fee - Sandwiches, chips, fruit and a pop

Directions:

Exit at 474 – turn left at Elgin St (traffic lights) Dairy Queen on left corner - proceed to stop sign at Darcy St - turn right, go over railway tracks - Columbus Centre on right at the next street.

60th BLUEWATER SECTIONAL

SARNIA

MAY 3 & 4, 2008



SATURDAY MAY 3

Flighted Pairs (1 session) **1:00 pm**

Flights: A = 0-UNL

B = 500-1250; C = 0-500

0-5 FREE (If 3 or more tables)

Stratified Pairs (1 session) **7:00 pm**

SUNDAY MAY 4

Bracketed Swiss Teams **11:00 am**

Brackets as warranted

Lunch provided at break.

LOCATION:

Girl Guide Centre

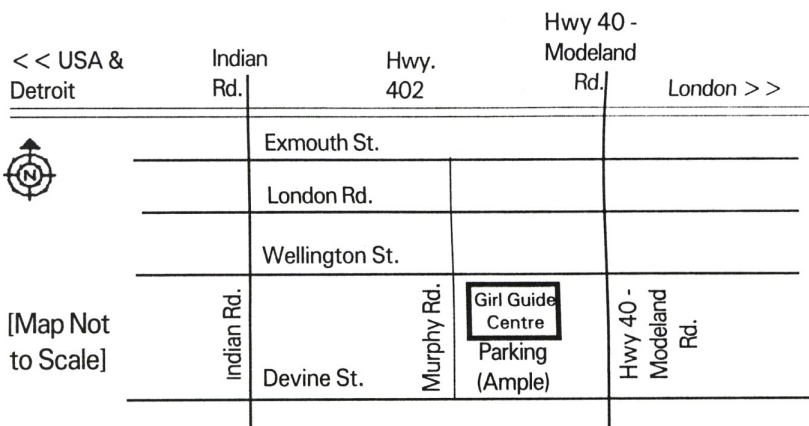
1121 Wellington St., Sarnia
 Corner of Wellington &
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The Peterborough Sectional

Friday Night, May 30th, Sat. May 31, & Sun, June 1st, 2008

Parkway Banquet & Convention Center

1135 Lansdowne St. West

Friday May 30th

Open Pairs (Single Sessions) (A: 1500 + B: 0 – 1500 C: 0 -500) 7:00pm
199 pairs (Single Sessions) 7:00pm

Saturday May 31st

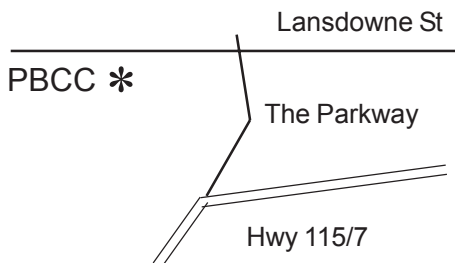
Bracketed KOs (3-Session Event) 9:00am 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 1:00pm & 7:00pm
(A: 1500 + B: 0 – 1500 C: 0 -500)
199 pairs (Single Sessions) 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday June 1st

Open Swiss Teams (2-Session Play Thru) 10:30am & TBA
(A: 1250 + B: 0 – 1250 C: 0 -500) (Strata based on team avg.)
199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions) 10:30am

Tournament Coordinators:

Dwight Goden (705)742-0962 Cindy Forth (705)741-2600 ext 231



Exit Hwy 115 at the Parkway. Take the Parkway North to Lansdowne St. Turn Left/
West on Lansdowne. After the lights at Future Shop, turn left into the Parkway Plaza



CAN-AT '08



Canadian-Atlantic Regional Tournament

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

THURSDAY JUNE 26TH – TUESDAY JULY 1ST 2008

World Trade & Convention Centre

For details visit www.unit194.org and click on **Can-At 2008 Regional Details**

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- ◆ See the world-famous Nova Scotia “**TATTOO**”

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DEPARTURE TIME - 12:00 MIDNIGHT (Following the Sunday Evening Session)

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Markham Sectional Tournament

July 5 – July 6, 2008



Saturday, July 5

Stratified Pairs (single session) (0-500/1500/Infinity)	1:00, 7:00 PM
Compact K.O. Teams	1:00 & 7:00 PM
Side Games	1:00, 7:00 PM

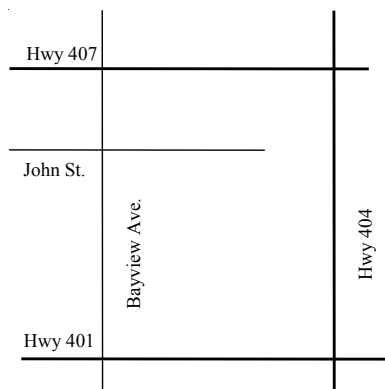
Sunday, July 6

Stratified SWISS Teams (AVERAGE MP) A/B/C (0–500/1500/Infinity)	11:00 AM & TBA
199ers (0–200) & New Comers (0–100)	Single Sessions

No Smoking in the building
Prizes & Snacks

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HAZEL'S BRIDGE CLUB



		<i>Morning</i>		<i>Afternoon</i>		<i>Evening</i>
Mon	9.30	Lesson Series with Hazel	12.30	Open Stratified Game	7.00	Newplicate Bridge w/ Steve
			12.30	Side Game	7.15	Open Stratified Game
Tue	9.15	Duplicate Bridge with Bagels & Coffee	12.30	Open Stratiifed Game	7.00	Pre-Game Lesson w/ Int Duplicate
			12.30	0-300 Game	7.30	Beginner Bridge Lessons
Wed	9.15	Bridge Clinic w/ Steve - Improve Your Game	12.30	Open Stratified Game	7.15	Team League Night
			12.30	Side Game		
Thu	9.30	Pre-Game Lesson & Practice Hands with Hazel	12.30	Open Stratified Game	7.15	Open Stratified Game - Free Play Challenge
					7.15	0-300 Game
Fri	9.00	Pre-Game Lesson Friendly Game with Bagels	12.00	Bagels & Cream Cheese	7.15	Open Stratified Game
			12.30	Open Stratified Game		
Sat	9.30	Bridge Practice with Steve	12.30	Open Stratified Game with an Optional Pool	7.15	Open Stratified Game
Sun		Closed	12.30	Open Stratified Game		Closed

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