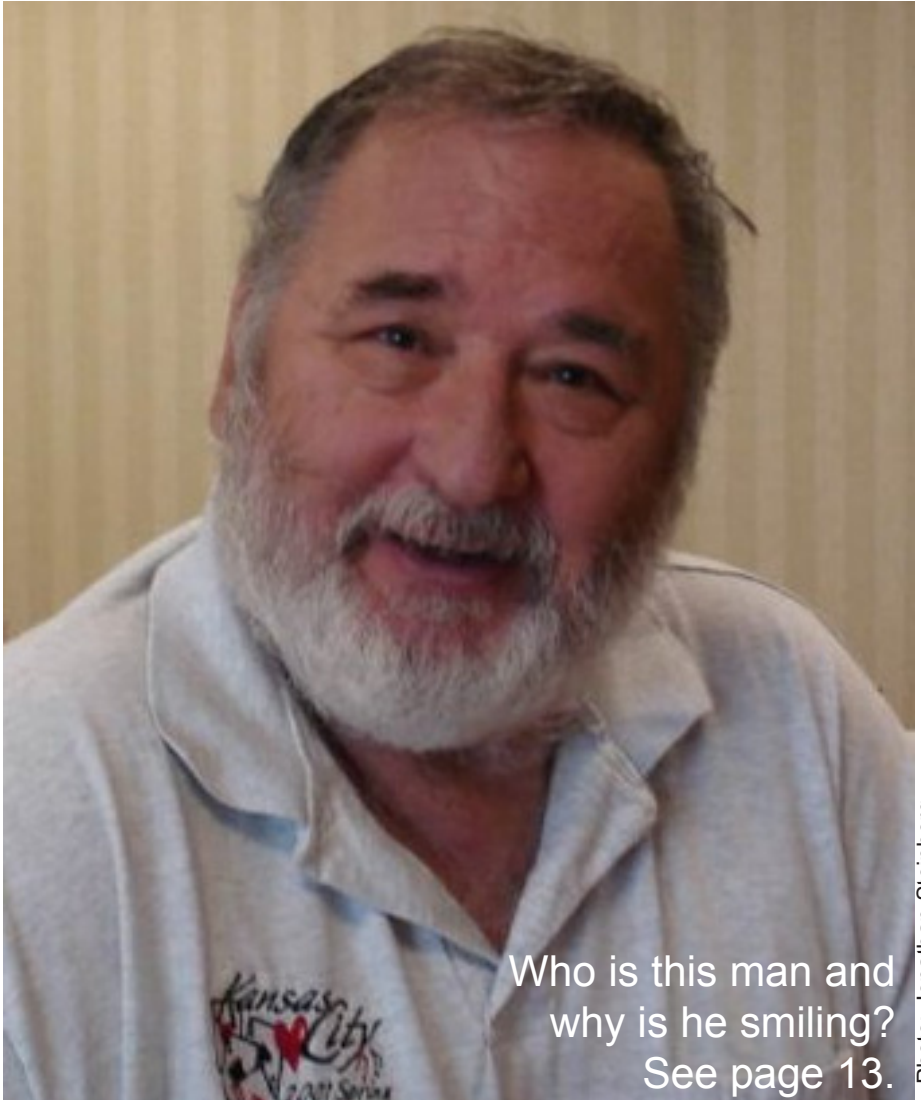


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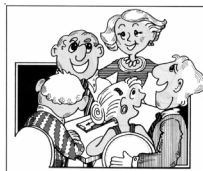
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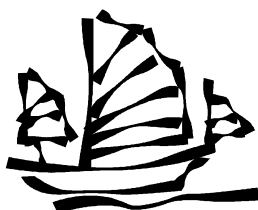
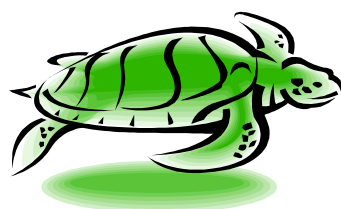
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Editor's Note:

Congratulations to Bob Hollow for winning the District 2 master point race in 2006. Hollow also won the race in 2005. The story is on page 13.

Kudos also to George Mittelman for winning the Senior KO Teams at the Fall Nationals in Honolulu. His was a multinational team of two Israelis, a Turk, an American and our Canuck. Read about their dramatic final match on page 14.

Michael Roche and John Rayner scored a popular win in the recent District North American Pairs qualifier, coincidentally (I'm almost certain of that!) at Rayner's Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Club. Andy Stark has written an article to show us how they did it (page 16).

Good news for tournament-goers is the phoenix-like revival of the Owen Sound Sectional. Years ago, Owen Sound was one of the most popular tournaments in Southern Ontario. Howard Schmidt briefs us on page 13.

John Carruthers

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Every year at the Toronto Regional tournament at Easter, there is an election to fill vacancies on the board of directors of Unit 166. In the event that there are more nominated candidates than there are vacant positions on the board, the election will take place at the tournament at the Royal York from Wednesday, April 4, 2006 to Saturday, April 7, 2007, one hour before each session.

