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**Bill Anderson of Toronto - 2012
Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame inductee**



Photo: Jonathan Steinberg

**Barry Senensky and Jordan Cohen
won the 2012 NAP in Memphis**

**Les Amoils/Darren Wolpert won the
Vanderbilt K/O Teams - page 19**



**Mark Liberman, winner of the
2012 Kate Buckman Award**



**Sally Rewbotham, winner of the
2012 Audrey Grant Award**

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1. SOUTH AMERICA (Dec 10-27, 2012) &
 2. SOUTH PACIFIC (Dec 27-Jan 16, 2013)
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Dec 10	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		
Dec 11	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		6:00 p.m.
Dec 12	Sao Paulo (Santos), Brazil	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Dec 13	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Dec 14	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Dec 15	Buenos Aires, Argentina	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Dec 16	Montevideo, Uruguay	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Dec 17	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Dec 18	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Dec 19	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Dec 20	Ushuaia, Argentina	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Dec 21	Cruising the Chilean Fjords		
Dec 22	Cruising the Chilean Fjords		
Dec 23	Puerto Chacabuco, Chile	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Dec 24	Puerto Montt, Chile	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Dec 25	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		
Dec 26	Valparaiso, Chile	8:00 a.m.	Dec 27
Dec 27	Valparaiso, Chile		

2. South Pacific

<u>Day</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Dec 27	Valparaiso, Chile		
Dec 28	Valparaiso, Chile		6:00 p.m.
Dec 29	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		
Dec 30	Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Dec 31	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		
Jan 01	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		

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Jan 03	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		
Jan 04	Hanga Roa, Chile	8:00 a.m.	
Jan 05	Hanga Roa, Chile		6:00 p.m.
Jan 06	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		
Jan 07	Cruising the Pacific Ocean		
Jan 08	Adamstown, Pitcairn Islands	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan 09	Cruising the South Pacific		
Jan 10	Cruising the South Pacific		
Jan 11	Fakarava, French Polynesia	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan 12	Cruising the South Pacific		
Jan 13	Bora Bora, French Polynesia	8:00 a.m.	
Jan 14	Bora Bora, French Polynesia		3:00 p.m.
Jan 15	Moorea, French Polynesia	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
	Papeete (Tahiti), French Polynesia	6:00 p.m.	
Jan 16	Papeete (Tahiti), French Polynesia		

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4	Moscow	Metro & Bow Hill Optional Moscow circus
5	Uglich	Chambers of Prince Dimitry Church of Dimitry on the Blood
6	Yaroslavl	Transfiguration Monastery Former Governor's House (art gallery)
7	Goritsy	St. Cyril Monastery Museum of Icons
8	Kizhi	Wooden Architecture Museum
9	Svirstroy	Russian home visit Shashlyk (Russian BBQ)
10	St Petersburg	Hermitage Museum Lunch in local restaurant City tour
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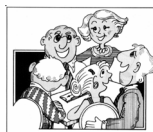
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Editor's Note:

From a Canadian standpoint, the Spring North American Bridge Championships in Memphis were extraordinary. Firstly, Jordan Cohen and Barry Senensky won the North American Pairs Championship. Then, for the first time since 1964, Canadians opposed one another in a major American Knockout final, this time the Vanderbilt Teams. Les Amoils and Darren Wolpert and their multinational team defeated Geoff Hampson and Fred Gitelman and the Diamond team in a well-played, low-scoring final. Well done.

Bill Anderson is finally receiving the recognition he deserves for being one of the most influential figures in bridge history. Bill will be inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame this year.

Congratulations to Mark Liberman and Sally Rewbotham, this year's winners of the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant Awards respectively.

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UNIT 166 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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*(These reports are the highlights of the Unit 166 Financial Statements.
The complete reports can be found on the Unit website, www.unit166.ca -
click on Financial Statement.)*

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario)

Statement of Financial Position

as at August 31, 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash in Bank - Canadian	11,984	7,867
Cash in Bank - U.S.	7,079	9,453
Short term investments at market value (Note 2)	171,094	170,259
Accounts receivable	54,529	19,445
Prepaid expenses	15,210	7,072
	259,896	214,096
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	-	1,441
	259,896	215,537
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	22,471	10,997
HST payable	(2,571)	279
Reserve funds - Associations (Note 4)	6,278	7,463
	26,178	8,739
NET ASSETS		
Restricted (Note 5)	50,000	54,750
Unrestricted	183,718	142,048
	233,718	196,798
	259,896	215,537

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

Statement of Income and Expense and Net Assets

for the year ended August 31, 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Gross income from tournaments (Schedule 1)	123,959	139,910
Memberships fees	11,464	10,915
Other units share of kibitzer costs	11,226	12,409
Kibitzer advertisements	10,940	12,741
STAC Fall	3,820	3,995
STAC Spring	2,927	3,759
Supplies	3,140	2,968
Interest	896	913
Miscellaneous	2,109	999
	170,481	188,609
EXPENSES		
Tournament expenses (Schedule 1)		
Directors	37,724	42,688
A.C.B.L.	10,025	10,432
Unit	2,853	5,540
Site (Note 6)	18,268	21,428
Administration	16,028	19,331
Hospitality	7,730	9,261
Committee	3,000	4,000
Transfer to District 2	5,070	4,842
	100,698	117,522
Directors meetings	6,469	8,309
Fees - Treasurer	1,100	1,600
- Executive Assistant	5,000	5,200
- Auditor	1,700	1,400
- Web master	500	1,000
- Kibitzer Editor & Typesetting	9,200	9,200
Kibitzer printing and mailing	26,458	27,161
Kibitzer miscellaneous	730	4,190
Audrey Grant award	1,442	1,000
Kate Buckman award	1,389	1,306
Travel and hospitality grants	1,500	2,140
Novice promotion	1,302	1,023
Sundry	8,454	11,174
	165,942	192,225

Excess of income over expenses	4,539	(3,616)
Transfer from Summer NABC	37,131	-
	41,670	-
Unrestricted Net Assets, beginning of period	142,048	145,664
Unrestricted Net Assets, end of period	183,718	142,048

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

Statement of Restricted Net Assets

as at August 31, 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of period	54,751	56,178
Prepaid expenses from prior years	8,246	-
Interest during the year	1,003	343
Expenses incurred to date	-	1,770
Transfer to NAC Committee	10,000	-
Excess of income over expenses	33,132	-
Transfer to Net Income	37,132	-
Balance, end of period	50,000	54,751

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

Notes to Financial Statements

August 31, 2011

The aims and objectives of the Unit are as follows:

- 1 To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge.
- 2 To co-operate with and assist the A.C.B.L. in the promoting and conducting of bridge tournaments.
- 3 To prescribe rules of eligibility for participation in tournaments held under its auspices and to deal with reports of dishonest, unethical or improper conduct of participants in such tournaments and to take appropriate disciplinary action.

