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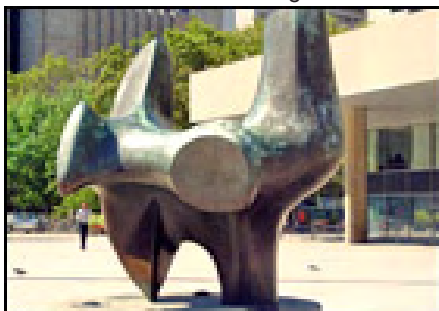
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2011 Summer NABC Comes to Toronto !!



View from Scarborough Bluffs



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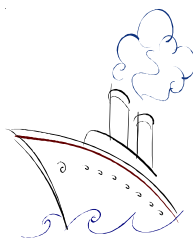
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Apr 29:	At Sea		
Apr 30:	At Sea		
May 1:	At Sea		
May 2:	At Sea		
May 3:	At Sea		
May 4:	At Sea		
May 5:	Ponta Delgada, Azores	8 am	5 pm
May 6:	At Sea		
May 7:	At Sea		
May 8:	Cadiz (Seville)	7 am	5 pm
May 9:	Almeria (Granada)	9 am	7 pm
May 10:	Valencia	10 am	6 pm
May 11:	Barcelona	7 am	overnight
May 12:	Barcelona	overnight	5 pm
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May 15:	Fly home		



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- 7 FEB: AT SEA
- 8 FEB: AT SEA
- 9 FEB: PUERTO QUETZAL, GUATEMALA 8 AM 5 PM
- 10 FEB: CORINTO, NICARAGUA 8 AM 5 PM
- 11 FEB: AT SEA
- 12 FEB: FUERTE AMADOR, PANAMA 10 AM overnight on ship
- 13 FEB: FUERTE AMADOR, PANAMA 4 PM
- 14 FEB: AT SEA
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- 16 FEB: SALVAVERRY (TRUJILLO), PERU 5.30 AM 5 PM
- 17 FEB: CALLAO (LIMA), PERU 10 AM overnight on ship
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CREW: 600
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Editor's Note:

More success has come the way of ex-Torontonians Fred Gitelman and Geoff Hampson, who were part of the winning North American team at the recent Buffett Cup in Wales. They beat the European squad 109-89 to take the lead in the series 2-1. The Buffett Cup is attempting to emulate the Ryder Cup of golf.

Montreal has defeated Toronto in the annual Intercity match, pitting the winners of each town's premier Team-of-4-League against each other. Montreal has won 21 of the Intercity matches, Toronto 20.

The World Championships in Philadelphia will be over by the time you read this. Canada goes in with high hopes in many of the championships.

John Carruthers

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Nominations Please!!

unit 166

Kate Buckman Award:

Do you know someone who contributes to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge? Do you know someone who should be honoured by the Board of Unit 166? We're looking for nominations for the Kate Buckman Award for 2011. If you don't nominate someone, then we can't honour them and we really want to celebrate this kind of person and the contributions they make to the game of bridge.

Audrey Grant Award:

Do you know a bridge teacher who exemplifies the best of the profession? Do you know someone who should be feted by the Board? Submit the nominations for the Audrey Grant Award for 2011. Again, if you don't nominate then we can't celebrate the excellence of this teacher's skill and dedication.

The Unit 166 Board of Directors should consider: _____
for the Kate Buckman/Audrey Grant (circle one or both) Award. The reason that this person deserves your consideration is: _____

Please submit to Carol Bongard: 328 Manor Road East, Toronto, ON M4S 1S2; Carol_Bongard@hotmail.com **Deadline: December 31, 2010**

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Five Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years and nominations are invited for these positions. Nominees must be members of Unit 166. The election will be held Wednesday through Saturday at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional. Nomination forms must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee, and **must** be received by the **Unit 166 Secretary 21 days prior to the election**. The Spring issue of the Kibitzer will publish a picture and short resume (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information, together with their nomination form, to the **Unit Secretary by December 10th**. The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer. The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional for one hour and will close 15 minutes prior to game time of each afternoon and evening session on the election days.

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ADDRESS _____ TEL.# _____

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- 1st time members of the ACBL can apply to the Unit 246 Board for a single session fee reimbursement at a sectional in Unit 246
- Any bridge club in Unit 246 may post its results on the Unit 246 website free of charge
- Bridge teachers can list their services on the Unit 246 website free

Notice to All Clubs & Tournament Managers in Units 166, 246 & 249

If you plan to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the three Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have a historic weekend - they are set aside for you. *Flo Belford, District 2 Tournament Coordinator*



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- All District 2 tournament results
- District 2 business items
- NAP / GNT tournament information
- District 2 Director's area for ACBL goings-on
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Toronto 2011 NABC Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteer Suite: We plan to have a suite available for folks who are volunteering on any given day. In this suite we will provide lunch and dinner to those volunteers who are working for us on that particular day. *(This is instead of playing chits, parking costs, gifts like bottles of wine etc. Other teams that have tried this found that the volunteers appreciated this more since some of them were not bridge players, came to the site by transit, or just needed the timeout space away from the crowds at the tournament site.)*

Lunch will be sandwiches, subs, pizza, soup, salad or these kinds of light fare. Dinner will need to be something a little more substantial. For example, we might serve spaghetti and salad and rolls one day and Shepherd's Pie with salad

another. Our plan is to have volunteers prepare the dinners but purchase the lunches. We will also need to have someone in charge of the suite. (This person will be able to stay in the suite.)

The Volunteer Suite Coordinator will need to schedule volunteers to work in the suite as well as organizing menus and getting volunteer chefs to make the meals (food costs borne by the NABC fund). (We already have some meals promised by volunteers.)

Access to this suite will be restricted to those who are volunteering their services *on that day*. Badges will be provided to volunteers to help with this coordination.

Parking Coordinator: We all know that parking a car at the playing sites for an extended number of days can be very costly. Ideally, we would like to find a place downtown that would offer a certain number of parking spaces at a discounted rate for folks who are leaving their cars for 4 days? 7 days? These parking spots must be either close to the sites or close to transit so that the car owners can easily get to and from the playing sites. It will also need to be secure and well monitored as we will not take responsibility for lost or stolen items nor for any damage to the cars.

We need someone who will take on the task of finding such a spot for us and providing us with the information about the lot owners/

managers so that we can make the appropriate contact with them.

Student and Adult Toronto Information Volunteers: It would be very helpful if we had some volunteers at both hotels (Royal York and Sheraton Centre) who can answer questions of visitors who are here from out of the area. Questions like, “Where do I get on the subway?” or “How do I get to the Rogers Centre from here?” or “Where is the Hockey Hall of Fame?” are bound to be asked. Ideally these can be answered by those most familiar with the area and with the city. If you can help us in this task we will be most appreciative. It may be that you know of students who are looking for their volunteer hours for graduation and this would be helpful to them as well as to us.

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Partnership Desk: We will be looking for volunteers to man the partnership desks in both hotels and for the Intermediate/Newcomer area as well. Ideally, you have some experience in this area and that experience is not hard to come by. Ask any of the tournament Chairs for any of the tournaments coming to your area if you can help and get this experience.

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MONTREAL WINS 2010 INTERCITY

By John Carruthers

Each year, the top two teams from each of Toronto's and Montreal's Team-of-Four Leagues play off for the Maurice Paul Trophy, emblematic of the Intercity Championship. The cities alternate as host. This year, Toronto hosted and the teams were:

Montreal A: Larry Crévier, Nick Krynjec, Zigmunt Marcinski, Tony Reus, Jon Robinson

Montreal B: Serge Chevalier, Jacques Cloutier, Marc-André Fourcaudot, Robert Morin

Toronto A: Anton Blagov, John Carruthers, John Gowdy, Martin Kirr, Eric Murray, Mary Paul, Katie Thorpe

Toronto B: Ian Findlay, Roy Hughes, Irving Litvack, David Turner



The Maurice Paul Trophy

The format is that the "A" teams play 4 x 24-board matches, scored at IMPs converted to Victory Points, as do the "B" teams. One hundred VPs are available in each of the eight matches. It's a 2 VP differential per IMP up to 50 IMPs, which is a blitz. For example, a 30-IMP win converts to 80-20 in VPs.

Montreal rather dominated this year's event, with Toronto needing two huge wins in match 4 to come from behind. It was not to be. These were the scores:

Match	Series A		Series B	
	T.O.	MTL	T.O.	MTL
1	83	17	37	63
2	0	100	11	89
3	42	58	64	36
4	67	33	58	42
Total	192	208	170	230

The following three deals will illustrate why Montreal won.

Match 2. Board 24. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

♠ Q J 10
♥ K 9 8 7 6
♦ 10 7 4
♣ 9 4

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

♠ A 9 8 5
♥ A Q
♦ K 9
♣ A K Q J 2

John Gowdy led the diamond five against Jon Robinson's three no trump. (See the top of the next page for the bidding.)

West	North	East	South
Gowdy	Krynjevic	Murray	Robinson
Marcinski	Blagov	Reus	J.C.
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♣ ¹
Pass	2 ♦ ²	Pass	2 NT ³
Pass	3 ♦ ⁴	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

1. Strong, artificial, forcing
2. Neutral, shows some values
3. 22-23 HCP
4. Transfer

Eric Murray won the ace and returned the six to the king, two and ten. Declarer cashed four clubs, Murray following all the way, while Gowdy discarded two spades (the seven and two), encouraging, and one heart (the two). This ending was reached:

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

It had looked like an easy nine or ten tricks when the dummy came down, but because of the blocked hearts and bad club break, only eight tricks were assured. Declarer had a choice: play the ace and queen of hearts, overtaking with the king in dummy, and take the spade finesse; if that worked, there were 11 tricks. The alternative was to believe West's

carding, and after overtaking the heart queen with the king, exit with a diamond to West, hoping to score two spades at the end. This would require West to have come down to the precise seven-card ending he had. There was a third, less-likely alternative: that West had bared the spade king and had the missing three of diamonds. Then the spade ace was the winning play. In that case, even if East had the spade king, he'd have no diamond to lead. Robinson found the winning play, cashing the heart ace, overtaking the queen and exiting with the diamond ten. Gowdy could cash his diamonds, but then had to lead away from the spade king for nine tricks to North-South.

At the other table, Marcinski first concealed the diamond two by following with the eight under the king, then discouraged with his two spade discards. In the diagrammed position, declarer took two hearts ending in the dummy and finessed the spade. Down one and 10 IMPs away.

Match 3. Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Crévier	Paul	Marcinski	Thorpe
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

As well as Marcinski defended the previous hand, he declared this one even better.

Katie Thorpe found the only lead to give the defence a chance, a spade. Declarer won the ace over the king and had many chances for his contract: diamonds 3-2, the heart queen onside, or a favourable club layout.

The king and a diamond to the queen revealed that break, so declarer tried the second arrow in his quiver: a heart to the jack. This lost to the queen and the queen of spades was knocked out by the jack.

Marcinski could not afford to lose the lead again as it was evident South had not begun life with the jack-ten-eight-two of spades (she would have led the jack initially from that holding). So he turned his attention to clubs. When he played the club king and North played the queen, Marcinski ran the club ten, making four clubs, three diamonds and two spades for nine tricks.

At the other table, the Toronto declarer missed the winning line and went one off. Ten IMPs to Montréal.

Jon Robinson and Nick Krynjevic were the stars of the following deal. How would you have done with your favourite partner? The deal is a worthy Challenge the Champs candidate.

Match 2. Board 24. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Blagov	Krynjevic	Carruthers	Robinson
—	—	—	Pass
1 ♦ ¹	1 ♠ ²	Pass ³	2 ♣ ⁴
Pass	5 NT ⁵	Pass	7 ♣ ⁶
Pass	Pass ⁷	Pass	

1. Points, schmoints – I have 2½ quick tricks
2. Prepared to bid again with a double if the opponents compete in diamonds
3. Not enough even for me to make a negative double, although I must admit, I was tempted.
4. What would you bid? No diamond bid is natural.
5. Grand slam force – bid seven with 2 of the top 3 clubs.
6. I hope you know what you're doing, partner.
7. Maybe this will need the spade finesse – maybe it will work.

On the trump lead, declarer won in hand, played the ace and ruffed a heart, crossed to dummy on a trump, noting the 3-2 break, and ruffed the third heart high with his last trump. A diamond ruff allowed the last trump

to be drawn and just the spades were left. Plus 1440 against the six spades making in the other room for 980.Ten IMPs to Montréal.

Seven clubs is a very good contract. If, on the second trump to dummy, someone had shown out, declarer could still ruff the third heart but then would need to use a spade to get to dummy, necessitating a 3-2 break in that suit. So, seven clubs depends on

a 3-2 break in either black suit, with neither suit 5-0.That's about 80%, give or take. Notice that seven spades is beaten on a trump lead whatever the distribution of the opposing cards.

Each of the four teams won two matches, but in each series, Montréal had one huge win to triumph 438-362. That was a 38-IMP difference over 192 boards.

Rodney Wilton

An actuary; a gnome; a bridge player.

Active in the Kitchener/Toronto bridge scene from 40 until 20 years ago; recently on BBO from Port Carling as he battled the cancer that took him.

Rodney was inventive, eccentric. For example, "attitude Blackwood" was a favourite convention of his. Or a method that he employed, anyway. You bid what you want to bid, see what you want to see was his M.O.

Back when the Saturday Easter Regional Open Pairs attracted entries of 400+ tables, Rodney and I got together for this every now and then. It was usually a treat: we had our occasional successes, drifting up to third or fourth a couple of times. Sometimes not.

Perhaps it was the times, I don't know. It is hard to imagine another Rodney. He was Rodney, and he is missed.

John Cunningham

Richard Stratton-Crawley

"Ric" Stratton-Crawley passed away at his home on August 30, 2010 after suffering from a heart attack. He was only 57.

Ric began playing duplicate bridge at the Welland Club in the late sixties. He won a number of sectional and regional events with a variety of partners. He was a certified ACBL Director and a Silver Life Master. He was known by partners and opponents alike for his sense of humour and friendly, ethical table presence.

Ric held several management positions during his 28 years with INCO. He retired in 2006.

Ric leaves behind his beloved wife Gina, children James, Sarah, Jonathan, and stepchildren Sandra and Mikael, as well as numerous relatives and many bridge friends from all over the Niagara Peninsula.

Brian McCartney

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Tuesday, July 19

Tuesday a.m. Drive by bus to beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake (an hour or so away from TO). Have a backstage tour at the Shaw Festival, lunch, wine-tasting, shopping and more. Then take in a performance (2 p.m.) at the famous Shaw Festival (www.shawfest.com). (This is the second largest repertory theatre company in North America.) Return back to Toronto in time for dinner. Optional dinner out on the town with group.

Wednesday, July 20

Wednesday a.m.: Conference commences.

11.30 a.m.: Luncheon generously hosted by Audrey Grant & David Lindop of Better Bridge.

Afternoon: Conference reconvenes.

Evening: Sightseeing tour of Toronto in a unique vessel that offers land and water tours. Come splash into the lake on a bus that floats. Experience an urban safari of one of Canada's most beautiful cities with all its historic sites and its magnificent waterways. This 1½ hour tour will be followed by dinner out with group at one of Toronto's superb restaurants.

Thursday, July 21

Thursday a.m.: Conference continues.

Thursday noon: Luncheon at the top of the CN Tower. The restaurant revolves and you will have a spectacular view of the city.

Afternoon: Conference reconvenes.

Evening: A.B.T.A. Awards Banquet.

Friday, July 22

Friday a.m.: Conference continues, finishing at noon, in time for you to play in the Summer Nationals, starting at that time.

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Our A.B.T.A. Convention will most likely take place at the Royal York Hotel (100 Front St. West). The rates are expected to be high (\$160.00 +) and you cannot book this until January 2011 at the earliest. If you are interested, we are holding a block of less expensive rooms at a hotel right across the street from the Royal York. The name of this hotel is the Strathcona - it's at 60 York St., Toronto. Hotel rooms are being held under A.B.T.A. (You may need to say American Bridge Teachers' Association.)

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By Bernice Johnston

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The insults and muddles are giving me troubles,
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.
So for now it's all over - I'm off to the backwoods,
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerbers and Blackwoods.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain,
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
I'm giving up bridge - tonight's a bad night,
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope,
And when he says "double", I know we're in trouble.

My points are not high and I'm wondering why,
He kept on bidding right up to the sky.
We're in seven spades and all my hope fades,
When surprise, surprise, his high bidding pays.
We're winning all the tricks; the defenders feel sick,
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night,
Farewell to conventions - I give up the fight!
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Of smiles when the day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
Behind - when the day is done.

Irene Rodaro

In Memorium

John O'Dowd

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John will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



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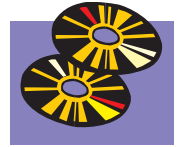
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LEADING TRUMP - A BOLD OR A FOOLHARDY IDEA?

By Audrey Grant

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Last issue we saw that it could be correct to lead a trump: **1) If the Auction Suggests Dummy is Short in a Suit.** This issue, we'll look at two more times when it could be the winning action.

2) If the Opponents Are Overbidding (Sacrificing): If our side has the majority of the high cards and the opponents outbid us, it's likely that the only way they can make their contract is by using the trump suit to ruff our high cards. This often occurs when the opponents decide to take a sacrifice against us. Leading a trump will often get us an extra trick or two.

♠ J 10
♥ A K J 5
♦ 8 4
♣ K J 10 8 3

We hold this hand as West, on lead against five diamonds doubled after this auction:

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

When partner opens the bidding, we know we have enough combined strength to go for a game contract; we just aren't sure WHERE. After South's preemptive jump overcall to three diamonds, we make a negative—takeout—double. North makes a preemptive raise to five diamonds, to make things more difficult for our side. When the bidding comes back to us, we make a penalty double. It's doubtful North-South can take eleven tricks!

Where are the opponents going to get their tricks? Partner presumably has high cards in spades and we have high cards in hearts and clubs. Their only source of tricks is likely to be diamonds. Time to lead a trump and reduce their trick-taking potential. Here's the complete deal:

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

We lead a diamond and declarer can win and play the ace of clubs and ruff

a club in dummy. If declarer leads a heart, we win and lead another trump, removing dummy's last diamond. If declarer leads a spade, partner wins and can lead a heart so that we can win and lead another diamond.

On this defence, we defeat five diamonds two tricks. Declarer has to lose a spade, a heart, and two clubs. The penalty will compensate us for being outbid. We might have made four hearts; but, we might have been defeated in that contract if North got two club ruffs to go with the ace of diamonds and the ace of clubs.

If we had led either a heart or spade and then switched to a trump, we would only defeat the contract one trick. Declarer would get two club ruffs in dummy. Worse, if we led the heart ace-king, declarer could make the contract by ruffing three clubs in dummy, using heart ruffs to get back to the South hand each time.

3) If Partner Passes a Low Level Takeout Double:

If we make a takeout double and partner passes, partner has converted our double into a penalty double. This implies that partner has length and strength in their trump suit. As in the previous situation, we should usually lead a trump to protect our side's high cards in the other suits.

♠ K 10 6 2
 ♥ K Q 10 8
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ 2

As West, we are on lead with this hand after the auction:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♣
Double	Pass	Pass!	Pass

That was unexpected! It's usually a poor idea to lead a singleton trump but this auction demands a trump lead. To defeat one club doubled, we have to take seven tricks with clubs as trumps. In effect, we must make one club! As declarer, we'd usually draw trumps as quickly as possible, and it's no different here. Partner must have an excellent holding in clubs, so we should lead the two of clubs rather than the more tempting king of diamonds. Here's the full deal:

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

A club lead restricts declarer to four tricks...the red aces and the ace-king of clubs. Partner will drive out the two high trumps and draw declarer's remaining trumps. If we led a diamond, declarer would win and play the ace of hearts and another heart. Declarer then gets two more tricks by ruffing a heart in dummy and a diamond in the South hand.

So, we should occasionally lead trumps—but only when we have no doubt it is the right lead!

THE GRASS ROOTS

By David Cohen

No, this isn't an article on the band from the 60's and 70's. This is an article on the ACBL's grass roots tournaments, or the NAP and GNT. A Grass Roots tournament is one that starts at the club level. Players that earn club qualifications move on to Unit and District finals. The winners of those district finals get to attend the national finals of the events at an NABC.

These events are also separated by masterpoints (beyond the club level). So flight C players play only against other flight C players, and flight A players only play against other flight A players.

The NAP stands for the North American Pairs, recently renamed from the NAOP (North American Open Pairs). This is a pairs event. There are 3 flights to the NAP, 0-500, 0-2000 and Open. The 0-500 flight also has the stipulation that neither player can be a Life Master.

During June, July and August, clubs in your area have been holding NAP qualifying events, where any player with more than 50% in that game gets the right to move on to the next level.

For our District (District #2), we don't hold Unit finals, but we do hold a District final. That final is normally held in several locations around the District in late October. This year, the event is scheduled to be held in the Toronto, London and Winnipeg areas on October 23rd and 24th. All locations will play the same sets of boards, and the results will be compared with the scores from all locations.

The pairs that win the event (one pair for each flight), will receive a \$700 subsidy per player to go to the national final. The pairs that finish in second will receive a \$300 subsidy per player to go to the national final. And finally, the pairs that finish in 3rd get a free entry to the national final. The national final for this year's event will be at the Spring NABC in Louisville Kentucky.

The GNT, or Grand National Team, is a teams event. Not to be confused with the CNTC (Canadian National Team Championship), held at the CBC (Canadian Bridge Championships), which should not be confused with the TV and Radio network ...confused? I feel like I am writing an Abbott and Costello routine.

The GNT is divided into four flights, 0-500, 0-2000, 0-5000 and 5000+. Again, players in the 0-500 division cannot be Life Masters.

Our district does not require club and Unit qualifications for this event. Any team that wants to play in the District final is invited to play. The District final is scheduled for the weekend of April 1st, 2011. It will be played at Hazel's Bridge Club in Toronto. It is pretty well the only team event where you play against players with similar master point holdings.

This year, the national final of the GNT will be held at the Toronto NABCs in the summer of 2011. This is a great opportunity for you to play in and win a national event.

So if you have never played in these events, or haven't tried to qualify for these events for a while, now is the time to try them again.

Correspondence



JC:

By now all of Canada has heard about the great Spingold win by our ex-pats Geoff Hampson and Fred Gitelman. I thought that I would take you back 20+ years and my first game with Geoff Hampson.

We were playing a sectional Swiss Teams with expert teammates and Hampson was a 'rookie' playing on a fancied team for the first time. We had won our first couple of matches and were playing a good team when a hand came up with an interesting play problem in three no trump.

Geoff had on the dummy the ace-nine of diamonds and the queen-seven-six in his hand. At trick seven, with entries to both hands, he played the diamond queen! When it held he had nine tricks. After the match, I tried to explain that the only real way to win two diamond tricks was to play a small diamond toward his queen. He looked at me kind of strangely and replied, "John, my right-hand opponent had already shown up with 10 high card points and passed in first chair. Who do you think had the diamond king? Did you want me to go down looking pretty or take my best chance to make it?"

Of course, he was right, and I had missed it. It was then and there that I knew he had special talent and that it would be in my best interest to lock

him up as a partner for the next few years!

He and Gitelman have gone on to meet/exceed all our expectations but this hand gave me a glimpse of the player he might become.

Regards, John Gowdy

Dear John,

Peter Phelan forwarded me an email requesting me to send you a picture for the Kibitzer. I appreciate the magnanimous gesture from my Orillia club members. I don't think a picture is necessary, but I would like to thank the members of my club for their support and encouragement throughout my 40+ years of playing this wonderful game. I feel fortunate to be playing in what I believe is one of the friendliest and most competitive clubs in Ontario.

If you really need my homely mug there are pictures on Jonathan Steinberg's site.

All the best to you this holiday season.

Danny Schamehorn

Hi John,

At long last, thanks to Keith Pugsley, I am now a Life Master. Due to a 20-year hiatus from the bridge world, I was slow obtaining my golds. Besides Keith, I'd like to thank Tep Read, Vern Dowdall, Mike Moffat and my late husband Roy Vernon.

Sincerely, Doneen Vernon



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Sunday, Dec. 12th,
1:00 p.m.

SECOND HAND LOW

By Ross Taylor

Playing in a Regional Knockout Teams final, you find yourself defending six clubs on the following deal:

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦ ¹
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Key Card Blackwood for clubs

Partner led the jack of diamonds, ducked in dummy, and won by declarer with the ace. It's very important for you always to take a moment to review the dummy and the auction, and to anticipate developments in the play – not only to give your side the best chance of beating contracts, but to ensure as much as possible that your plays are in tempo, and not revealing in any way.

Your heart is beating slightly faster than normal, for you can see your club holding will be an unwelcome surprise

for declarer. How can you maximize your opportunity?

Your key moment will come when hearts are played. You must have the courage to duck smoothly when a heart is led from the dummy. Why? From the lead, declarer has no losers in diamonds. He must have the spade ace, since you yourself have one of the key cards. It's not guaranteed, but most likely declarer's problems lie only in the heart and trump suits.

South played a club at trick two, partner discarding a diamond, and won dummy's ace. Now came the expected ten of hearts. You duck, and wait an anxious moment as you feel South's dark eyes boring down on you – trying to gain a read on your holding.

Finally, South ducks the heart to West's queen. Whew! Partner exits with a diamond, and declarer wins this with the king in hand. At this point, South became guilty of a fixation – presuming you must not have the ace of hearts. Without enough thought to his alternatives, South placed the heart king on the table. It was West's turn to feel South's stare as he followed low smoothly, but all was well. Declarer pitched a spade from dummy, and looked slightly green when you won the ace for down one.

Forethought was rewarded in a big way on this hand.

The auction and lead were duplicated at the other table. And when East also ducked the heart ten, your teammate likewise quite reasonably ducked this to West's queen. (Continued next page.)

Declarer won the diamond return, cashed the two spade honours in his hand, ruffed a heart low in the dummy; cashed the diamond queen, pitching a heart from hand as East threw a spade, (but no other play helps), and came down to:

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

South now led a spade from dummy, and ruffed low in his hand, East pitching the heart nine.

The heart king was ruffed low in dummy, and dummy's last spade was led. East had only clubs left and was forced to ruff and South over-ruffed.

At trick twelve, South ruffed the jack of hearts with the ace of clubs as the hapless East underruffed. Trick thirteen was the club queen, with East following suit with the jack.

Making six clubs vulnerable was good for a 16-IMP pickup. Smart play was rewarded at both tables.

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RAPTOR

By Ron Bishop

**BBO IMP Pairs. Dealer North.
NS Vul.**

♠ 7 4 3 2

♥ A K J 7 5 4 2

♦ 3

♣ K

♠ K J

♥ 6 3

♦ A J 6 2

♣ A 7 6 3 2

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 10 8

♦ K 10 9 8 7 4

♣ 4

♠ Q 9 5

♥ Q 9

♦ Q 5

♣ Q J 10 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♥ ¹	Pass(?) ²	INT ³
Pass	2 ♥ ⁴	Pass ⁵	Pass
Pass ⁶			

Discussion of the auction:

1. This is a pretty standard one-heart opening, although those with a slightly adventurous bent (and a careful eye on the adverse vulnerability) might mix things up with a three-heart, or even a four-heart, start.
2. East apparently has forgotten that his side uses a system device called the “Raptor INT” overcall – a hand that wants to get into the bidding with exactly a four-card major (here spades are that clearly defined suit) and greater length in a minor (at least a five-card suit, usually with extra length). With the protection of the vulnerability, East certainly should have taken advantage of the

opportunity, having the appropriate “club in the bag”, to describe this holding.

3. South has the type of hand that wants to keep the auction going, but doesn’t want to do too much; an ideal hand for the Forcing No Trump.
4. North, who is probably surprised that there has been no intervention by the opponents up to now, gladly takes the opportunity to cheaply rebid his heart suit.
5. It’s tough to bring yourself to enter the auction now – when you didn’t avail yourself of the earlier opportunity. A three-diamond pre-balance might catch partner with just clubs and it has the added disadvantage of shutting out your possible spade fit. Knowing your system is not enough; you have to be willing to use the methods that are available to you.
6. With the vulnerability in his side’s favour, West might consider a two-no-trump balance rather than his final pass – partner should have some sort of fit since East is marked with some values but didn’t stick in a one-spade overcall.

Commentary:

Look what the failure to utilize the available system has done to your side; East/West have missed a virtually laydown game in diamonds and on top of that neither player has done anything that will assist his partner in the defence. (East/West ended up

defending the two-heart contract very poorly and it made two overtricks.)

If East had taken the opportunity to show his two suits with the mechanism available to him directly over one heart, it seems inconceivable that West will 'let him out' below the five level of the overcaller's minor since West has an almost perfect hand for him – strong minor suit support, an ace in the other minor and the key king-jack of spades, (known to be partner's secondary suit).

One further point – if East had overcalled one no trump, it is likely South would have taken the opportunity to bid two clubs. From West's point of view, if that happens, it is almost guaranteed that East's minor is diamonds. Almost. Fortunately, West has a device available to him to discover what the minor is: double. This is a pass-or-correct double, saying to partner, "Pass if your suit is clubs, otherwise bid two diamonds." West can then raise or cue bid, as he judges.



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ORILLIA INTRAFINESSE

By Leigh Ives

Dr. H. Sriharsha (Sri) has been playing bridge and practicing medicine in Canada for many years. One of his axioms is that one must read, read, read to become a better player; he buys at least two bridge books at every tournament he attends. Sri has a huge library on bridge and he freely lends books to players in Orillia and Barrie. A good corollary to his axiom should be that one also must remember, remember, remember! In the hand below he shows that he does just that.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 6 3

♦ A K 4

♣ K J 4

♠ J 10

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 8 7 6 3

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ 8 6 4 3

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 10 5 2

♣ 9 5

♠ A K 5 2

♥ A 9 7 2

♦ 9

♣ A 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ives</i>		<i>Sri</i>
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Sri and I were playing in the Friday Flight A Open Pairs in the London Regional and had a moderate game in

the afternoon. Things were going smoothly in the evening and then board five came along:

When my dummy came down after our exuberant auction, Sri realized that he had to hold his trump losers to one to land the slam (not to mention the black-suit issues). He considered all of the heart holdings, and decided that it was best to play for ten-doubleton in the West hand, using the intra-finesse he had read about from Gabriel Chagas of Brazil.

After taking the jack of spades lead with the ace in his hand, he led a small heart to dummy and inserted the eight, when West played low, losing to the king.

He won the spade continuation in the dummy to lead the jack of hearts, pinning the doubleton ten and finessing for the queen. (If an honour had appeared on his left, presumably doubleton, he would have won the spade continuation and played the jack of hearts from dummy as planned, still planning to pin the doubleton ten.)

After drawing the last trump it was a simple matter to cash the good nine of spades in dummy, cash the ace and king of diamonds, and ruff a diamond in the South hand. The spade ace then provided a pitch for dummy's losing club and dummy's hand was soon high.

We were the only pair to bid and make the slam on this hand and were rewarded by winning the event. We both intend to keep on reading and remembering!



TOURNAMENT WINNERS

**London Bridge Regional
London, Ontario
July 6 - 11, 2010**

Tuesday Afternoon 199ers - Keith Dawson - Joanne Dawson, Chatham ON.
Tuesday Stratified Pairs - Gary Westfall, Brampton ON; Andrew Firko, Oakville ON.
Wednesday Swiss - Peter Hambly, Hanover ON; Nicholas Stock, North Vancouver BC; Brooke Nelles - Michael Biderman, London ON.
Wed. Open Pairs - John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Ron Bishop, Toronto ON.
Senior Pairs - Keith Pugsley - Katherine Pugsley, Oakville ON
Bracketed KO II - A - Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON.
Bracketed KO II - B - John Mackay - Clyde Paul, St Catharines ON; Lorna Johnson, Ridgeway ON; Diane K.M. Gordon, St Davids ON.
Bracketed KO II - C - John Benny - Marlene Benny - Jocelyn Ruby, London ON; Catherine McDonald, Goderich ON.
Bracketed KO II - D - Dennis Glazebrook - Christopher Loat, St Catharines ON; James Cowell, Allanburg ON; Kathy Morrison, Welland ON.
Bracketed KO II - E - Kelly Pope -

Michael Pope - Eugene Fitzpatrick - Christine Fitzpatrick, Hamilton ON.
Thursday Swiss Teams - Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Joe Chiesa, Oak Park MI; Mary Smith, Hazel Park MI; Henry Shevitz, Bloomfield Hls MI.
Friday Swiss - Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Bill Kertes, Toronto ON; Ina Demme, Maple ON.
Friday Stratified Pairs - Leigh Ives, Barrie ON; Hindupuram Sriharsha, Orillia ON.
Morning KO'S - Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON.
Compact KO I - David Neff - Peter Tuttle, London ON; Jeremy Smee, St Catharines ON; George Morrissey, Welland ON.
Compact KO II - A - Randal Davidson, North York ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Susan Cooper, Thornhill ON.
Compact KO II - B - Andrew Risman - Jan Stewart, Toronto ON; Robert Hanly, Ajax ON; Suneel Korde, Whitby ON.
Compact KO II - C - Ian Walker, Port Elgin ON; Sally Stevens, Flint MI; Marilyn Le Brand - Elizabeth Gallacher, Owen Sound ON.
Saturday Swiss - Jeremy Smee, St Catharines ON; Lorna Johnson, Ridgeway ON; Brian Macartney, Vineland ON; George Morrissey, Welland ON.
Sat B/C/D Stratiflighted - Jim Rife - Marcel Villeneuve, Guelph ON.
Stratiflighted A/X Pairs - Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Ching-Po Wang, Troy MI.
Bracketed KO II - A - Dwight Bender - Jerry Richardson, London ON; Dave Swarhout, Newberry MI; Stephen Mackay, Markham ON; Donald Rumelhart, Ann Arbor MI; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON.
Bracketed KO II - B - Cindy Mahn - Elizabeth McDowell, Kitchener ON; Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON.
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KO II - C - Frank Stoffle - Georgina Little - Eve Harp - Michelle Murphy, London ON. **Bracketed KO II - D** - Louis Brooks - Marcia Syer, Oakville ON; Hazel Hewitt - Diane Herniman, St Marys ON. **Bracketed KO II - E** - M Juliette Drennan - Kathleen Wallace, London ON; Tzvetalin Vassilev, North Bay ON; Douglas Cote, Woodstock ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss** - Mark Wang - Zheng Zhang, Scarborough ON; Tod Zhang, Toronto ON; Robert Hou, Maple ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss** - George Hodgson - Michael Alderson, Strathroy ON; Reg Young - Michael Biderman, London ON.

31st Golden Leaf Sectional Tillsonburg, Ontario August 6-8, 2010

Friday Aft 299'er Pairs - Joe Darkes - Lenore Hooker, Cambridge ON. **Friday Aft Open Pairs** - B Hooyer, Brantford ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON. **Friday Senior Pairs** - Claire Pitre - Reg Pitre, Woodstock ON. **Friday Eve 299'er Pairs** - Glenn Hillis - Jennifer Howard, London ON. **Friday Evening Open Pairs** - Terry Tack - Barry Onslow, London ON. **Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs** - Douglas Cote, Woodstock ON; Harold McKnight, Tillsonburg ON. **Saturday B/C Pairs** - Audrey Kumer - Pat McMillan, London ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - George Dragich - Rosemary Dragich, Windsor ON. **Saturday Eve 299'er Pairs** - Liz Campbell - Peter Campbell, Oakville ON. **Sunday Morn 299'er Teams** - Morley Craig - Barbara Craig - Gerard Quenneville - Marian Quenneville, Windsor ON. **Sunday Aft 299'er Teams** - Morley Craig - Barbara Craig - Gerard Quenneville - Marian Quenneville, Windsor ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON. **Sunday B/C Swiss**

Teams - Dianne Aves - Dragana Kovacevic - Miroslav Kovacevic, Waterloo ON; Barbara Kains, Kitchener ON.

Niagara Intermediate/Novice St. Catharines, Ontario August 14-15, 2010

299er Swiss Teams - Carol Robbins - Bruce Ritchie, Hamilton ON; Judith Born, Jerseyville ON; Susan Barreca, Dundas ON. **Saturday Morning 299er** - Janet Nazar, St Catharines ON; Sharon Stevens, Vineland STN ON. **St Catherines 0-50** - Les Csima - Sam Spector, Oakville ON. **St Catherines 299er** - Ping Lai - Larry Rice, Toronto ON. **St Catherines 0-50** - Betty Middlebro' - Chris Middlebro, Oakville ON. **299er Swiss Teams** - Arun Patel - Liz Bryers - David Simpson, St Catharines ON; Melodie Baldin, Welland ON

Cambrian Shield Regional Sault Ste Marie, Ontario August 17-22, 2010

Wed Strat Swiss Teams - Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON. **Tuesday Open Pairs** - Michael Gilbert - Susan Gilbert, Sarasota FL. **Tues-Wed Knockouts** - Dwight Bender, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Dave Swarhout, Newberry MI; Donna Watkins, San Antonio TX. **Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams** - Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON; Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Dale Freeman - Frances Freeman, Englehart ON. **Thursday B/C/D Pairs** - Gloria Orr - Gunnar Kristiansen, Sault Ste Marie ON. **Thursday A/X Pairs** - David J Chiasson - Bill McKiggan, Sault Ste Marie ON. **Am KO's 1** - Lloyd Harris,

Sudbury ON; Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Frances Freeman - Dale Freeman, Englehart ON; Joan Priebe - James Priebe, Mississauga ON. **Am KO 2** - Stephen Billings, Good Hart MI; Dennis Shermeta, Cheboygan MI; Jack Herman, Gwinn MI; Olga Hocking, Ishpeming MI. **Thurs-Fri KO I** - Dwight Bender, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Donna Watkins, San Antonio TX; Dave Swarthout, Newberry MI. **Thurs-Fri KO II** - Ulysse Desmarais - Jennifer O'Hara - Vicki Dale - Michel Malette, Sudbury ON. **Friday Open Pairs** - Frances Freeman - Dale Freeman, Englehart ON. **Thursday Eve Swiss** - Ian Walker, Port Elgin ON; Elizabeth Gallacher, Owen Sound ON; Trudy Dussault - Claude Dussault, Sudbury ON. **Fri-Sat Compact KO** - Dwight Bender, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Dave Swarthout, