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## Canada's Newest World Champion! **DANIEL LAVEE**



Transnational Mixed Team Winners:  
Connie Goldberg, JoAnn Sprung, Dale Johannesen,  
Lynn Johannesen, Greg Hinze, Daniel Lavee



Read about Daniel  
on page 12. Other  
tales of the World  
Bridge Series are  
also inside.

Daniel Lavee shows off his gold medal



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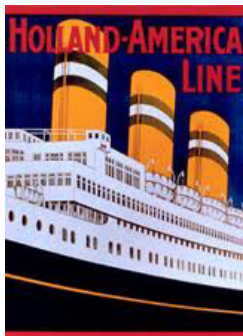
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## Editor's Note:

Our heartiest congratulations go to Daniel Lavee of Toronto, who won the Mixed Transnational Team Championship at the World Bridge Series in Philadelphia in an otherwise American team. You can read about Daniel on page 12 of this issue.

Ex-Torontonians Fred Gitelman and Geoff Hampson also did brilliantly, taking the Rosenblum Cup in an exciting final against the Nickell team.

Although suffering from a lower-than-expected turnout, the World Bridge Series was well-organized and efficiently-run. However, the event schedule was a bit unwieldy, with rather too many events (thirteen World Championships). Because of this, the Junior and Senior Championships were shortened and thus diminished.

## John Carruthers

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**Five Directors** are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years, and **One Director** will be elected for a one year interim period. Nominations are invited for these positions. The election will be held **Thursday April 21, 2011 through Saturday April 23, 2011** at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional. Nomination forms must be signed by two Unit 166 members and accepted by the nominee, and must be received by **Wanda Pearce** by **March 30, 2011**.

The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional for one hour prior to games on the three election days.

## unit 166    **ADVANCE POLLS**    unit 166

Advance polls will be held at:

- ◆ Bridge Centre of Niagara - Monday, April 4, 12.00-1.00 & 6.00-7.00
- ◆ Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre - Thursday, April 7, 11.30-12.30 & 6.15-7.15
- ◆ Partners Bridge Club - Friday, April 8, 11.30-12.30 & 6.30 to 7.30

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**CAROL BONGARD.** I am seeking re-election to the Board of Directors of Unit 166 and respectfully ask for your support. I would like to remain your voice on the Board. I am interested in expanding bridge in Toronto schools (contacts welcome) and continued fiscal responsibility. I am currently President of the Board of Directors of Unit 166.

**PAUL CRONIN.** As a member of the Unit 166 Board for over 15 years, I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you once again. There are challenging times ahead for the Unit, and as a past President, current Vice President, and a co-founder of the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy, I look forward to finding positive solutions for the betterment of bridge in Unit 166.



**SALLY REWBOTHAM.** Once again I am seeking your support to represent you on the Unit 166 Board. I am actively involved in area tournaments. As well, I am a strong voice for policy development, due process, representation of members and promotion of bridge to young and new players. Thank you for your support.

**JOAN RICHARDSON.** I am asking for your support for re-election to the Unit 166 Board of Directors for the next two years. I am a previous Vice President, President and Treasurer of Unit 166, and as well, I am a previous Vice President and the immediate Past President of District 2. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work on your behalf in the past, and I would be pleased to do so in the future. I know I can count on your vote.





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**Experience and personal attributes (Why should we hire you?)**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Deadline: end of the 2011 Toronto Easter Regional**

# Daniel Lavee

*Daniel has been a mainstay of the Canadian Junior Team for half a dozen years. Daniel and his Junior partner, Samantha Nystrom, came second in this year's Canadian Open Pairs Championship. Most recently, he played on the Junior team in Philadelphia at the World Series of Bridge. The team finished a devastating one-half a Victory Point out of qualifying for the quarterfinals, losing 10 IMPs on the final board to do so. Despite this setback, Daniel joined forces with Connie Goldberg and won the World Transnational Mixed Teams with JoAnn Sprung-Greg Hinze and Lynn and Dale Johannessen, all of the USA.*

*We caught up with Daniel upon his return from Philadelphia.*

*Kibitzer: Hi Daniel. Congratulations on your win in the Mixed Transnational Teams in Philadelphia. Tell us how your team came about.*

*DL: Thanks JC. I went to the World Championships with high hopes for the Canadian Junior Team. Unfortunately, we were short-handed and missed qualifying for the KO stage by half a VP. The round robin ended in the afternoon and I spent the rest of the day in bed. I woke up the next day rested and refreshed and found Connie Goldberg a few minutes before game time. She explained that Fred Gitleman was under the weather after winning the Rosenblum and his partner, Brad Moss recruited nephew Shane Blanchard, with whom Connie was to play the Mixed, to play the*



Daniel does his impression of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. Happy (a two-year-old Golden Doodle) waits obediently to lick his face in congratulation of the gold medal.

*World Open Pairs. This chain of events left Connie without a partner so we teamed up.*

*Kib: What did you do to prepare for the World Championships?*

*DL: Before the World Championships, I did my best to be prepared. I worked very hard to develop my partnership with Samantha Nystrom and to improve my own skills. Furthermore, I started doing Yoga and I really liked it. I think it keeps me in balance, mentally and physically. I believe I play better bridge because of it. Ironically, my favourite pose is The Bridge (see photo).*

*Kib: Your partner for the Mixed Teams was Connie Goldberg who has been a prominent player in the USA for about 30 years. How did the partnership work?*

*DL: We have known each other for a couple of years and I had the good fortune of playing with her. Connie's a fierce competitor and I think our partnership was effective because we*

kept things simple and tried to make things easy for each other. More importantly, we played well and had a lot of fun.

*Kib: Give us a little of the feel of the Transnational event and the World Bridge Series.*

DL: The World Mixed Swiss Teams consisted of 12 rounds with 10-board matches played over the last two and a half days of the two-week tournament. Men sit North/West and the women sit East/South in mixed events. As a result, a man and a woman are on each side of the screen. Some women try to dress provocatively attempting to distract their male screen-mates. I was able to keep my focus despite being lucky enough to be screen-mates with some of the most beautiful women in the bridge world.

*Kib: There is apparently some controversy over whether this was a World Championship or not. Can you tell us what this is about?*

DL: There seems to be a mix-up with the WBF. The Conditions of Contest stated that the event was a World Championship, just as it was in previous years. I hope the confusion gets resolved shortly.

*Kib: Did your win lessen the disappointment over Canada's failure to qualify for the KO round of the World Junior Championship?*

DL: Definitely, I think it would cheer anyone up. One of our best juniors was unable to get into the US and that

was tough to stomach. We gave it our best shot without him and it was painful to be half a Victory Point away from qualifying to the KO stage. Winning a gold medal was a complete 180.

*Kib: What's in the future for you in terms of bridge? Both in the short term and the long term?*

DL: I have two main focuses. Firstly, I want to help create a youth movement in Canada. Secondly, I am developing a new partnership with my former junior teammate, Anton Blagov. We will be playing the 2011 CNTC together and we are looking forward to playing on a team with you JC.

*Kib: Many of our brightest stars have moved to the USA for the potential of greener pastures there. Is this a possibility for you?*

DL: I am proud to be Canadian and I plan on living in Canada for the rest of my life, but anything is possible.

*Kib: We know you've been involved in teaching school children bridge. Can you tell us about that?*

DL: Kids are the future of bridge and the game can improve their academic and social skills. One day, I'd like to see thousands of Canadian kids playing bridge and I hope I can help. I'm teaching kids in my Grandparent-Grandchild program that I'm running at Hazel's and Partner's Bridge clubs. Furthermore, the ACBL is sponsoring free school bridge programs all over North America. I'm teaching the

program at a school in Toronto and I'm looking for interested schools in York Region (just north of Toronto).

*Kib: Are you a goal-setter? Have you set goals for yourself in bridge? Can you tell us what they are?*

DL: I like to set goals for myself, I think most do. In general, I want to improve in all aspects of the game, and this goal will never change. Right now, I am focused on winning the 2011 CNTC. Long term, I want to develop a Canadian partnership that Murray and Kehela would have wanted to be teammates with.

*Kib: How about a hand from the TN Teams? Do you have a favourite?*

DL: My favourite hand of the event was the last hand of the tournament. My teammate, Greg Hinze, knew we were in the hunt to win and was clutch declaring four spades.

<p>♠ 10 6 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ J 10 9 8 ♣ A K 4 3</p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ K J 7 4 3 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ Q J 8 2</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 4 3 2 ♥ A ♦ A 7 ♣ 10 9 7 6</p>	<p>♠ K J 7 5 ♥ Q 9 8 5 ♦ 6 4 3 2 ♣ 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Sprung</i>		<i>Hinze</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	2 ♠
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the queen of clubs and Greg won it in dummy. Next he played the ten of spades, intending to run it, but it was covered by the jack and won with his queen. At trick three, he played the club ten from hand, covered by the jack and king and ruffed by East.

If East returns a diamond, the contract can be defeated. However, a low heart was returned and Greg won his ace and played the spade ace and another spade to East. East now exited with a diamond but it was too late.

Declarer jumped on the diamond return with his Ace and ran all of his trumps. When he played his last trump, this was the position:

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

West was forced to discard the heart king to avoid giving up tricks in diamonds or clubs and was thrown in with a diamond. West was endplayed and had to lead away from the eight of clubs at trick 12.

*Kib: We hope you reach those goals, Daniel, especially the one about winning the CNTC. Many thanks for your time.*

DL: You're welcome.



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# HACKED UP IN PHILLY

John Carruthers

Yep, that's what they did to us in the Rand Cup for the Senior World Championship; then they had us for lunch. It started on Board 1 of Match 1, a two-day Swiss of 10-board matches to qualify eight teams for knockout play. There were 34 teams entered.

We faced the HACKETT team from England and the USA (Paul Hackett, John Holland, Gunnar Hallberg, Garey Hayden, Reese Milner) in our first match. We were CANADA MASTER POINT PRESS (John Gowdy-Marty Kirr; Michael Schoenborn-Boris Baran; Joey Silver-John Carruthers), Marty having replaced Eric Murray, unable to travel due to health concerns.

## Round 1. Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

Some bridge players want an easy one notrump-three notrump auction on Board 1, with the toughest decision resulting in either 10 or 11 tricks. I

have never been one of those players, figuring that if that's what my opponents wanted, I had an advantage. I was to regret that philosophy here...

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Silver	Holland	Carruthers
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Joey's pass showed some values (double being weaker) and two notrump showed 23+ and was game forcing. There followed Stayman, no major, a natural diamond bid and cue bidding. I thought that king-queen to five diamonds and the club king would give a good play for seven (I knew North had four spades as well), as there were no round-suit losers.

Was seven diamonds too much? Well, it would come down to the play. Hackett led the heart king and I was a tad disappointed at the appearance of the dummy. I won the ace and played the five of diamonds to the king, eyeing the ten with trepidation. With hearts almost certainly 6-3 (neither a preempt nor a raise from Holland and no three-heart bid from Hackett), the odds favoured diamonds being 3-1 rather than 2-2, so a diamond to the eight meant -50 for North/South. My trepidation was well founded.

In retrospect, a pass of six diamonds was appropriate. I had violated one of Bob Hamman's dicta, to wit, "Do not play me for the perfect hand - I



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never have it.”

At the other table...

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Baran</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Schoenborn</i>	<i>Milner</i>
—	Pass	Pass	<b>2♣</b>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	<b>3♣</b>	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When North failed to make a move beyond three notrump, it was proved that seven diamonds was indeed too much. Eleven IMPs to Hackett.

There were six other swings of 9 to 11 IMPs on this board in the 17 matches. All six resulted from one side's missing slam altogether and the other side's bidding six diamonds. Eight matches had pushes or small swings when one side bid six diamonds and the other bid six

notrump or one side made an overtrick when the other did not. One match pushed the board in three no trump. That left the COHEN v. BRASIL match as the only one in which both teams reached seven diamonds. It was 16 IMPs to COHEN when their declarer played diamonds from the top and BRASIL did not.

This deal is a perfect illustration of how a grand slam can be a percentage favourite to make (as was seven diamonds when West bid hearts at a low level and East did not raise, then West followed with the diamond ten on the first round of the suit), but the IMP odds are quite against bidding the grand slam when the other side languishes in game: of the 34 pairs holding these cards, only three bid the grand slam, but 22 reached the small

slam, and 9 pairs rested in game (including one pair that took 500 from two hearts doubled).

A few boards later, for the second time in the match, at the same table, seven diamonds was reached. This time, it was a much better contract, requiring little more than 3-2 or 4-1 trumps and the ability to ruff two major-suit cards in one hand or the other.