- 4 To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit.
- 5 To promote and support the A.C.B.L. education programme within the Unit.
- 6 To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principle objectives.

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and reflect the following policies:

- a) Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. follows the deferral method of fund accounting for revenue.
- b) Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years.
- c) Volunteers contribute services at all Unit run bridge tournaments. Because of the difficulty of determining their market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.
- d) There are no related party transactions.
- e) Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. is a non-profit entity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(f).

NOTE 2 - SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

The short-term investments consist of TD Canada Trust Guaranteed Investment Certificates that mature at various times from 3 months to 2 years.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Equipment:			2011			2010		
Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
12,840	12,840	-	12,840	11,399	1,441			

NOTE 4 - ASSOCIATION RESERVES

In 1973 Unit 166 decided to establish a Reserve Fund into which the Associations in the Unit would deposit their excess surplus funds over an agreed amount. These funds are to be invested and held to credit of the various Associations. The Fund was established in 1974. At August 31 the fund was made up as follows:

	Balance Aug. 31, 2010	Withdrawal	Interest Earned	Balance Aug. 31, 2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
NDBA	4,263	-	27	4,290
COBA	1,915	1,232	12	695
MTBA	1,285	-	8	1,293
TOTAL	7,463	1,232	47	6,278

NOTE 5 - RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

An amount of \$50,000 was invested in October 1986 to be used for Future Nationals. This account was previously called the Reserve for Future Nationals. The activity in this fund is as follows:

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Opening balance	54,751	56,178
Prepaid expenses from prior years	8,246	-
Interest earned during the year	1,002	343
Expenses incurred to date	-	1,770
Transfer to NABC Committee in current yr.(10,000)	-	-
Income from 2011 NABC	33,132	-
	87,131	-
Transfer to Income	37,131	-
TOTAL	50,000	54,751

NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Unit has signed a three-year contract with the Doubletree Hotel to host the Toronto Regional.

These notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Les Amoils and Darren Wolpert Win Vanderbilt



ACBL President Sharon Anderson presents the Vanderbilt Trophy to (l. to r.) Joe Grue, Les Amoils, Darren Wolpert, Curtis Cheek, Ishmael Del'Monte and Thomas Bessis

Les Amoils (Toronto) and Darren Wolpert (Thornhill), playing with Americans Curtis Cheek and Joe Grue of Las Vegas, New Zealander Ishmael Del'Monte (from Sydney, Australia) and Thomas Bessis from Paris, France, led from start to finish in a Vanderbilt final that seemed never to be in doubt. They defeated the Diamond team (with ex-Torontonians Geoff Hampson and Fred Gitelman) 138-88.

The Vanderbilt final echoed the 1964 Spingold final in some small way. In that match, Murray-Kehela and Sheardown-Elliott defeated fellow Canadians Bruce Gowdy-Ray Jotcham and Fred Hoffer (playing with American Marvin Altman).

The Amoils team had another curiosity along the road to their win - they defeated both Consus Red and Consus White, two teams

sponsored by the same Polish oil company. They had only one close match - their Round of 16 match versus Cayne. Amoils won that one by 13 IMPs.

Here are their scorelines:

Round of 64: 194-90 v. Consus White

Round of 32: 156-74 v. Doub

Round of 16: 127-114 v. Cayne

Quarterfinal: 156-94 v. Consus Red

Semifinal: 192-130 v. Falk

Final: 138-88 v. Diamond

The Amoils team defeated two world-champion calibre teams on the way to the title. Playing with Jimmy Cayne were Michael Seamon, Alfredo Versace-Lorenzo Lauria and Antonio Sementa-Giorgio Duboin; playing with John Diamond and Brian Platnick were Fred Gitelman-Brad Moss and Geoff Hampson-Eric Greco. The Consus Red team

included Waldemar Frukasz of Ottawa.

The final match really heralded a changing of the guard. Except for Amoils and Cheek, the other ten players had all distinguished themselves in Junior bridge in recent memory, none more recently than Thomas Bessis of Paris. For Thomas, it was his second Vanderbilt win, the previous victory being with his father Michel. Here he is in action in this year's final...

Board 30. Dealer East. Neither Vul

♠ 1085 ♥ A876 ♦ K54 ♣ K106 ♠ AJ4 ♥ KQ5 ♦ A1086 ♣ AQ2 ♠ K972 ♥ J1032 ♦ 97 ♣ 874	♠ Q63 ♥ 94 ♦ QJ32 ♣ J953
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Cheek</i>
<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Diamond</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

It is not at all clear how to go about three notrump on the fourth-best six of hearts lead to the ten and your king. One thing is clear - you want to keep South off lead as long as possible to avoid a heart through your remaining queen-five.

Gitelman got off to a good start with the ace and queen of clubs, both ducked by Grue. Had he continued with a third club, he'd have got home. Grue would have won the club king and shifted to a spade to the queen, king and ace. Gitelman would have been reduced to finding the diamond king with North and would have scored two spade tricks, one heart, three diamonds and three clubs.

When in practice Gitelman shifted his attention to spades, leading to the queen and king, he lost three hearts and three kings for two off.

Bessis, at the other table, played on diamonds after winning the heart king. North won the third round, declarer retaining the queen in dummy as an entry, and shifted to the ten of spades, queen, king, ace.

Bessis now needed three club tricks to get home and continued with the club queen. The ace was in theory better in case of a singleton king, but at this point in the hand he had enough information to know that clubs were not 5-1. On the lie of the cards, he was bound to succeed no matter how he played the clubs. In practice, North won the first club to continue spades and Bessis took his nine tricks: two spades, one heart, and three in each minor.

Gitelman had been taken in by Curtis Cheek's falsecard count signal in clubs (he had played four-eight, Grue six-ten) and believed Cheek had ducked clubs twice with king-eight-seven-four. It was 11 IMPs to Amoils.



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William M. Anderson (1905-1969) to Be Inducted into Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame



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influenced every single bridge player in the world. He did this through his development of the distributional point count for Charles Goren. In the mid-Forties, Charlie came to Bill, a long-time friend and brilliant mathematician, and asked Anderson to undertake the mathematical research needed to prove whether a hand's trick-taking potential could be totally evaluated for suit bidding as well as no-trump bidding, on a point-count basis. The problem with the 4-3-2-1 Work point count was that it was fine for no-trump bidding with balanced hands, but was notoriously-inaccurate for suit evaluation. At the time, nearly all players still used the Culbertson honour-trick method of evaluating their hands for suit bidding.

This year, the Canadian Bridge Federation will induct Toronto's William M. Anderson and Montréal's Boris Baran, Mark Molson and Peter Nagy into the CBF Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Canadian Bridge Championships in Montréal on May 1. Boris, Mark and Peter are well-known to bridge players worldwide. Of lesser fame, but greater influence, is William M. Anderson.

Bill Anderson may be the least-known member of the CBF Hall of Fame, but he has been the most influential. It is no exaggeration to say that Bill, like only Harold S. Vanderbilt and Milton C. Work before him, has

Bill spent two years working on the problem. His first task was to verify whether the Work point count method was accurate – he discovered that, although it could be bettered slightly mathematically, the combination of its simplicity and accuracy could not be improved upon. He then set about resolving Goren's main issue – how to evaluate hands for suit bidding. Bill thus developed the 3-2-1 point scheme for evaluating hands with voids, singletons and doubletons respectively.

Charles Goren paid homage to Anderson in his book "Point Count Bidding in Contract Bridge" (Simon & Shuster, 1949). From the Introduction to that work:

"It required a great deal of study and experimentation. But, with the assistance of William M. Anderson of Toronto, head of one of Canada's foremost life insurance companies and an actuary of great renown, I was able to develop a scale of values which will work effectively in an overwhelming majority of hands."

And later...

"It is appropriate to make acknowledgement, here, to all those who have contributed both directly and indirectly to this effort...Above all, to William M. Anderson, who not only is the last word where mathematical problems are concerned, but whose broad understanding of the fundamental theories of the game I was able to put to very practical use."

On Saturday, August 22, 1981, in "Goren on Bridge," his syndicated newspaper column with Omar Sharif, Goren discussed the development of point-count bidding as follows:

"...I took my problem to a friend of mine who was an actuary – Bill Anderson of Toronto. It was he who devised the distributional point-count that, in conjunction with the Milton Work count, is still the basis of what most people teach and play today...the only

thing I am sorry about in the whole matter is that the great amount of work put into point-count bidding by Bill Anderson, and the accuracy and simplicity of his concepts, has not been fully recognized."

Bill Anderson was an acknowledged genius: he graduated from the University of Toronto with honours in mathematics and physics and joined the North American Life Assurance Company upon graduation, soon becoming the youngest-ever actuary in Canada. He rose to president, then chairman, of North American Life and became president of both the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the U.S.-based Society of Actuaries. He was awarded a fellowship in the Faculty of Actuaries of Scotland in 1944, only 14 of which had been awarded since the Faculty's inception more than 100 years before. Bill was responsible for developing and introducing the Code of Professional Conduct for actuaries, putting the profession on the same footing as the medical and legal professions.

Oswald Jacoby, at the time he did so, the youngest-ever American to become an actuary, once declared about Bill Anderson:

"I used to claim I was the best actuary among bridge players but quickly abandoned that claim after meeting Bill Anderson, after which I claimed only to be the best bridge player among actuaries."

Anderson was also a successful player, Life Master No. 357, partnering his wife Marjorie most of the time, and winning a North American Bridge Championship (NABC) with her. Here is Bill in action on a deal reported in Charles Goren's bridge column:

"The 4-3-2-1 point count was introduced by Bryant McCampbell in 1915 and publicized by Milton Work in his many writings. However, it was used almost only for no-trump bidding. It was not until a Toronto actuary, William Anderson, developed the distributional count in the 40's that point count swept the bridge world."

"Besides his fascination with the mathematical aspects of bridge, Anderson was an accomplished player. He held the West cards on today's hand..."

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AK95	♠ 83
♥ KQ10764	♥ J832
♦ Q4	♦ 75
♣ 7	♣ J9632
♠ QJ1064	♠ 72
♥ A95	♥ —
♦ KJ	♦ A1098632
♣ AQ10	♣ K854

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Double	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Anderson led the spade queen, won in the dummy. Declarer led a club with the view to obtaining ruffs in the dummy, and ducked it to West's ten. He did not expect the ace to be onside given West's opening bid.

Anderson then found the only continuation to sink the contract: the king of diamonds. Declarer won the ace, but found that if he ruffed a club it would establish West's trump jack as a trick, and if he declined to ruff any clubs, it would result in two more club losers.

Down one was the result.

Just as Milton Work popularized the 4-3-2-1 count developed by Bryant McCampbell, Charles Goren popularized Anderson's 3-2-1 count. *"Point Count Bidding in Contract Bridge"* was a runaway bestseller, eventually selling more than three million copies. There were 12 reprintings in its first five years and it was translated into many languages.

William Matheson Anderson belongs to a very select group of bridge players, that of the most-influential figures in the game. He rests alongside Harold Vanderbilt, Milton Work, Ely Culbertson, Charles Goren and Edgar Kaplan.



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THINKING DEFENCE

By Eddie Kantar

Defence is often said to be the most difficult part of the game. However, careful counting can resolve many of the difficulties.

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A10
♥ 10432
♦ AKQ9
♣ 654

♠ QJ952
♥ 86
♦ 83
♣ AQJ3

♠ K876
♥ 975
♦ 764
♣ 1072

♠ 43
♥ AKQJ
♦ J1052
♣ K98

West	North	East	South
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠Q

Bidding commentary: Playing support doubles, North's raise to two hearts shows four hearts. A double of one spade would show three hearts. Not playing support doubles, a single raise can show three or four hearts. In any case, South, with a double fit (an upgrade), has a clear-cut four-heart bid.

Lead commentary: Suits headed by the queen-jack-nine are normally strong leads. East signals encouragement with the eight, the highest of equals, at trick one.

Play commentary: The North/South hands have mirror (identical) distribution. Mirror distributions lead to strip and endplay strategies. Declarer wins the ace of spades, draws trumps, strips diamonds from the opponents' hands, and exits with a spade, hoping for something good to happen in clubs.

Defensive commentary: After declarer strips the hand and exits with a spade, East wins the spade king and has a lot of information. Partner has shown out on the third round of each red suit and needs five spades for the overcall. Translation: South has exactly three clubs, and three club tricks are needed to defeat the contract. Furthermore, East can lead clubs only once. East must project West to have the ace-queen-jack fourth and lead the club ten. This lead prevents South from ducking the trick into West, forcing a club lead from the ace and results in down one.



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Sally Rewbotham, 2012 Audrey Grant Award Recipient By David Halasi

In 2005, the Board of Directors of Unit 166 decided to create a new award to recognize the contribution and excellence of the bridge teachers in the unit. The award is named in honour of Audrey Grant, one of the world's foremost bridge teachers who started her bridge teaching career in our Unit. It is with great pleasure that we honour Sally Rewbotham with the Audrey Grant award, to recognize her years of excellence as a bridge teacher.

Sally started her bridge teaching adventures over 10 years ago at John Rayner's Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Center; but this wasn't her debut in educating the minds of others. While contemplating retirement from over 30 years of teaching high school students, she decided that she was going to retire to something...as opposed to retiring from something! That concept, plus her desire to meld her experience as a teacher with her love of bridge, led her to teach her first group of bridge students.

It wasn't an easy transition at first...imagine how nervous and apprehensive she was as the clock ticked towards the start of the first lesson; now imagine how elated and excited she was after realizing that her efforts had resulted in people

becoming more knowledgeable about our game!

She reflected on the differences of teaching adults versus teenagers: "It was a nice change – people are in the class because they want to be there; (the students) are encouraged to talk, there is no need to enforce discipline, and there exists a mutual respect between students and the teacher, and you don't have to phone parents when someone doesn't make it to a class!"

She also noted that our 299^{ers} are thrilled with any type of learning they can get. At tournaments, guest speakers and seminars are always a success. Eventually, every student realizes their hidden goal: to play a round of bridge against their teacher, and come away knowing that they held their own!

Sally's service to Unit 166 is not limited to teaching the game to new students. Some of her more well-known contributions including chairing our recent NABC, as well as numerous Regionals and Sectionals. What people may not know is the behind-the-scene work that she does to facilitate other initiatives to make our Unit a great place to play bridge. Some examples include

supporting Flo Belford with her annual school bridge game, working as a tournament assistant, facilitating funding for our international players, acting as a liaison to the Kibitzer, and serving on many committees for the Unit Board of Directors.

One of Sally's philosophies is to make the game fun. "If it's not fun, they will not be into it." When asked about a humorous experience from her past, she recalled one game while directing on a cruise. During the game, she called "skip (pause) next round". To her surprise, all of the players left their tables, and proceeded to the

bar! Why? Because the director had ordered them to skip the next round!

So what makes a great teacher? According to Sally, teachers should understand that until one can grasp the concept of learning, they cannot successfully teach. A student learns from a teacher who is patient, knows her material, possesses a sense of humour, and is deeply passionate about her subject. Lastly, Sally's advice to would-be teachers...

"Never forget what it means to be a student."

Mark Liberman, 2012 Kate Buckman Award Winner By John Gell and The Kibitzer



Photo: J. Steinberg

The Kate Buckman Award was initiated by Unit 166 to honour a person who embodies the characteristics that made Kate Buckman such a dynamic and influential person in Unit 166. The award goes to the person, "who most contributes to others' enjoyment of bridge." This year's recipient is Mark Liberman, who embodies what a bridge player should be – polite, respectful, skilled and a fierce competitor. Mark says, "I was thrilled at the news." He makes bridge relaxed and enjoyable for everyone - ask any of his partners or opponents. Mark doesn't take bridge

so seriously that it affects his disposition – he never says anything negative and is quick to compliment good play. He is a role model for the rest of us.

Mark is not just Mr. Nice Guy either – he is a terrific player with more than 9,000 master points. For years Mark played with his good friend, Mike Kolin. Mike died tragically at the early age of 59. Before he died Mike nominated Mark for the Kate Buckman Award. That seed has germinated. Rest in peace, Mike.

The Kibitzer interviewed Mark upon being notified of the award...

Kib: Hi Mark, how did you learn you'd won the Kate Buckman Award?

ML: Hi John, I was playing in a local duplicate at Partners Bridge Club when I was told that I had a phone call. The call was from David Halasi, the Unit Awards Chair, and David told me I'd won. He absolutely floored me!

Kib: Tell our readers the circumstances of your learning bridge.

ML: I was a teenager, about 17 years old, and my father used to host a once-a-week game. They played for money, but collected all the winnings in a pot for a fancy dinner in a good restaurant at the end of each year. They were very expressive and emotional and I became curious about what all the yelling was about, so I watched them. That's how I learned.

Kib: Who are your favourite partners?

ML: My first partner was Karl Webber, with whom I played my first duplicate, coincidentally at the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio when it was on Eglinton Avenue. We won! We received trophies and I was immediately hooked. My current favourite partners are John Gell, Andrew Tylman, Barb Schnier, Paul Selick and my brother Bruce.

Kib: Which form of the game do you prefer?

ML: I like both IMPs and matchpoints, but I play more matchpoints.

Kib: Tell us about some of your successes at the bridge table.

ML: One of my biggest successes, and happiest moments, was in the 1993 CNTC where my team of Dudley Camacho, Colin Revill-Alan Lee and Fred Lerner-Ron Bishop made it to the semifinals, where we lost to Mike Cafferata's team. Dudley and I had taken the train to and from Montréal and on the way back to Toronto, Dudley told me, "Thank you very much Mark, I had the time of my life." That was my proudest moment.

Kib: Do you have a favourite hand?

ML: I have two, actually, and both are similar. On the first, I was playing with Andrew Tylman in the Ottawa Regional Swiss Teams when I picked up the following: ♠Kxxx ♥xx ♦AJxx ♣Qxx in second seat, both vulnerable. The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
—	<i>Tylman</i>		<i>Liberman</i>
—	—	2♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	?

My hair was standing on end at Andrew's bidding! I knew there was a good chance that Andrew was the one who was sacrificing, but I couldn't take it any more. I redoubled. Andrew held: ♠AQJxxxxx ♥— ♦Kxxxx ♣— and we made an overtrick. We put plus 2470 in our scorecard and mentally chalked up a big win.

When our teammates (Dudley Camacho and Jennifer Swimmer) joined us to compare scores, we

proudly announced plus 2470 on this board.

“Push,” said Dudley.

“They also redoubled six spades?” Andrew and I asked in astonishment?

“Not exactly,” replied Dudley. “The bidding at our table was...”

West	North	East	South
<i>Camacho</i>		<i>Swimmer</i>	
—	—	2♥	Pass
6♥	6♠	Pass	7♠
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Our counterparts made the same 13 tricks that Andrew made. Their score...plus 2470. A push! Six spades redoubled making seven was the same score as seven spades doubled, making. Who knew?

My other favourite hand comes from a Swiss Teams at the Royal York where I was playing with a student. Our opponents were Frank Markotich and Ken Murray, one of the area’s top pairs. I’d been teaching my student about preempting and had told her once you open the bidding with a preempt, you never bid again. I picked up ♠xxx ♥AKQ1098 ♦xxx ♣x and she opened three clubs in first chair. The auction continued...

West	North	East	South
<i>Student</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Liberman</i>	<i>Markotich</i>
3♣	Double	3♥	3♠
6♥!	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West held: ♠— ♥Jxxxxx ♦— ♣AQxxxxx, so we made an overtrick. Our counterparts at the

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other table also bid to six hearts, but our teammates took another bid, six spades, and played there doubled, down one on the ace of clubs lead and a club ruff, so we won a huge swing. She obviously knew that rules were meant to be broken.

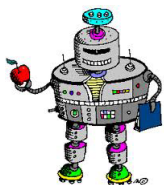
Kib: Those hands are part of what makes the game fascinating and keeps us coming back. Is there anything you’d like to share with us about your life outside of bridge.

ML: Sure. I have another passion – curling. I’ve been curling competitively now for seven years and we just finished our playoffs where my team won its flight. I love curling as a sport and I’m now going to watch the Brier on television.

Kib: ‘Bye then, and congratulations, Mark, and thanks for taking the time with us.

ML: You’re welcome.

HOW I CHALLENGED THE BOTS AND MADE THEM CRY



(An Ode to Frank Vine)

By Cam French



I discovered robots a couple of years ago on Bridge Base Online. I tried out a free day (1st day of the month) which was mercifully a Saturday and played a whopping 199 hands in one day the first time! I was hooked on their speed and convenience.

Robots have many advantages. You can set their speed to play as fast as you wish, you can go for a sandwich and watch tv and come back and they are waiting there patiently for you. They don't quit in mid-hand, are silent about your gaffes and glories, in short, they are mute and patient players. Of course, they don't play to the level of an expert, but neither do most of the 'world-class' experts on BBO. See...

<http://cam.bridgeblogging.com/2008/11/10/rashoman-redux/>

I have also come to discover some of their quirks and idiosyncrasies, perhaps designed by their creator, that allow you to play better with or against them.

Tactic number one: They love to cover an honour with an honour. Now we all know that is the right play many times, but knowing that

tendency, it can be exploited. A case in point:

Tyree	Gambit
♠ AK10	♠ 854
♥ AK	♥ QJ83
♦ AK95	♦ 73
♣ AJ104	♣ K976
2♣	2♦
3NT	4NT
5♣	6♣
Pass	

I like to play four notrump here as variation on Baron Corollary here *if you would have accepted a quantitative raise*. We reached the best spot and a low heart was led; partner won her ace. Schooled in my insights about their preferences for covering an honour with an honour she played the jack of clubs from hand. (Probably intending to rise and finesse the other way should no queen appear) but left hand bot (LHB) covered robotically and she quickly added 940 to the plus column.

Before I impart more BBO secrets, put yourself in my place on the following hand.

You hold:

♠ 107
 ♥ KJ1086
 ♦ 54
 ♣ KQ106.

I saw the auction go one diamond, pass, pass to me. This time, both partner and opponents were bots. I imagined partner with a near one-notrump overcall, poor diamonds, or an undesirable shape for double. Now there is no money and no one to laugh at you (yet), so what might you call? IMPs, all hot. I think one heart is clear, and now it went from typical to the Twilight Zone.

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I was trying to imagine how East could pass one diamond, then bid two notrump and three notrump! It was like a horror show of zombies. In a moment of utter bewilderment (ok, and yes, stupidity) I doubled. East had psyched! Was that possible? Yes, and I was reeled in like a big fish. This was the full deal:

♠ QJ432	
♥ 753	
♦ 1086	
♣ 93	
♠ 965	♠ AK8
♥ Q42	♥ A9
♦ AQ932	♦ KJ7
♣ A8	♣ J7542
♠ 107	
♥ KJ1086	
♦ 54	
♣ KQ106	

Tactic number two: Adopt the Fox Mulder attitude: Trust no one. The two-notrump bid (and partner's passes) should have alerted me, let alone the three notrump bid. They duly racked up ten tricks and minus 950 for me when I could have left them in one diamond! Why the bot did not bid two clubs or three notrump still escapes me. Maybe so he could reel in a big fish.

Tactic number three: They defend poorly, often leading aces and unable to rationalize defence as they might. You (as a bot) hold, vul vs. not:

♠ KQ76
 ♥ Q1097643
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A

and see the following: (YPB = your pard bot; only I was real at this table)...

You Bot	Me	YPB	MPB
1♥	Pass	2NT ¹	Pass
3♣ ²	5♦	Double	6♣!
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Jacoby forcing raise
2. Singleton club

Wisely or otherwise you lead the ace of clubs. This was the dummy:

♠ J5
 ♥ 82
 ♦ AQJ9642
 ♣ Q7

Your continuation?

I submit that for partner's forcing raise, it requires the ace of spades, and unless it has that (or the king of diamonds) there is no hope for the defence. This was the full deal:

♠ J5
 ♥ 82
 ♦ AQJ9642
 ♣ Q7

♠ KQ76 ♠ A1092
 ♥ Q1097643 ♥ AKJ5
 ♦ 8 ♦ 73
 ♣ A ♣ 943

♠ 843
 ♥ —
 ♦ K105
 ♣ KJ108652

it is my nickel and I don't sit (especially with bots) to be a spectator. We should all come to play.

♠ AK2
 ♥ AQ9
 ♦ Q1086
 ♣ A107

♠ J103 ♠ 7
 ♥ J542 ♥ 3
 ♦ K ♦ AJ97543
 ♣ 98543 ♣ QJ62

♠ Q98654
 ♥ K10876
 ♦ 2
 ♣ K

This West bot foolishly switched to a heart. My robot-pard ruffed and quickly claimed. Of course, the heart continuation was silly, but we have all seen worse from live players. Bots are not perfect, thank goodness for that. Can you believe that six club call? Bots don't like to support their human partners, and bear that in mind. They run from the frying pan into the fire.

Tactic number four: Bots have glitches, like when East passed (deal #2 above) his partner's opening bid because the hand did not fit conveniently into its programming. Here is another: you hold:

♠ AK2
 ♥ AQ9
 ♦ Q1086
 ♣ A107.

Partner opens one spade; pass on your right – you to call. I dare say two notrump, two diamonds, three diamonds, and two clubs might all have advocates. My bot partner chose one notrump!

You are entitled to laugh at my bidding, I am hardly proud of it, but

Our auction continued thus:

West	North	East	South
<i>RHB</i>	<i>PB</i>	<i>LHB</i>	<i>Me</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	INT!	3♦	3♥
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Yes, I made it.

Bot playing is like *Bridge in the Menagerie*. It is feral, unstructured, the wild, wild west of bidding, and dare I say, other aspects of the game are similar. Another time, my bot partner had to decide upon a rebid after opening one spade and hearing two clubs from me. Holding:

♠ AK975
 ♥ 863
 ♦ —
 ♣ KQ872

you and I (and Al Roth) might say, "What's the problem?" PB, with five clubs, rebid two spades! Like I said, they don't like to support their partners. Hand hogs, just like me.

Tactic number five: Bots are programmed to a set of pre-determined actions. They love to pull your penalty doubles, make takeout doubles with poor shape but sufficient high cards (but not vice-versa), and are reluctant to double themselves, especially at low levels.

You hold:

♠ A102
♥ AJ96
♦ J84
♣ Q109

You see this auction:

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	1NT
Double	Pass	2♠	Double
Pass	?		

Stay or run? IMPs, of course. Here it is:

♠ A102
♥ AJ96
♦ J84
♣ Q109

♠ 976	♠ Q43
♥ K1082	♥ 543
♦ AK92	♦ Q3
♣ A6	♣ J8532

♠ KJ85
♥ Q7
♦ 10765
♣ K74

I was South, and I agree my one-notrump bid was atypical. But with honours in every suit, and imagining like Goren that it showed 8-11, and (okay, I confess) a desire to hog the hand somehow one spade was dismissed.

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Now West jumped into the fray with a dubious takeout double. Partner passed, and what was poor East supposed to bid? Sorry, new partner is not a legal call. Well, I had an answer for his two-spade bid but partner re-evaluated his hand and pulled to two notrump. Sigh. I scrambled home with eight tricks, but how many would East take in two spades doubled? (Three diamonds and the ace of clubs.) The moral of the story: bots are like first dates, full of surprises, rarely put out and unlikely for long-term rapport.



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Sudbury, ON
February 24-26, 2012**

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TOP 10's

BALDWIN FLIGHT A NAP

1st Jordan Cohen, Thornhill & Barry Senensky, Maple

5th John Rayner, Mississauga & Robert Lebi, Toronto

JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

8th Robert Lebi, Toronto & Daniel Korbelt, Waterloo

VANDERBILT K/O TEAMS

1st Leslie Amoils, Toronto & Darren Wolpert, Thornhill

I/N MASTERPOINT RACE

Tied 2nd - Joanne & Keith Dawson, Chatham

YOU CAN LOOK IT UP

By Gary Westfall

The following deal was played by one of my bridge students on BBO, Max Wang. Max is a gifted grade five student at Helen Wilson Public school in Brampton. Max was North.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AKQ7

♥ K8

♦ 862

♣ AJ109

♠ 1094

♥ 109743

♦ K1094

♣ 4

♠ J632

♥ 652

♦ J75

♣ 653

♠ 85

♥ AQJ

♦ AQ3

♣ KQ872

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass
Double	Redble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Max's father had taught him strong jump shifts – he might have held another spade or two. Max's partner also jumped to three notrump to show a hand stronger than a one-notrump opener. Four notrump was Blackwood (four notrump is always Blackwood when you are 11 years old), and once he found that his side held all the aces and most of the kings, seven notrump was the inevitable

conclusion. Max is an optimist as well as being young.

West expressed some doubt that South could make all 13 tricks and Max was equally certain that South could take all the tricks. When West followed up his dubious double with the worst lead of 2012 (the diamond nine!), Max's partner had 13 top

tricks. Notice that if West had had one more spade, he'd have been squeezed for the thirteenth trick anyway.

The result was plus 2980 for Max and his partner and 18.4 IMPs.

Well done to Max and his partner. In 40-plus years of playing bridge I have never had a 2980 score. Yet.

Jordan Cohen and Barry Senensky Win North American Pairs

Toronto area residents Jordan Cohen (Thornhill) and Barry Senensky (Maple) have won the North American Pairs Championship at the Spring Nationals in Memphis. The pair qualified strongly in District 2, winning by five boards. It was a different story at the NABC, where they qualified for the second day in 27th of 28 places.

But for the following deal, they'd have been sidelined for the final...

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 74	
♥ AJ1054	
♦ K1084	
♣ K6	
♠ QJ108653	♠ AK9
♥ —	♥ KQ862
♦ 53	♦ AQ6
♣ A1043	♣ J5
♠ 2	
♥ 973	
♦ J972	
♣ Q9872	

West	North	East	South
<i>Cohen</i>		<i>Senensky</i>	
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led a trump, which Cohen won in the dummy. He tried the club jack, ducked to North, who continued trumps. Cohen again won in dummy and tried the king of hearts. When South played low without a care in the world, Cohen ruffed it. He then finessed the diamond queen successfully and ruffed another heart just in case the ace fell. When it did not, he played a diamond to the ace and finessed the club ten. When that also held, he could ruff his club loser in the dummy for 12 tricks.

He was a bit lucky, perhaps, but he exploited the lie of the cards to best advantage after North's defence had denied him two club ruffs in the dummy.

BILL WHITE

February 27, 1925 – December 12, 2011
A Man for All Seasons



William Charles (Bill) White, a much-admired member of Toronto's duplicate bridge community, died on December 12 after a long and debilitating illness borne with great courage. He is survived by his wife Alice, five children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

As a youth, Bill was a natural athlete and excelled at sports. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Navy on Corvettes during the battle of the Atlantic. In his business career, he was the accountant of a manufacturing company which was failing and purchased the

company, rehabilitated it and led it to great success.

He was a successful coach of the Markham Waxers and won the league championship. He also coached the North York Rangers and the Oshawa Generals. He won the Coach of the Year award with the Oshawa team. He topped off his hockey career scouting for Calgary Flames and was a proud recipient of a Stanley Cup ring when the Calgary Flames won the Cup in the 1989-90 season. He made many friendships with National Hockey League players with whom he played golf, a game at which he excelled and carried a low handicap.

He played duplicate bridge for over 50 years and was known as a thoughtful and resourceful player. Some of his psychic bids are long-remembered by his victims.

At his funeral, the outpouring of admiration and grief from his friends and family was especially noteworthy. Bill was successful at everything he turned his hand too. He was a perfect gentleman, well-dressed, well-behaved and never puffed up by his successes.

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Correspondence



Dear John:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of John Armstrong. He certainly was a "gentle man" and I remember him with fondness. I appreciated the tributes paid to him in the Kibitzer and want to add one of my own. The late Mark Molson was once visiting us, and invited me to John's "Individual" as his partner. As our youngest children were babies at the time I declined. My husband, George, was also invited that year, and John, surprisingly, called a number of times throughout the evening and kindly kept me apprised of the ongoing scores and the courses being served. When George and Mark returned they both regaled me with stories about the food and company. It sounded like John and Dee were quite the hosts, and a good time was had by all. It seems in all walks of our lives we are losing some special people; however the memories invoked are wonderful.

Yours, sincerely, Roslyn Keri

Dear John:

In the Spring Kibitzer, in the letters to editor, you were asked about funding for Diana Gordon via Units. Your response was, yes, now she is back in Ontario, all Units should consider funding her, or any player travelling abroad for World Championship play.

Why? Is the Unit money not to promote bridge within the local area and make it grow? What does CBF do with their money? Should they not be responsible for picking up the tabs of these players? What do the Districts do with their money? Every game that has an opportunity to move to another level comes with a surcharge at club level - where does this money go?

It seems there is already lots of money and the people in charge should use that money for what it is intended, not what benefits them personally or their friends.

Always enjoy reading your ideas.

Regards, Randy Breuer

Dear John,

I cannot comprehend how a supposedly major competition like the District Final of the Grand National Teams can now be played from one's bedroom on the Internet. Bridge used to be a people-with-people game. Perhaps I am a dinosaur who would rather have lost (I hate losing) during in-person matches against Murray-Kehela than have beaten them on the Internet. Has, the ACBL examined how many members are recruited by clubs and at tournaments versus the Internet?

Regards, Ed O'Reilly

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DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR:
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Port Franks Vacation Sectional



Sat. June 23
Open Pairs Playthrough
299's Pairs

Sun. June 24
Open Swiss Teams
299's Swiss Teams

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always welcome

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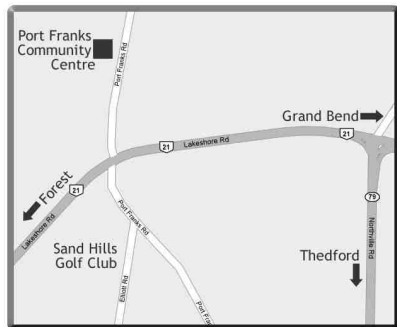
Tournament
Chair: Jean Potthoff
519 243-3026
jpotthof@execulink.com

Accommodations:
www.lambtonshores.ca

Directions:

Port Franks Community Centre
9997 Port Franks Rd.

Signage will direct you from Northville on Hwy 21 between Forest & Grand Bend. Turn North on Port Franks Rd to the Community Centre. Port Franks Rd. is opposite Sand Hills Golf Course.



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2012

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B: 1000 – 2000; **C:** 500 – 1000; **D:** 0 – 500

Stratified Games by MP average

A: 2000+; **A/X:** 0-3000/3000+; **B:** 750 – 2000; **C:** 0 – 750

Side Game Series

held over several sessions. Play 1 or more sessions with the same or different partners. Players must play at least two sessions in the same event to be eligible for gold point awards.

Entry fees \$15 (\$12.50 for 299ers)

Tournament Chair: Dwight Bender dwightbender@execulink.com

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AUGUST 4TH & 5TH 2012

Saturday Aug. 4th

(\$13.00/player/session)

Stratified OPEN PAIRS

(Single session entries welcomed)

All flights are play through

C: 0-500 B: 500-1500 A: 1500+

10:30 a.m.

Stratified OPEN PAIRS

(Single session entries welcomed)

All flights are play through

C: 0-500 B: 500-1500 A: 1500+

3:00 p.m.

NEWCOMER & INTERMEDIATE GAMES

Pairs 0-5

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200

10:30 a.m.

NEWCOMER & INTERMEDIATE GAMES

Pairs 0-5

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200

3:00 p.m.

Sunday Aug. 5th

(\$104.00 per team)

Stratiflighted SWISS TEAMS

C: 0-500 B: 500-1500

A: 3000+ X: 0-3000

10:30 a.m.

Stratiflighted SWISS TEAMS

0-50/100/200

10:30 a.m.

Tournament Chair:

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905-525-1433

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August 10th, 11th and 12th, 2012



FRIDAY, AUGUST 10th

1:00 & 7:00 pm Strat. Senior Pairs
Playthru (single sessions welcomed)
1:00pm Strat. Open Pairs
1:00pm Strat. I/N 299er's
7:00 pm Strat. Open Pairs
7:00 pm Strat. I/N 299er's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th

1:00 & 7:00 pm Stratiflighted Pairs
Playthru (single sessions welcomed)
1:00 pm Strat. I/N 299er's
7:00 pm Strat. I/N 299er's

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th

11:00 am & TBA Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
11:00 am & TBA Strat. I/N 299er's Swiss

Seniors & Open Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500 (LM), C: 0-500 (NLM)

Stratiflighted Pairs and Swiss Teams: A: 2500+, 1500-2500, B: 500-1500 (LM), 0-500 (NLM)

I/N 299er's: A: 100-299, B: 20-100, C: 0-20, unless the depth of the field warrants.

Strat limits for srs, open pairs & tms based on avg. Upper limits for strat and 299er's based on player with highest total then averaged.

Note: 0-5 ACBL Novices play free!

- *Free wine and cheese Friday night
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- * Free coffee & donut wake-up Sun. a.m.
- *Free coffee/tea - pop is available
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Tournament: Jed Drew

519-842-8786 - JedDrew@aol.com

Partnerships: Jim Duffus

519-688-0014 - jduffus@yaknet.ca

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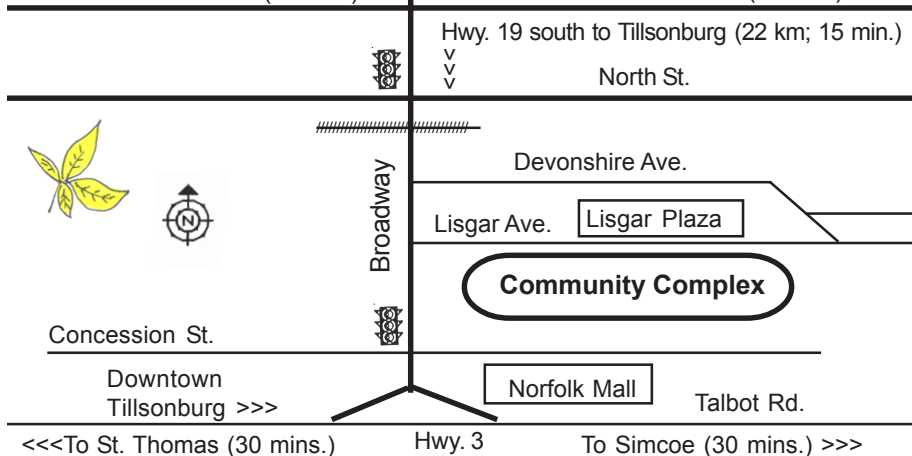
Tournament Website: [http://](http://www3.sympatico.ca/tillsonburgbridgeclub)

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August 14th – August 19th, 2012
North Bay Elks Club, 325 Elks Lane,
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 14th

Polar Bear Bracketed KO's, 1 st & 2 nd rounds	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
299er Stratified Pairs (single session)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Side Series Pairs	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15th

Early Bird Bracketed KO's, round 1	9 a.m.
Polar Bear Bracketed KO's, 3 rd & 4 th rounds	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
299ers Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 16th

Early Bird Bracketed KO's, round 2	9 a.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
299ERS Swiss Teams (if numbers warrant)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Friday, August 17th

Early Bird Bracketed KO's, round 3	9 a.m.
Shadfly Compact KO's, 1 st and 2 nd rounds	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Blue Sky Bracketed KO's, 1 st and 2 nd rounds	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
299ers Stratified Pairs (single session)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Side Series Pairs	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 18th

Early Bird Bracketed KO's, finals	9 a.m.
Shadfly Compact Finals	9 a.m.
Blue Sky Bracketed KO's, 3 rd and 4 th rounds	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
299ers Stratified Pairs (single session)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Side Series Pairs	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 19th

Stratified Swiss Teams	10 a.m.
Playthru...lunch provided	

INFORMATION

Tournament Chair: Marc Langevin ... mlangevin@cogeco.ca

Open Pairs ... Stratified by Pair Average: A = 1500+, B = 500–1499, C = 0–499

Swiss Teams ... Stratified by Team Average: A = 1500+, B = 500–1499, C = 0–499)

Fees: \$15 per session + \$2 for non-ACBL members; \$130 for Swiss Teams, incl. lunch

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Sunday, 10 a.m.
Swiss Teams
\$100 per team
(Free Lunch Between Sessions)

Stratifications for both events:

A: 0-300; B: 0-150; C: 0-50

0-50 Separate Game if Attendance Warrants It!

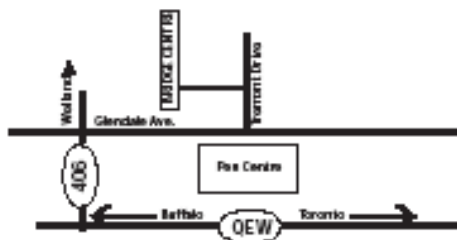
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NOTE: NEW STARTING TIMES FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Stratification for all Open Events: A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500

Note: Masterpoints will be averaged for stratification in all Open Events

Friday August 24	Saturday, August 25	Sunday, August 26
<p>1:00 p.m. OPEN PAIRS (Stratified) 299^{er} PAIRS</p> <p>7:00 p.m. OPEN PAIRS (Stratified) 299^{er} PAIRS</p> <p>(All events 1 session)</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. OPEN PAIRS (Two sessions, stratified, single-session entries welcome in either session) 299^{er} PAIRS (One session)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. OPEN PAIRS (Continued) 299^{er} PAIRS (One session)</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. & TBA OPEN SWISS TEAMS (Two sessions, stratified, playthrough) 299^{er} SWISS TEAMS (May be run as one 2-session event or as two 1-session events)</p>

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FRIDAY, September 14

7:30 pm Open Pairs (single session)
299er Pairs (single session)
(0-99 / 100-199 / 200-299)

SATURDAY, September 15

10:00am Open Pairs (two sessions)
and 299er Pairs (two sessions)
3:00 pm (0-99 / 100-199 / 200-299)
2:15 pm Paul Thurston presentation

SUNDAY, September 16

10:00 am Swiss Teams with lunch between
sessions**
10:00 am 299er Swiss (single session)
4 rounds of 6 boards
2:00 pm 299er Swiss (single session)
4 rounds of 6 boards

STRATIFICATION:

A = 1500+, B = 750-1499, C = 0 - 749

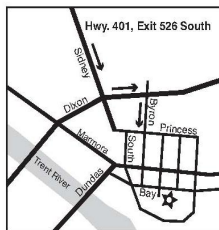
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No Listings

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