The by-laws of Unit 166 have been amended to allow for advance polls at various Unit bridge clubs in the two weeks leading up to the tournament. This is to allow all members of the Unit an opportunity to vote even if they are unable to attend the Easter Regional.

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Friday, March 23	Hamilton Bridge Centre 100 Ray Street North, Hamilton	7:00-7:30 pm
Monday, March 26	Buckman's Platinium Bridge Studio Roehampton Hotel 808 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto	12:00-12:30pm 7:00-7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 28	Welland D.B.C. Rose City Senior's Centre Lincoln Street (at King), Welland	7:00-7:30 pm
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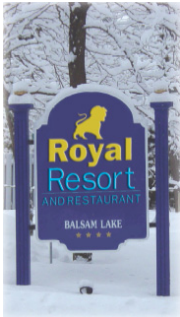
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Those totals were good enough for Hollow to place third and second in the Richmond Trophy races in 2005 and 2006 respectively (top Canadian master point winners). For a guy who's not yet in the top 100 Canadian master point holders of all time, this is a great accomplishment. Look for him to be there soon!

OWEN SOUND IS BACK!!

By Howard Schmidt

It has been quite a few years since Owen Sound has hosted a bridge tournament. But starting in 2007, and annually thereafter, the Owen Sound Duplicate Bridge Club will host a Sectional Bridge Tournament on the fourth weekend in August. So come and join us for some "Bridge by the Bay" from August 24th to 26th, 2007. Pairs events will be featured on Friday and Saturday, with Swiss Teams on Sunday. All events will be stratified with separate 299^{er} sessions throughout. In addition, and with the cooperation of Unit 249 and the Canadian Bridge Federation, the Saturday pairs game will also feature REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS (40% greater than players would receive at a regular sectional event).

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GEORGE MITTELMAN WINS SENIOR KO TEAMS IN HAWAII



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(From the Daily Bulletin)

With one board to go, the score in the Senior Knockout Teams was tied at 120 IMPs. On the last deal, the contract at one table was three spades, making four, for plus 170. At the other, the contract was four spades, and whether it made or not would decide the event.

Yeshayahu Levit and Pinhas Romik found an excellent defence to set the contract and the Kaminski team was the winner of by a 6 IMP margin.

The winners are the multi-national team of Amos Kaminski (USA), Melih Ozdil (Turkey), Yeshayahu Levit (Israel), Pinhas Romik (Israel) and George Mittelman (Canada). How did they form their team? Four of them played in the Spingold Teams in Chicago. They had moderate success and decided to play again in Honolulu with Romik added. Ozdil and Mittelman were the anchor pair, playing all four quarters of the final.



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The North American Pairs District Final

By Andy Stark

Years ago, their partnership was solid; they struck fear in the hearts of bridge players near and far. After awhile, one opted out to form a partnership with someone else so they went their separate ways. Then, after a 14-year hiatus, the two bridge stars got back together - their partnership stronger than ever. This is the story of Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway, right? Nope; we're talking about local heroes Michael Roche and John Rayner.

Recently, in the NAP District Final, held at the end of October in various locations, the R & R boys put on a matchpoint clinic, outgunning the field by quite a wide margin. Next they'll be off to St. Louis in March to vie for a National Championship.

This board was played against the editor of this magazine and me:

♠ K 7
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A K 10 8 6 5 2
♣ A

Mr. Roche, as dealer sitting East, opened the bidding with one diamond. Mr. Rayner, sitting West, responded with one spade. What would you rebid? Your choices are three diamonds (seemingly normal), one no trump (seemingly psychotic) and two diamonds (seemingly tame). What will it be? *What is your matchpoint bidding style?*

Well, if you are Michael Roche, you follow the timeworn matchpoint strategy of 'protecting the plus score.' So Mike bid a quiet two diamonds. Asked later why he didn't select a call of three diamonds, Mike responded, "There's plenty of time later to bid three no trump; the first order of business is to protect the plus score."

After the two-diamond rebid, the bidding continued with two passes to North who made a re-opening takeout double. Mike bid three diamonds (before South could make a call) and that was the end of the auction.

Rayner put down a ten-count:

♠ Q 10 8 6 3
♥ J 9
♦ J 3
♣ K Q J 4

Notice that if his partner had jumped to three diamonds the first time around, Rayner would most probably have bid three no trump and hoped for the best. But three no trump has no play on the lie of the cards - North-South can cash the first four hearts tricks and the ace of spades. In addition, South will come to score the queen of diamonds as it is offside and protected.

As for three diamonds, it's cold - so Roche 'n' Rayner, (much to my chagrin at the time), chalked up a cool plus 110 and a top board.

Another top board came the R-men's way when their opponents got a little frisky. Put yourself in Rayner's seat and try not to drool. He held:

♠ A
 ♥ Q J 9 8 7
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ A J 9 4

As dealer in the West seat, Rayner opened one heart. North overcalled two clubs and Roche bid three spades, which showed five or more spades, four or more hearts, and at least limit raise values. In bridge parlance this bid is known as 'fit-showing.' South raised the ante to five clubs. Rayner must have been tempted to pull out every double card in the box but it only took one red card to produce the district-wide top of plus 800.

Although Mike Roche says that matchpoints is not his game and that he leans towards IMP events, check out his thoughtful bid on this deal. As dealer in the East at unfavourable vulnerability, Roche held:

♠ Q 10 5 4 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A K J 9 4
 ♣ J 7

Most of us, myself included, would open one spade and not think much about it. However, Roche imagined not winning the auction, so he decided to strongly suggest to his partner that he much preferred a diamond lead. So he opened one diamond!

The bidding then went pass-pass to North, who balanced with a double. Mike now bid one spade (simple game isn't it?); South bid two hearts and Rayner raised to two spades. North had had enough and bid the heart game. However, nine tricks was the

limit, so plus 50 got the R-men another near-top.

It should be noted that a spade lead would also have defeated four hearts; however, that still doesn't take away from Mike's strategy of bidding where he lives and helping partner get off to the best lead. Mike is an advocate of what the world-class partnership of Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz adhere to, and that is bidding for the lead. The thinking is, within reason, to go out of your way as much as possible to help partner with perhaps the most difficult part of bridge - the opening lead.

Here's another example of how to score a big game, or how to help your opponents, depending on your decision. How would you handle this hand?

♠ A 9 6
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ A Q 8 6 5

As dealer at unfavourable vulnerability, you open the bidding with one club. Your LHO overcalls one diamond, partner passes and your RHO advances with one heart. What do you call? And oh, by the way, your opponents are Rayner and Roche. Oh, and also by the way, in matchpoints, the score of minus 200 is called 'the kiss of death.'

At Rayner and Roche's table, the holder of these cards trotted out two clubs and got whacked. The full deal was:

♠ K J 2
 ♥ K J 8 6
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ 10 4 3 2

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

♠ Q 7 5 4
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A 10 9 7 6
 ♣ J 9

Seven tricks were the limit for East-West, so Rayner and Roche scored up plus 200 and another top board.

Oddly enough, when asked for some good hands that showed off their defence and/or declarer play, neither Mike nor John could come up with anything. But they did leave me with some tales from yesteryear.

Way back in 1987, the last time the Spring Nationals were held in St. Louis, Mike and John represented District 2 in the (then-called) NAOP finals. They were each given a daily stipend of \$35 for meal money. Since the event was four days long they had a total of \$280US in their pockets. Well, for a little while that is. *Every penny got spent their first night in town.* They may be frugal in the bidding but not at the buffet table.

Later, at the table during the finals, Roche and Rayner sat down to play a round against Bob Hamman. Mike noticed that Bob's shirt looked a size or two too small - the buttons threatened to suddenly pop due to the unrelenting strain of keeping Bob's

shirt buttoned up. Mike quipped, "I see you go to the same tailor we do."

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BARB AND JOAN'S EXCELLENT CHINA ADVENTURE

By Joan Eaton

I consider myself to be a very fortunate woman. This opinion was further strengthened when the current Canadian Women's Team (Rhonda Foster, Marcia Christie, Pamela Nisbet and Heather Peckett) asked if Barb Clinton and I would join them for the 2006 Elite Women's Invitational Tournament in Wuxi, China. Of course, we jumped at this opportunity! Not only would we get to know these four fine players better and enjoy playing bridge on this team, but we would be able to visit China again! (Barb and I spent some time in Beijing in 1995 when we were fortunate enough to represent Canada in the Venice Cup.)



Shanghai. Looking east towards Huang Pu River and Financial District on right.

Barb and I decided to spend a few days on our own in Shanghai before going to Wuxi. Shanghai is a city that astounds the new visitor. It is booming, it is huge, skyscrapers and skyscrapers-to-be fill the view as far

as the eye can see. It is very modern, yet many historical sections have been preserved. Almost 20 million people call Shanghai home. At night, the city is ablaze with lights and colour. The new financial district, on the east side of the Huang Pu River, has been largely constructed in the past 15 years.

Wuxi is a Toronto-sized city about a two hour drive west of Shanghai. The tournament consisted of eight of the best women's teams in the world: China, Germany, Sweden, Italy, England, Netherlands, USA and Canada. What a fine field!

The tournament organizers treated us like VIPs. There were opening and closing banquets and great playing facilities. Students studying English at the local university were recruited to act as translators, problem solvers, guides and liaisons for each team. Jenny Chow was assigned to Team Canada and we all adored her. Unfortunately, we did not manage to get to the finals of the event, so Jenny interpreted her duties to include a shopping expedition for us, and she even handled the bargaining.

For those of you who enjoy rather esoteric discussions of system, I offer this hand. (See top of next page.)

Six of the eight teams played this hand in a heart contract. Three of those tried slam, failing when the heart queen had to be lost. Three pairs stopped in five when the auction revealed that this was a possibility. Sweden reached six clubs and England six diamonds - both of which make,

although six diamonds is the superior contract.

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

It is hard in most systems to choose a contract other than hearts. We won on this board for the simple reason that we were playing Roman Key Card Blackwood with 1430 responses, and Germany was playing 0314. Our auction was:

West	North	East	South
—	<i>Clinton</i>	—	<i>Eaton</i>
Pass	2 ♦ ¹	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♥ ²	Pass	4 NT ³
Pass	5 ♣ ⁴	Pass	5 ♦ ⁵
Pass	5 ♥ ⁶	Pass	Pass ⁷
Pass			

1. Waiting
2. Showing some 'stuff'
3. Roman Key Card Blackwood
4. 1 or 4 key cards
5. Trump queen ask
6. Sorry, no trump queen
7. OK, fortunate in life, but in bridge, my finesses often lose!

The German auction was virtually identical, but the response to Blackwood was five diamonds to show one key card, so the queen ask

was not available. Not unreasonably, this player tried six hearts - maybe partner had the heart queen, or maybe she had four trumps, or maybe the queen would behave. China and the USA were also optimistic on this hand and tried six hearts, down one. Italy and the Netherlands shared our pessimism and stopped short of six hearts. See if you can find the diamond or no trump slam (better spots) with your favourite partner.

There is quite a debate in our household about which of six diamonds or six no trump is the better slam at IMPS, and it seems to hinge on how often a defender will refuse to win the spade ace against the no trump contract. The stiff spade king would probably be in the dummy, and the red two-suiter would be on display. In six no trump, if an uncooperative opponent does not win the spade king with the ace, you're still back to needing either a club split (3-3) or the heart finesse. In the diamond slam, if the opponent does not win the spade ace, one can still see if hearts will play for one loser (assuming diamonds are no worse than 4-2), and be able to fall back on clubs 3-3. In either contract, if the spade king is won by the ace, the hand is pretty much over, except in diamonds, you still need the 4-2 or better break, and in no trump, you'll have more options to get to 12 tricks.

I won't say which slam my husband Nader Hanna backs, and which one I suspect is better. (See page 46 for conclusion.)



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PLAY OF THE HAND

By David Lindop

(Next in our series for newer players.

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Yin and Yang (Part 2)

To be a good declarer we must sometimes appear to have a split personality. When things look good, we have to become a pessimist; when things look bad, our optimistic side must come to the front. Let's see how we can know which way to act.

The Dark Side

When things don't look so good, it's time to put on our cheerful face and hope for the best. For example, suppose we become declarer in a four-spade contract after the following auction.

♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ A Q 6 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ Q 10

♠ K J 9 7 6 3
♥ 9
♦ A 6 2
♣ K J 7

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦K

Things look a little dicey. After our ace of diamonds is driven out, we'll have a spade loser, two diamond losers, and

a club loser. Is there a ray of hope? Yes, we can win the diamond ace and lead a low heart toward dummy and finesse the queen. If East has the king, we're going to be defeated two tricks. The defenders will get the king of hearts to go with their two diamond winners are the aces of spades and clubs.

We're being optimistic, however. We hope the complete deal looks something like this:

♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ A Q 6 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ Q 10

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

♠ K J 9 7 6 3
♥ 9
♦ A 6 2
♣ K J 7

Our heart finesse is successful and we can use dummy's heart ace to discard one of our diamond losers. Now we can safely lead a spade and will finish with only three losers, the ace of spades, a diamond, and the ace of clubs.

Let's put our positive side to work again. This time we get to a rather poor three-no-trump contract after a normal auction. (See next page)

There's nothing wrong with our bidding; it's just that the final contract leaves a lot to be desired. After West's lead of the five of hearts, it looks as

though we're about to lose several heart tricks and the ace of diamonds.

♠ K 9 3
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ K 9 4 3

♠ A Q J
♥ 9 7 3
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 10 5

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	I NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♥5

Should we sit back and hope our luck improves on the next deal? No way! Perhaps this is our lucky day.

Our first hurdle is to hop up with dummy's queen of hearts. No sense playing low; if East has the ace or king, we can't prevent the defenders from taking their heart tricks.

Surprise! The queen of hearts wins the trick. No wonder we're wearing a smile; but we can't afford to gloat. We must act as though everything is going according to plan and play confidently. There's still work to do.

Even with the queen of hearts as a winner, we have only six sure tricks to take. We need to drive out the ace of diamonds to promote the three extra tricks we need. What if the defenders win the ace of diamonds and take four or more heart tricks? We can't worry about that if we want

to make the contract. Here's the full deal:

♠ K 9 3
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ K 9 4 3

♠ 10 7 4
♥ A K 6 5
♦ A 9 2
♣ J 7 6

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ J 10 8 2
♦ 6 4
♣ Q 8 2

♠ A Q J
♥ 9 7 3
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 10 5

Claudianus said, "fortune favours the brave," but we must take advantage of it when we have the opportunity.

HUMBLE PIE

By Terry Bradley

Bob Panchuk and I returned to the "Honeymoon Capital of the World" with great expectations. It was, after all, the venue where I had finally earned enough gold points a few years earlier to achieve Life Master status after 30-odd years of toiling in the trenches, all the while attending only one Regional per year.

The plan was to play in the Friday Evening Continuous Pairs to keep our options open for Saturday if we had a decent game. After a nondescript 55% game, our options were certainly still open. But then we ran into our teammates from the Mississauga-Oakville club, Mavis and Jim Cole, so we all decided to take a shot at the KO Teams. This was where our adventure/lesson in humility began...

Sitting at our assigned table for round one was Andy Stark and one of his disciples - obviously they were at the wrong table, right? Not so, said the ever-cordial Andy, as he made introductions. I knew Mavis was an excellent player (I don't remember her playing a wrong card or ever failing to pick up a queen), but I had not been aware that she had accumulated the 5000+ points necessary to vault us into the "A" flight.

We eased into Match #1 with a couple of part scores with no significant swing potential, and then I found myself declaring a vulnerable four spades with this collection (spots approximate):

♠ Q 2

♥ A K Q

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ A J 6 5

♠ A K J 10 6

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ 2

♣ 10 4 2

LHO had bid diamonds and led the ace and king - RHO followed with carding that indicated three diamonds. Ten tricks seemed to be available, but there was the small problem of the blocked heart suit.

If spades had been behaving (fat chance), I did not have a problem, but I decided to take the simple route of drawing trumps anyway, and learned that LHO had four! Rather than risk losing complete control, I took my nine tricks for down one and we all

mused on the bad luck of the blocked heart suit.

Did you spot the clever unblocking play? My counterpart at the other table did, and as a result, they scooped up 12 IMP's on the way to their 19 IMP victory. Did I mention that this was Flight A? Lesson #1 from Match #1. Play the ace and king of hearts and then draw trumps, pitching the queen of hearts on the third trump, thus freeing up the jack and ten of hearts to take the ninth and tenth tricks.

Then it was on to Match #2 of our three-team round robin and, as fate would have it, Lesson #2 against Roger Snowling and his collection of "A" Flyers. In a competitive auction, our vulnerable-versus-not-vulnerable opponents bid to five hearts after we had pushed them out of four with a sacrifice. Holding ace-king-third of a side suit and another ace, I doubled. Oops, the king did not cash and the contract made.

I hoped for a similar result at the other table, but it was not to be - they played five hearts undoubled! My counterpart at the other table did NOT double, respecting the fact that it was Mavis who had made the bid. Lesson #2 - respect your opponents - they know they are vulnerable and did not get to Flight A by making bad decisions at the five level.

We did manage to win one match in the afternoon session and then retired to the Evening Continuous Pairs which was equally disastrous. Pass the Humble Pie!



BOOK REVIEW

Canada's Bridge Warriors: Eric Murray and Sami Kehela, by Roy Hughes; pp 300+; Master Point Press, Toronto (March 2007); \$35.95 hc, \$26.95 pb.

Some years ago, I had the (I thought) brilliant idea to write a book about Murray and Kehela. I spoke to Ray Lee of Master Point Press about it, and he agreed that it was a good idea. Moreover, we felt, *it should be done*, for posterity if nothing else. However, I was busy with multiple projects, so had not yet got around to it.

This year, I received a phone call from Roy Hughes. Roy had had the same idea and had also spoken to Ray Lee about it. Ray had informed him of my interest - Roy wanted to know if I had done anything about it, or had plans to do so in the near future. Realistically, I could see that the project was still some time in the future for me, so I suggested Roy go ahead with it. With Roy's and Ray's usual efficiency, less than one year later, we have the book.

Murray and Kehela are undoubtedly one of the two best partnerships never to have won a World

Championship (the other is Kaplan-Kay). At their prime in the Sixties and Seventies they were one of the world's premier partnerships - certainly they were in the top three). They achieved their standing with what many thought were outdated methods; but their judgment and technical skill were unsurpassed. They were feared opponents: the only time Giorgio Belladonna ever revoked in a World Championship was against them. They are living legends, members of the ACBL Hall of Fame.

If you've read Bob Hamman's book, you know that he does not give praise indiscriminately. So his Foreword to Hughes' book is remarkable in its praise for them. Hamman and Wolff (and Hamman-Mathe and Hamman-Krauss) were the many-times teammates of Murray-Kehela in World and North American Championships, so Hamman knows their game as well as anyone. Indeed, it might be said that only Hamman and Edgar Kaplan could properly assess their place in bridge history.

But what about the book? Structurally, it is divided into chapters on such topics as various North American Trials, the Bermuda Bowls of 1966, 1967 and 1974, playing for Canada, the 1964 and 1965 Spingolds, the middle years and the later years. Unlike many such tomes, Hughes draws out his heroes' personalities with anecdotes, correspondence and articles from bridge publications. They are interesting characters, and that comes across well in the book.

I particularly enjoyed this deal, which illustrates the partnership's trust in one another.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodrigue	Murray	Priday	Kehela
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Double
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Kehela led the heart queen. Hughes writes, "Priday won the first trick in hand with the king, cashed the ace of spades and followed with the queen, which Murray allowed to win. Declarer then ran the queen of clubs followed by the jack, covered and won

in the closed hand. He then played a third trump. Murray won and underled the the ace-king of diamonds to Kehela's queen, getting a heart ruff to defeat four spades one trick. I asked Sami about the deal. 'Yes, I remember this one. I gave count in clubs and hearts. When I didn't pitch a low diamond, Eric played me for the queen.'"

Like Michael Courtney's book on Tim Seres, Hughes' book on Murray and Kehela is an important work on two of the all-times greats who have not necessarily received the recognition they deserve due to their unfortunate timing: being in their prime at the same time as Italy's Blue Team.

Hughes' first two books were shortlisted for the International Bridge Press Association's Book of the Year Award. This one will undoubtedly follow. It is a book all tournament players should acquire.

Reviewed by John Carruthers

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Schedule of Events

Friday, February 23rd

1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +
B - 300 - 1000
C - 0 - 300

7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +
B - 300 - 1000
C - 0 - 300

99er game where numbers warrant

Saturday, February 24th

1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +
B - 300 - 1000
C - 0 - 300

7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +
B - 300 - 1000
C - 0 - 300

99er game where numbers warrant

Sunday, February 25th

10:30 A.M. Stratified Swiss Teams

Play through (ending at approximately 6:30 P.M.)

A - 1000 +, B - 300 - 1000, C - 0 - 300

Hart House Sectional

March 2-4, 2007
Great Hall, Hart House,
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Friday, March 2

Stratified Pairs 7:30pm
Bracketed Knockout Teams I 7:30pm

Saturday, March 3

Stratified Pairs 1:30pm
Bracketed Knockout Teams II ... 1:30pm
Stratified Pairs 7:30pm
Bracketed Knockout Teams III . 7:30pm

Sunday, March 4

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00am
(dinner break 3:00-4:30)

Url: www.utoronto.ca/bridge/sectional
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Parking: Available within the U of T campus (call 416-978-6625 for details). Nearby parking lots are indicated on map. Street parking is also available.

Entry Fees (per session)

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C: 0-300 B: 300-750 A: 750+

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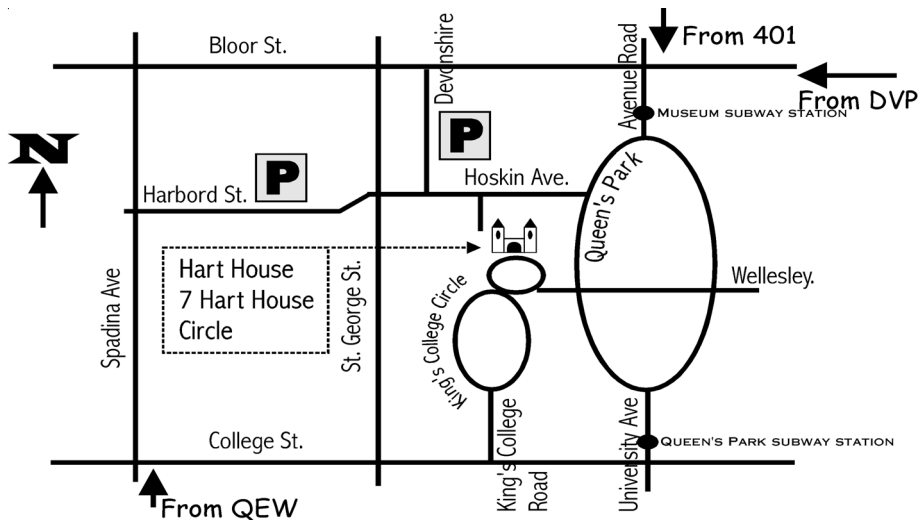
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Intermediate & Newcomer Game - Single Sessions
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 & 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 24

Bracketed KO Teams 1st 9:00 AM sharp
Stratified 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
Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5 1:00 PM
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 PM
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 25

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 AM & TBA
(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
0-50/100/200

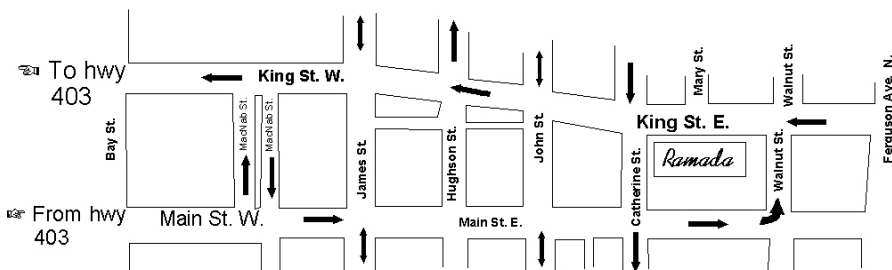
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GNT Schedule

Open (Unlimited) and Flight B (0-2000)

Friday March 30, 2007 7:30 pm

Saturday March 31, 2007 11 am & 3:30 pm

Sunday April 1, 2007 11 am & 3:30 pm

Fri and Sat - round robin qualification

Sun - Semifinals and Final - KO format

For those teams that do not qualify for the Sunday KO's, you are invited to play free in the:

District 2 Sunday Charity Swiss Teams

starting April 1 at 12:30 pm and TBA. New teams are welcome to play in this 2-session Charity Swiss Teams event for \$80 per team

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Flight A (0-5000) & Flight C (0-500)

Friday April 13, 2007 7:30 pm

Saturday April 14, 2007 11 am & 3:30 pm

Sunday April 15, 2007 11 am & 3:30 pm

Fri and Sat - round robin qualification

Sun - Semifinals and Final - KO format

For players that do not qualify for the Sunday KO's, you are invited to play free (max of 4 people per GNT entry) in the:

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starting April 15 at 12:30 pm and TBA. This event will be stratified A=0-inf, B=0-2000 & C=0-500. New pairs that were not in the GNT event are welcome to play in this 2-session Charity IMP Pairs event for \$40 per pair.

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- There is no prequalification. All teams of 4, 5, or 6 players are eligible to play.
- Entry Fee is \$250 per team.
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- Reservations are recommended.
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SECOND CHANCE! Any Open Flight team that does not qualify during the March 30-April 1 weekend may try again on the April 13th weekend, in the Flight A event, if all players on the team have less than 5000 MP's. Normal Entry Fees apply.

SECOND CHANCE! Any Flight B team that does not qualify during the March 30-April 1 weekend may try again on the April 13th weekend in the Flight A event (or the Flight C event if all players are Non-Life Masters and less than 500 MPs). Normal Entry Fees apply.

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APRIL 3-8, 2007



TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Bracketed KO I	1 & 7 pm
(continues Wednesday)	
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Fast Pairs	10 am & 1 pm
Senior Swiss Teams	10 am & 3 pm
Open Swiss Teams	1 pm & 7 pm
Bracketed KO II	1 pm & 7 pm
(continues Thursday)	
Bracketed KO I	1 pm & 7 pm
(continued from Tuesday)	
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Morning KO	9 am
(continues Friday & Saturday)	
Senior Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Open Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO	1 pm & 7 pm
(continues thru Saturday)	
FLIGHT B KO (0-2000)	1 pm & 7 pm
Bracketed KO II	1 pm & 7 pm
(continued from Wednesday)	
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Morning KO	9 am
(continued from Thursday)	
Senior Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Stratiflighted Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
(A/X separate, IMP scoring)	

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Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Bracketed KO III	1 pm & 7 pm
(continues Saturday)	
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO	1 pm & 7 pm
(continued from Thursday)	
FLIGHT B KO	1 pm & 7 pm
(continued from Thursday)	
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Morning KO	9 am
(continued from Friday)	
Senior Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Stratiflighted Pairs	1 pm & 7 pm
(A/X separate, matchpoints)	
Compact KO	1 pm & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Bracketed KO III	1 pm & 7 pm
(continued from Friday)	
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO	1 pm & 7 pm
(continued from Friday)	
Swiss Teams (1 session)	7 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Newcomer Game (0-5 play free)	1 pm
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SUNDAY, APRIL 8

0-300 Swiss Teams	10 am
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All events are stratified: Stratified Events: A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750; Stratiflighted Events: A=3000+, X=0-3000 B/C/D: B=1000-2000, C=500-1000, D=0-500; Intermediate Events: A=200-300, B=50-200, C=0-50; Newcomer Events: A=10-20, B=5-10, C=0-5

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Note time! 10:30 am
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Note times! 10:30am & 3:00pm
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Stratified Pairs: 2 Session Playthru

Note times! 10:30am & 3:00pm
 A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500
 About 1 hour pause for soup and sandwiches between sessions for each game

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:30 am

A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500
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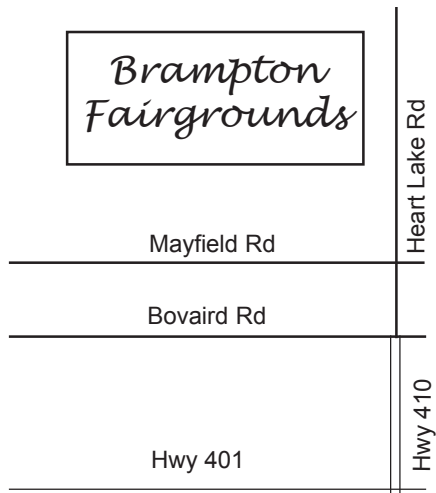
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 Flights: A = 0-UNL
 B = 500-1250; C = 0-500
 0-5 FREE (If 3 or more tables)
Stratified Pairs (1 session) **7:00 pm**

SUNDAY MAY 6

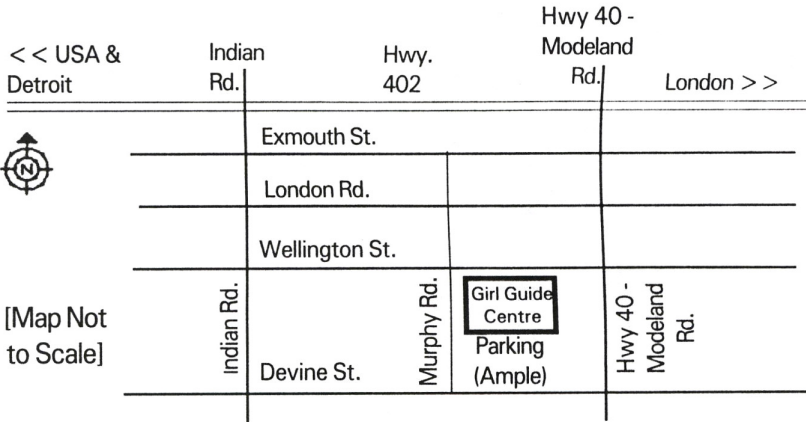
Bracketed Swiss Teams **11:00 am**
 Brackets as warranted
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LOCATION:

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Single session entries welcome

SUNDAY, MAY 6th

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KOs on Sunday / Team Average for Flighting in the Swiss Teams

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Open Pairs (2-Session Event) 1:00pm & 7:00pm

A: 1500 + B: 0 – 1500 C: 0 -500

199er Pairs (Single Sessions) 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday May 20th

Bracketed KOs (3-Session Event) 9:00am, 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Stratified by Expertise (750 MP)

199er Pairs (Single Sessions) 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Monday May 21st

Open Swiss Teams (2-Session Playthru - Strata-Flighted) 10:30 & TBA

A: 3000+ X: 0-3000 B: 0 – 1500 C: 0 -750 D: 0 – 300

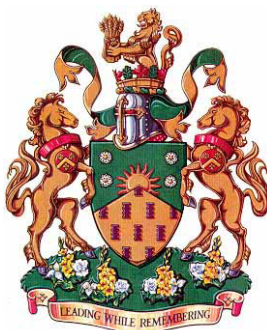
Strata will be based on Team Avg.

199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions) 10:30am

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Markham Sectional Tournament

June 30 – July 1, 2007

Saturday, June 30

Stratified Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 PM
(0-500/1500/Infinity)

Compact K. O. Teams 1:00 & 7:00 PM
Side Games

Sunday, July 1

Stratiflighted SWISS Teams 11:00 AM & TBA
A/X (0 –2500/Infinity)
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Hi JC,

In directing the STAC, it came to my attention that the Peterborough Bridge Club recently had a Christmas Game where the club pays the sanction fee and the members donate to charity...this year to two places that shelter the homeless...one for men and one for women. They raised about \$600 for these two places.

Patti Lee

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Unit 238: www.unit238.ca

Unit 246: www.unit246.com

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European Bridge League:
www.eurobridge.org

General bridge sites:
www.greatbridgelinks.com
www.ecatsbridge.com

Online play and to view important competitions: www.acbl.com

www.bridgebase.com
www.okbridge.com
www.swangames.com

Bridge magazines:
www.bridgeworld.com
www.bridgetoday.com
www.chessandbridge.com

District 2 Director J. Steinberg:
www3.sympatico.ca/jonathan.st
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Candidate for the Unit 166 Board of Directors

(Only one candidate declared as of December 15, 2006. Nominations will be accepted by the Unit Secretary until March 1, 2007.)

Joan Richardson

Joan was first elected to the Unit 166 Board of Directors in 1983. She has served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and



Caddy Master. She was the 2001 winner of the Kate Buckman Award and has chaired that Committee since then. She is currently the Treasurer of Unit 166 and the Vice-president of ACBL District 2.

Deadline for
Summer 2007
Kibitzer: March 15,
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The Venice Cup and Bermuda Bowl are in Shanghai in the fall of 2007 - get yourselves a team and try to win - the trip will be an experience you'll mark as a highlight of a lifetime!



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 12.30 Side Game	7.00	Newuplicate Bridge w/ Steve 7.15 Open Stratified Game
Tue	9.15	Duplicate Bridge with Bagels & Coffee	12.30	Open Stratiifed Game 12.30 0-300 Game	7.00	Pre-Game Lesson w/ Int Duplicate 7.30 Beginner Bridge Lessons
Wed	9.15	Bridge Clinic w/ Steve - Improve Your Game	12.30	Open Stratified Game 12.30 Side Game	7.15	Team League Night
Thu	9.30	Pre-Game Lesson & Practice Hands with Hazel	12.30	Open Stratified Game	7.15	Open Stratified Game - Free Play Challenge
Fri	9.00	Pre-Game Lesson Friendly Game with Bagels	12.00	Bagels & Cream Cheese 12.30 Open Stratified Game		Closed
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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