**Round 1. Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

♠ 9 8 7 6 2  
 ♥ K 10 5 2  
 ♦ 9 8 5  
 ♣ 8

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Baran</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Schoenborn</i>	<i>Milner</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Hackett-Holland had a simple, natural auction, each drawing the proper inferences about his partner's hand toward the end. Holland won the trump lead in the dummy and played ace of spades, spade ruff. When he next played the jack of trumps and the eight appeared from North, it was apparent that the suit was 3-2 unless North had found a rather extraordinary falsecard and South had led a singleton, so he overtook with the king and ruffed the spade jack. A heart ruff to pull the last trump and he was home.

Schoenborn-Baran also had a natural auction with an identical start. The continued cue-bidding, however, left them in doubt about the length and solidity of the diamonds in the combined hands. Seven clubs would have made as well, but required (on most layouts) ruffing two spades in the dummy and was not as secure as seven diamonds on a red-suit lead. That was another 13 IMPs to HACKETT.

Only one other pair managed to reach seven diamonds, Irwin Kosta-Neil Stern of the KOSTAL team against RAIOLA. They were doubled for their temerity, winning 17 IMPs against 3NT at the other table.

In terms of the frequencies, it was a similar story to Board 1: 2 grand slams, 20 small slams and 12 games. There were double-digit swings in 13 of the 17 matches.

We were not yet finished with slams in this match...

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## Round 1. Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 7 6  
♥ 8  
♦ Q J 10 9  
♣ 9 8

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

♠ K  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A 6 3  
♣ A K 7 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
Baran	Hayden	Schoenborn	Milner
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Six spades by North is a pretty good contract, even on a diamond lead, depending on the diamond finesse or the spade jack coming down in three rounds. It would have been an even

better contract on a non-diamond lead or if declared by South.

Schoenborn found the killing diamond lead, so Hayden had little choice but to take the finesse. He was thus down one when the jack of spades failed to cooperate. Schoenborn was the only defender to lead a diamond against any slam. Well done, Shoe!

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Silver	Holland	Carruthers
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Silver-Carruthers reached a worse contract than six spades, six clubs, which, however, did have the virtue of being makeable on any lead. However, I chose a line of play which proved, upon later analysis, to be marginally inferior to the winning line and went one off for a pushed board. Thanks to the Shoe's great lead, we did not lose IMPs.

Three lines of play presented themselves upon Hackett's lead of the heart five to the eight, ten and ace. All three lines depend upon trumps being 3-2, so that is the necessary starting point.

i.) Cash the spade king, ruff a heart to dummy (after cashing one high club or not) and continue spades from the top, getting rid of diamonds. If a spade is ruffed, discard anyway and hope the ruff is from the three-card holding in trumps.

ii.) Ruff a heart immediately, draw two rounds of trumps, overtake the spade king with the ace and cash the queen of spades. If the jack of spades has appeared, play the spade ten, discarding the last low diamond. If the spade jack has not appeared, take the diamond finesse.

iii.) Ruff a heart immediately and play three rounds of trumps. If West wins the third round of trumps and does not return a spade, the option of squeezing a player with the diamond king and the spade jack (with length) presents itself, allowing slight extra chances. At worst, a spade return by either player reduces your chances to option ii.).

If you decide to adopt line iii.), an interesting scenario ensues if instead, East wins the third round of trumps. He can reduce you to line ii.) by returning a spade, and should do so any time the spades do not run and the diamond finesse is wrong. If, however, the diamond finesse is working, he should return a diamond,

forcing you to guess whether to take the finesse or perhaps rise with the ace and run your winners, hoping for spades or a squeeze. Finally, if the spades are cooperating, he should also return a diamond, forcing the guess.

Simplest was best, with line i.) being 43%, line ii.) 39%, and line iii.) 36% (all approximate). As you can see line i.) was also the successful one. If you can figure this out at the table, you're a better man than I, Gunga Din.

Fourteen games were bid and made in notrump, spades and clubs. Slams were attempted in notrump (five times), spades (nine times), diamonds (twice) and clubs (four times). Nine of the 20 slams were made, one in six notrump(!), seven in six spades and one in six clubs.

On the three slam deals, we lost a total of 24 IMPs. Had I made seven diamonds and six clubs, and had our teammates bid the grand on Board 9, we'd have won 30 IMPs, a swing of 54 IMPs. We lost the match by 17 IMPs – it was in our hands to win it by 37 IMPs. More realistically, settling for six diamonds on Board 1 would have won us 10 IMPs (bidding and making seven diamonds would have won us 14).

HACKETT went on to win a three-way tiebreaker for the eighth and final qualifying spot, using their good fortune to win all three knockout matches fairly easily, thus winning the World Championship. We missed qualifying by a handful of Victory Points. I wanted to slash my wrists.

## *From the Desk of Paul Janicki, District 2 ACBL Director.*



I am pleased to announce the following appointments to the ACBL National Goodwill Committee:

- **Graham Warren** (Newmarket, Ont): Graham is a Life Master who enjoys giving back to the bridge community the pleasure that the game has given him for over 40 years. He has served on the Unit 246 Board for the past ten years and he is the District's Tournament Coordinator. What I found astounding about Graham was that in 2003, when the Unit couldn't find anyone to run the Oshawa Sectionals, he stepped right in and has been running two Oshawa Sectionals yearly since then.
- **Lorna Johnson** (Ridgeway, Ont): Lorna, who serves on the Unit 166 Board as the Finance Chair, is well known for her enthusiastic work with the newer players. She was

one of the founding members of the Bridge Centre of Niagara. She has been the co-chair of the St. Catharines Sectional and of the Niagara Regional; she also chaired Hospitality for the Toronto Regional and founded the Niagara Novice Sectional. She finds bridge to be challenging and competitive at all levels of play, and the many friendships that she developed over the years have been extraordinary and fulfilling.

- **Audrey Craig** (London, Ont): She is well known in the London area for having taught hundreds of students and bringing many of them into the ACBL. She served on the Unit 249 Board for years and was the treasurer for the London Regional several times. She runs supervised play games as well as limited masterpoint games.
- **Noreen Bramsen** (Toronto, Ont): Noreen is very gracious at the table and most welcoming to all opponents. She will play with any player, no matter his level of play. She was a fixture at Kate Buckman Bridge Studio since 1998 where she took I/N lessons. Barbara Seagram asked her if she would go on the "call-in list" since she lived around the corner from the club and the very next day Bonny Norris called her to play in her "upstairs A" game. She had 2 MPs then! Before you knew it, she was playing about 10 sessions a week! Nowadays she plays at the Regal, Toronto Bridge and Partners.

I am also honoured to announce the following appointments to the ACBL National Charity Committee:

➤ **Mary Donnelly** (Goderich, Ont): Mary has been the foundation for the Goderich Bridge Club (Unit 249) for decades and over the years she held every position on the executive. She has been a member of the Goderich BC for over 50 years! She received her Director Certificate in 1982 and became a Life Master in 1994. What I find really amazing about Mary is that still found plenty of time to be involved in local charities and church activities, such as 30 years of tireless volunteer work and fundraising for Community-Living Central Huron.

➤ **Lee Daugharty** (Brampton, Ont): Lee spent 27 years in the publishing industry, the last 14 of those as the publisher and editor of The Daily Bridge Calendar. Since 2006, most of his time has been occupied with a variety of bridge enterprises including directing, teaching, tournament organizing, tournament set-up, and selling bridge supplies. He is a Silver Life Master who has shared numerous regional and sectional wins with some “excellent” partners. He resides in Brampton with his wife and two children, whom he credits with enabling him to keep life’s priorities straight.

For more information about the appointees and their photos please

visit District 2 website <http://www.acbldistrict2.org/>

For the last several years the ACBL Charity Foundation allows the ACBL Directors to designate charities to receive grants of US\$1,000 per year. My 2010 charity grants, as suggested by several District 2 members, went to ‘Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind’ and ‘Alli’s Journey’ at US\$500 each.

I welcome suggestions for 2011 charity grants.

The ACBL Board of Directors conducted a number of prolonged meetings at the 2010 Orlando NABC. Perhaps the most important motion that was passed dealt with slow play regulations. This has been a common complaint at tournaments, the penalty standards were quite vague and the directors felt that they were not empowered to act. The result is Item 103-49, which gives the TDs the authority to enforce slow play penalties. My Orlando report on the District 2 website has the full text of this motion; in addition, it will keep you informed about all other actions taken by the Board and about accomplishments of District 2 members in the last few months.

ACBL is in the process of re-writing ACBLScore. We would like to hear from you if you are aware of features that are not available in the current version, but that would greatly improve and enhance the functionality of the new application.

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## FIT & MISFITS

### How to Handle Them

#### A MISFIT? QUIT!



Less experienced players sometimes pick up their hand, count their points, find they have 13 points and no matter what happens during the entire auction, they continue to have 13 points. A bridge hand is like a living and breathing thing. When partner bids a suit that you like, your hand

blossoms and gains in value. When partner bids a suit in which you have a shortage, your hand wilts and loses much of its lustre. We must learn how to evaluate our hand at all times and bid accordingly.

Take the following scenario:

♠ K J 10 9 7 5 3  
♥ 7  
♦ K 6 3 2  
♣ 3

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

♠ 6  
♥ A Q 10 9 6  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A J 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

This wasn't an auction, it was a fight! Indeed, without the use of bidding boxes, the auction would get louder and louder as each player insisted on the right to play in their choice of trump suit!

(Tip to the opponents: Always consider making a penalty double on such an auction!). On a diamond start by East, followed by a shift to a spade by West whenever he gets in, declarer will be down two, losing three diamonds and two trump tricks.

What went wrong? Whose fault was this? Who should have quit first? The first person to recognize that there is a misfit should quit once they have adequately described their hand. In this case, South should bid hearts first and then bid her clubs next. South cannot really be faulted for bidding clubs twice, but after that, enough's enough. Let partner play this in two spades or three spades.

Now let's look at a much rosier situation!



**A FIT?  
IT'S A HIT!**

♠ K 9 8 7  
♥ K 7  
♦ 8 5 4 3  
♣ 7 6 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This hand always makes four spades. What happened? Back to hand evaluation. Those who count their points using the long suit count will come up with 17 points (always count some form of distribution unless you are bidding notrumps). Those using the short suit method of counting distribution will also arrive at 17 points. BUT the minute partner supports your long suit, you should be glowing. Gone are the feelings of despair that we experienced on the last "misfit" hand! Your hand increases in value.

Whenever partner supports your long suit, regardless of which method of counting points you have used, always add one extra point for the fifth card in the suit that has been supported and two extra points for each additional card in that long suit. This is IN ADDITION to all the points you started with. Now you have 20 points. Partner promised you at least 6 points. Add this together and away you go! Your side has 26 points, South should have bid four spades, instead of inviting partner with three spades. (*This method of revaluing has been around for many, many years and was popularized by Charles Goren. It is a very useful tool at all times.*)

As newer players, you don't need the Law of Total Tricks or the concept of Losing Trick Count in order to make these bids. We don't need fancy gimmicks. Just add those extra points every time partner raises your long suit and you'll get to nearly all your games and slams.



## Timing. Timing, Timing

By George Retek

In the 2010 Canadian Team Championships, Jean Castonguay and Roger Dunn avoided playing this deal in the doomed-to-fail six-heart contract and chose six notrump instead.

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

Sitting West, I led a club to the two, seven and ten. Declarer, Castonguay, played the heart ten to the ace, receiving the news of the unfavourable split.

Declarer then continued with the diamond queen, won by East with the ace, and partner switched to a spade. Castonguay played the ace, cashed the club king, and followed with the heart nine, which I covered with the jack. Now declarer played the ace of clubs,

followed by three rounds of diamonds.

These were the last four cards:

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

When Castonguay played the ten of diamonds, I had to surrender and his team won 14 IMPs, as our teammates quite understandably played in the six-heart contract that could not be made.

Declarer took advantage of a slight timing error by my partner. Had East followed low to the diamond queen (not an obvious play) then declarer would have lacked the crucial diamond entry to his hand to squeeze me after cashing the ace of clubs.

Even so, I was the real culprit of this deal. Had I not covered the heart nine with the jack, then declarer would have remained in the wrong hand and then the squeeze would not have worked because the ace of clubs had not yet been cashed.

To make the contract against any defence, declarer has to run the heart ten on the first round of the suit, an impossible play.

# An Interview with Flo Belford

*Kibitzer: The NABCs come to Toronto next summer. What's in it for the Newcomer and Intermediate players?*

Flo: The Nationals provide an opportunity to the Newcomer and Intermediate players to compete against a large field of players at their level. Often at the local tournaments the I/N games are small, but at the Nationals there will be multiple sections in each game. Players get to experience the excitement and energy of the Nationals and enjoy playing in a competitive and social atmosphere. The masterpoints are there just waiting for the players.

*Kib: What is your job as Chair of the Intermediate/Newcomer (IN) portion of the tournament?*

Flo: My job is to ensure that every player enjoys their experience at the Nationals. I want each player to come away from the Nationals with great memories and an eagerness to attend the next national or local tournament.

*Kib: What should possible competitors in the IN events expect?*

Flo: I/N competitors should experience a competitive and social atmosphere. There will be large sections and a variety of games. They will have the opportunity to play against new people who are exactly at their level. I think it also adds to the enjoyment of the event to ask your opponents where they are from. There will be three keynote speakers on the first weekend and second Saturday. Each day there will be speakers before each game. There will be free lessons and receptions and many masterpoints to be won.

*Kib: What if players don't have partners?*

Flo: We will have an I/N partnership desk. If you register at least 1/2 hour before the game there will be a guaranteed partner. You can also register online prior to the tournament..

*Kib: If IN players want to volunteer and get involved is there an opportunity for that as well?*

Flo: I encourage all I/N players to volunteer and get involved. It is a great opportunity to learn more about tournaments, meet new people, contribute to others' enjoyment, and have a great time doing it!  
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## *Unit 166 Online Partnership Desk*

Players looking for partners for any of the Unit 166 tournaments (six Sectionals and at least one Regional every year!) can make a great start on finding one by going to the Unit 166 website, <http://unit166.ca/>, and clicking on "Partnership Desk" (second link from the bottom in the left hand menu). This program has proven to be a real player favourite. The site is very user friendly, and the partner of your dreams may be just a few clicks away!

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## **An Interview with Louise McNeely**

*Kibitzer: Louise, usually when the Nationals are held one person is responsible for each of Partnerships, Registration and Prizes. How did you come to be in charge of all three areas?*

*Louise:* The short answer is, "Because I don't know how to say, "No". They really overlap as they're all player service areas. Many folks who volunteer for one can help with any of them. The complexity of the NABC's in Toronto really comes down to the fact that we have two sites, the Royal York and the Sheraton Centre.

*Kib: Can you give us a sneak preview of the Registration gift or the Prizes?*

*Louise:* That's Top Secret! If I tell you, I'll have to kill you!! We haven't finalized our selection yet. We're getting ideas, and trying to see what folks like.

*Kib: How many volunteers do you need?*

*Louise:* Some volunteers are needed for 1 hour before game time and others will work longer behind the scenes. 30-40 volunteers will likely be working every day. Some have already been working for months. Others won't start until the tournament starts. Offers of help are welcome at [volunteers@torontonabc.com](mailto:volunteers@torontonabc.com)

*Kib: What's the biggest issue you've faced with this project so far?*

*Louise:* It's the two playing sites and that the final weekend coincides with the Caribana parade weekend. We need players to plan to arrive a little early those days.

*Kib: How much commitment are you expecting from volunteers?*

*Louise:* All offers of help are appreciated. If you have an hour to give us, we accept. If you have more time, that's great. We need to know when you are available and for how many hours. We're compiling a list and will be contacting volunteers in the spring. Things are starting to move!



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# Correspondence



Dear John:

I feel strongly that the Toronto Regional needs to move back to its original downtown location and so am submitting my case, below.

As I understand it, ACBL Unit 166 is basing its decision to hold the Easter Regional tournament at an airport hotel instead of downtown solely on lower cost. It's a "bird-in-the-hand" approach that does not entail "thinking outside the box" for high impact and increased attendance and revenues.

It's fine for this year. But as a follow-on to the NABCs, surely there is an opportunity to leverage the exposure and so justify a much superior downtown location. Think of it as pleasing environmentalists and the locals (who then have options in terms of public transportation, walking, cycling, or auto) while attracting travelers to our fine city. Let's aim to create events of distinction in the world of bridge.

So what does "thinking outside the box" look like? Engage with Toronto Tourism, Toronto Board of Trade and local businesses to create a buzz for mutual benefit. Bundle attendance with complimentary tours of the city, discounts, and promotions with local restaurants and retailers. Bring our world-class arts venues into the fold.

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Partner; be creative; be successful! Aim to make Toronto tournaments a grand slam! Don't settle for less.

Deb Kestenberg

To the National Post

Greetings from Kingston, Ontario:

Some time ago, a writer in the National Post referred to "The old guy who writes the bridge column". We believe that this was said tongue in cheek, for we find columnist Paul Thurston to be a dynamic, humorous, and youthful-appearing presenter, who does much for many causes, including having generously donated his (and his wife Jo-Anne's) time and expenses to help on three weekends to raise over \$320,000 for the local three hospitals' building campaign.

Mr. Thurston is a major reason many bridge players subscribe to or purchase the National Post. His treatment of the subject matter relates to more current usage than some of your major competitors' product. Additional appeal of National Post bridge columns comes from Paul giving credit to diverse and deserving Canadian performers and venues.



In any case, space-permitting, please consider listing in your January 2011 monthly listing of events by day across Canada that there is a Kingston, ON Winter Bridge tournament from Friday, January 21, featuring complimentary pregame talks by the National Post's own Mr. Thurston at the Ambassador Conference Resort.

Thank you for reading and considering this request.

Sincerely FOR bridge and FOR Kingston.

Ed O'Reilly

To the Editor:

At a local Toronto club recently, a player left the washroom without

washing her hands...she was next seen at the buffet, then playing. I mentioned to my partner that this person had not washed her hands after using the toilet and my partner said yes, it's common knowledge.

This was my first club game in several years, and what a shock it was to see this (fairly well-known and accomplished) player pollute the buffet and cards.

Perhaps the culprit will read this, realize her behaviour is observed, and correct her unhygienic ways. Thank you.

Patricia McNeill

## Software Review



### **THE REAL DEAL**

2 CDs - Intermediate & Advanced  
by Larry Cohen  
available from [www.larryco.com](http://www.larryco.com)  
each US\$19.95  
Reviewed by Katie Thorpe

Larry, well-known as both a player and a teacher, has available two interactive CDs, each offering 60 deals from real life. Both are presented in an “over-your-shoulder” format and both contain bidding, play and defensive problems, often in combination.

You are challenged at various points to find the correct bid, play or defensive card, and once the correct action is taken, the expert thinking

behind that choice is explained, and the deal continues. Extra tips are provided in the introduction to each problem, and in the ongoing commentary.

Additionally, once each deal is completed, you are given the opportunity to replay that deal, double-dummy, directing the play from each of the four hands. This is an

excellent opportunity to try out a few “what-if” scenarios.

Here’s one problem from the Intermediate CD.

**IMPs. Dealer South. Neither Vul.**

♠ K 7 5 4  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ A 9  
 ♣ K Q 9 8 5 4

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♣
1♥	Double	2♦	Pass
2♥	6♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Larry usually walks you through the auction with his low-key humour, discussing the pros and cons of South’s bidding and when the dummy appears, North’s auction. This time he glosses over the bidding, chiding North for his precipitate action.

West leads the heart ace: jack, four, three. He then shifts to the six of clubs; East follows. Plan the play before looking at the full deal in the next column.

A top player held the South hand in the National IMP Pairs Championship at the 2006 Dallas Spring NABC. Frustrated with his partner’s bidding and the apparently no-play contract they had reached, he carelessly and needlessly false-carded with the heart eight at trick one! He could no longer make the contract.

Larry points out that you have one slim chance: if East has the doubleton ten or nine of hearts, leading the heart queen after drawing a second trump will force West to cover with the king and will smother that ten or nine.

Now the eight and seven are equals against the other high heart owned by West (remember the bidding!). Return to hand with a spade and ruff out the ten or nine. Then the other, now master, heart provides a discard for dummy’s losing diamond.

♠ K 7 5 4

♥ J

♦ A 9

♣ K Q 9 8 5 4

♠ J 9 3 2

♥ A K 10 6 5 2

♦ 8

♣ J 6

♠ 10 8 6

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 10 5 4 3

♣ 7

♠ A Q

♥ Q 8 7 3

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A 10 3 2

Both CDs (intermediate and advanced) are quite challenging and excellent value. They are simple to install and use. They can be purchased from Larry’s website or from bridge supply houses.

**Bon mots from Alfred Sheinwold**

The real test of a bridge player isn’t in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he’s in.

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# REMEMBERING THE RABBIT

## Rodney Wilton 1942-2010

By Brian Johnston

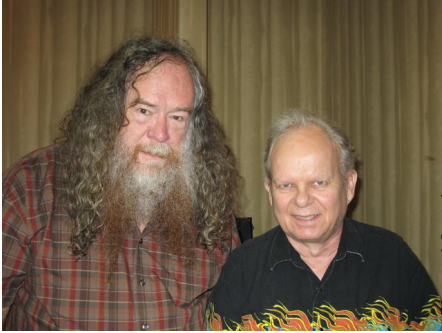


Photo: J Steinberg

A scary sight - the author (on the left) with The Rabbit at the Sudbury Regional, 2009. For those of you not familiar with these two, see if you can guess their professions. Answer at the end of the article.

In the mid-60s at a team IMP match at the Regal Bridge Club in Toronto, the heavily favoured squad of Eric Murray, Sami Kehela, Bruce Elliot and Shorty Sheardown met the team of Curly Dyson, Jack Howell, Leo "The Butcher" Takefman and a fill-in youngster from Kitchener named Rodney Wilton.

The next morning, Murray phoned his occasional partner, Franco Bandoni. He told Bandoni that this funny-looking little guy they called the Rabbit never made one normal bid and made countless errors. Bandoni asked about the result and was told the Murray team had lost by 50 IMPs. Bandoni opined that it was lucky the Rabbit had played so badly as otherwise they

would have lost by 100. Murray slammed down the phone.

Rodney was a 50s-era intuitive player – he paid no heed to the odds – he played his opponents. He never had the time or inclination to count opponents' points or distribution, basic for a bright beginner today.

If there was a designated hitter rule in bridge, Rodney could have turned professional. He was the ideal fifth for a team that was down humongously at the half and needed a dramatic reversal of fortune. In this scenario, Rodney had a unique ability to shift the momentum and ride it to victory.

When the Summer Nationals were in Toronto in 1978, Rodney and Paul Thurston agreed to play in a national pairs event and spent five minutes filling out a card. Midway through the session, they encountered no less daunting a pair than Barry Crane and Ron Andersen. In the course of bidding board one to a slam, Rodney had occasion to use four notrump as Blackwood.

After the auction, Andersen asked Thurston what kind of Blackwood they played. Thurston, in a laconic one-word answer, replied: "Attitude." Andersen repeated the question. Thurston repeated the answer. Andersen, as he was sometimes wont to do, went ballistic and summoned the tournament director.

The director asked what Attitude Blackwood was. Rodney patiently explained that in answering you looked at your hand and depending



A Younger Rodney

on how good you thought it was, you could either add or subtract aces in your response. Deductions were limited to one, but additions could be up to two. Andersen refused to believe what he was hearing. He started to speak, then threw up his arms in the air and became incoherent. The director ruled that the treatment, while perhaps suicidal, was not illegal. Andersen went to board two talking to himself, and for once, was the player intimidated.

The Rabbit felt a partner was only a minor inconvenience easily overcome. When he went to the partnership desk as he was sometimes wont to do, he would ask first, tongue in cheek, if they had any Hollywood starlets, next any world champions, and third

any beginning youngsters. He relished it when he got the latter as he was pleased when he could give something back to the game by helping a novice both improve and have fun.

The Rabbit was totally unfazed by a bad result. He never played a session he didn't totally delight in, chuckling equally about gaffes and successful gambits. I don't know anyone who enjoyed the game more.

*The principals: Brian Johnston is a retired Crown Attorney (and yes, he's looked that way for 40 years!). One imagines he intimidated plenty of defense counsel in his day. Rodney Wilton was an actuary and Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.*

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ON; Thea Davis, Eden Mills ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Alice Anderson - Bill Anderson, Tillsonburg ON. **Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs** - Dorothy Henley, Meaford ON; Coryll Harwood, Clarksburg ON. **Saturday Eve 299'er Pairs** - Dianne Morrison, Willowdale ON; Jutta Reed, Toronto ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Linda Lord, Schomberg ON; Paul Graves, Newmarket ON. **Sunday Morn 299'er Swiss** - Shirley Moore - Janice Chappelle - Mary Clark - Dorothy Henley, Meaford ON. **Sunday Aft 299'er Swiss** - Charles Smith, Bolton ON; Gaye Villa, Caledon East ON; Maxim Newby - Leo Kistemaker, Brampton ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Paul Janicki, Markham ON; James Cummings, Scarborough ON; Bill Kertes, Toronto ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON.

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9<sup>th</sup>= - Robert Lebi, Toronto; Nader Hanna, Willowdale



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# SCHEDULE



## Tuesday, April 19

Bracketed KO 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Wed)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified* Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
"I work for a living ONE" Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Wed)	7:00 pm

## Wednesday, April 20

Morning Bracketed KO (1 <sup>st</sup> session - continues Thu, Fri, Sat)	9:00 am
Senior Swiss Teams	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Bracketed KO 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions - continues Wed)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified* Open Pairs (MP scoring) (Flights A-Open; X 0-3000)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0 – 750 Pairs (NEW & Gold!)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
"I work for a living TWO" Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Thu)	7:00 pm

## Thursday, April 21

Morning Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Fri)	9:00 am
Stratified* Early Pairs (not just seniors today!)	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified* Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Percy Sheardown KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - continues Fri./Sat if warranted)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0 – 3000 KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bracketed - continues Fri)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
"I work for a living THREE" Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Fri)	7:00 pm

## Friday, April 22

2 <sup>ND</sup> Morn. Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Sat.)	9:00 am
Stratified* Senior Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified* Open Pairs (IMP scoring for A/X, MPs for B/C/D)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Sat)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Board-A-Match Teams	1:00 & 7:00 pm
"I work for a living FOUR" Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> on Sat)	1:00 & 7:00 pm

## Saturday, April 23

Stratified* Senior Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified* Open Pairs (MP Scoring - Flights: A-Open; X 0-3000)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0-750 Pairs (NEW & Gold!)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Compact KOs	1:00 & 7:00 pm

## Sunday, April 24

Stratified* Swiss Teams (7 matches x 8 boards)	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
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## Side Game Series:

Morning	9:00 am	Wednesday – Saturday
Afternoon	1:00 pm	Tuesday – Saturday
Evening	7:00 pm	Tuesday – Saturday
Evening Swiss	7:00 pm (1 session)	Tuesday - Saturday

## Strats

Stratified Events: A: Open, B:0-2000, C: 0-1000. Stratified Events: A/X separate  
A: Open, X:0-3000, B:0-2000, C:0-1000, D: 0-500. Sunday Flights: A:Open, X:0-3000, B: 0-2000, C: 0-1000, D: 0-500 & 0-299 if numbers warrant

## 0-299 Programme

Every afternoon at 1:00 & every evening at 7:00 Tuesday-Saturday  
GUEST SPEAKERS at 12:00 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
0 – 5 FREE on Thursday and Saturday at 1:00 pm!

The Credit Valley Bridge Association

# BRAMPTON SECTIONAL

9-10 April 2011



## BRAMPTON FAIRGROUNDS

12942 Heart Lake Rd., Caledon, ON L6T 3S1

From the east, west or south: Go north from Hwy 401 on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. (10th exit). Go west (left) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately 3 km north.

From the north: Take Hwy 10 south until it merges with Hwy 410. Stay on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. Go west (right) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately 3 km north.

## SATURDAY APRIL 9

**Compact Knockouts** (Handicapped depending on turnout)

**Stratified 99er pairs** 2 Single sessions ½ price for players with 0-5 MPs.

**Stratified Pairs** 2 Session playthrough A=1501+; B=500-1500; C=0-499

**Game times:** 11:00 am & 3:15 pm

## *Homemade food served on site*

## SUNDAY APRIL 10

**0-199 Swiss Teams**

**Stratified Swiss Teams** A=2500+; X=0-2500; B=0-1500; C=0-750;

D=0-300. Playthru – ½ hour break for food

**Game time:** 11:00 am

International Fund Games (both sessions). **Silver points** awarded at a **Regional rating**. *That means extra points!*

Averaging will be allowed within a strati-flight, but will not be allowed to play in lower flights.

## Enjoy the hospitality *and* finish early!

**Entry Fees:** \$12/player/session for ACBL members;  
\$13 for non-ACBL members



### Tournament Co-Chairs

Mike Da Silva [gogetr@rogers.com](mailto:gogetr@rogers.com)

Lee Daugharty [calendar@interlog.com](mailto:calendar@interlog.com)



# Sarnia Bluenwater Sectional



**30 April-1 May, 2011**  
**Sarnia Legion Branch**  
**62**  
**286 Front St. North**  
**519-336-2841**

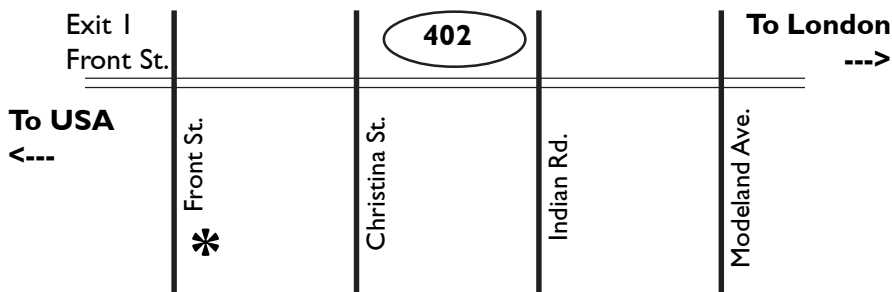
## Saturday, 30 April 2011

The Phil Leon Memorial Stratified Pairs  
11:00 am and 3:30 pm (two single sessions)  
Free coffee both days, sandwiches Saturday

## Sunday, 1 May 2011

Stratified Swiss Teams  
9:30 am Legion Breakfast (included in entry fee)  
11:00 am and TBA

For information and partnerships, contact Charles Dalmas  
519-337-3399 Charles.L.Dalmas@gmail.com  
Upper Masterpoint Limits - C: 0-300, B: 300-1000, A: 1000+  
Average MPs in all events  
Cost: \$11/Pairs session; \$14/Teams session.  
\$1 extr/session for non-paid and non-members



From Highway 402, take Exit 1, Front St., southbound. Go 2 km. (1.2 mi.).  
The Legion is on the east side of the street. Ample parking in their lot.

# NORTH BAY SECTIONAL

May 6-7-8 2011

North Bay Elks Lodge

325 Elks Lane



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (0-750), (750-1500), (1500+)  
Stratified 199er Pairs (0-50), (50-100), (100-200)  
Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20)  
Fewer boards, more relaxed. If numbers warrant.
- 7:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs(0-750), (750-1500), (1500+)  
Stratified 199er Pairs (0-50), (50-100), (100-200)  
Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20)  
Fewer boards, more relaxed. If numbers warrant.

### SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Stratiflighted Pairs A/X  
( A = 3000+, X = 0-3000) B/C (B = 750-1500, C = 0-750)  
Stratified 199er Pairs (0-50), (50-100), (100-200)  
Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20)  
Fewer boards, more relaxed. If numbers warrant.
- 7:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (0-750), (750-1500), (1500+)  
Stratified 199er Pairs (0-50), (50-100), (100-200)  
Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20)  
Fewer boards, more relaxed. If numbers warrant.

### SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Stratified Open Swiss teams : 2 sessions (Based on Average MPS) \  
A = 1500+, B = 750-1500, C = 0-750  
Intermediate 299er Swiss (Based on highest MP)  
A = 200 -300, B = 100-00, C = 0-100)  
**Lunch is included.**



Chairperson & Partnerships:  
Marc Langevin [mlangevin@cogeco.ca](mailto:mlangevin@cogeco.ca)  
Cost /session: \$10, but only \$6 for Newcomers  
Extra \$2/session for non-ACBL members  
or for not paid-up members



# Toronto

## “Silver Point”

### 299er Sectional



Saturday and Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Leaside Memorial Gardens**  
**1073 Millwood Road, Toronto**

Play with your peers! All players have fewer than 300 masterpoints. Earn Silver Points needed for your LM! Dazzle your friends by winning Prizes and Lots of Masterpoints! Refreshments before and during sessions.

#### Guest Speakers:

Between sessions at 2:15

**Saturday - Enid Roitman**

**Sunday - Sally Rewbotham**

Where Laird Drive, Millwood Road and Southvale Drive all intersect. Lots of

Free Parking, or ...

From Eglinton or Donlands stations, take the 56 Leaside bus.

From St. Clair station, take the 88 or 88A South Leaside bus.

## Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Single Session Pairs

at 10 am & 3 pm

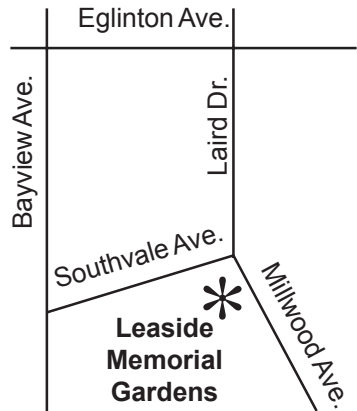
## Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Single Session Pairs

at 10 am

Single Session Swiss

Teams at 3 pm



**Thank you to Bonny Norris  
of Bonny's Bridge Club for  
generously donating the  
bridge tables.**

Stratifications will be determined by the TD Bev Ross at Game Time  
Game Fees \$12. Non & Unpaid ACBL Members +\$2. Join the ACBL at the tourney for only \$35.

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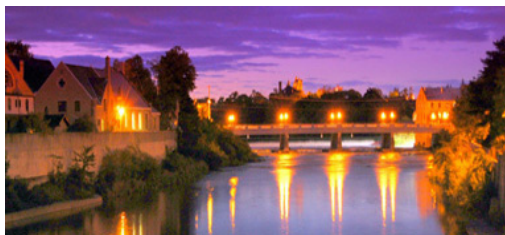
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# The KW Summerfest Sectional

June 11 – 12, 2011



Featuring:

- ♠ A new location in the comfortable lounge of the Galt Curling Club, close to the 401. Free and copious parking is available.
- ◇ Free coffee and tea are available throughout the tournament, a cash bar will be open, and there is easy access to dozens of local restaurants.
- ♣ Make sure to stay for our 'Lost in the Fifties' party from 10:00 to midnight Saturday. Enjoy 40 of your favourite oldies from Roy, Patsy, Elvis, Buddy, Patti, Nat, Connie, and many more! Relax and chat about your exploits/disasters, or listen to the music, or get up and dance.
- ♡ Competitive prices and ACBL Members with 0 - 5 Master Points will play for free.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Saturday June 11** (1:00 pm start)

Stratified Open Pairs ..... 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

199er Pairs (Single sessions)..... 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

"Lost in the Fifties" Party after the evening game..... to midnight

**Sunday June 12** (11:00 am start, playthrough)

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams AX / BC & 199er Swiss Teams

### Stratification:

A: 1500 – 3000, B: 500 – 1500, C: 0 - 500

Stratifications by average of pair and team

Pair Games are single sessions

### Section Top Prizes

#### Game fees:

\$10.00/ ACBL member per session (\$11.00 for non or unpaid ACBL members)

\$100.00/ team for Sunday Swiss, including a light lunch

ACBL Members with 0 – 5 MP play free



*Tournament Coordinator:* Ted Boyd 519-740-9614 boyds@conestoga.net

*Partnerships:* Norma Ingram 519-893-9147 ingram-norma@sympatico.ca

### Location:

Galt Curling Club  
1610 Dunbar Road,  
Cambridge NIR 8J5  
519-621-6020

### Directions:

from the 401, south on exit 282 (24 south Brantford, Hespeler Road) drive 2 km, turn left on Dunbar Road, the Curling Club is on the right.



# Hazel's Bridge Club



## Special Events

### **ACBL-wide Fund Game**

Saturday Afternoon, February 5

### **Canadian Junior Fund Games**

All week, February 7-13

\$1.00 extra

TRIPLE Masterpoints

Come out and support Junior Bridge

### **STAC Week, Canada-wide**

February 21-27

### **Canda-wide Olympiad Fund Game**

Monday Evening, March 28

### **Club Championship Week**

March 7-13

### **Pre-Game Lessons**

Every Thursday

During January and February,

"2-Over-1" will be the topic

## **Schedule, Lessons & Team League Information**

**See our website or phone for details**

**Free Parking for Bridge and Shopping**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Centerpoint Mall**

**Corner of Yonge & Steeles in North York**

**(416) 221-0069**

**[www.hazelsbridge.com](http://www.hazelsbridge.com)**

## *Tournament Trail*

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### 2011

#### FEBRUARY

- 4-6 St. Catharines \*  
19-20 Oshawa \*  
25-27 Sudbury \*  
21-27 Canada-wide STaC

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- 4-6 Hamilton \*  
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Tillsonburg  
Montreal Regional

#### SEPTEMBER

Toronto  
St. Thomas  
Innisfil Regional  
Caledon East

#### OCTOBER

Ottawa Regional  
Collingwood  
District 2 STaC

**Deadline for the Summer 2011 Kibitzer: March 15, 2011**

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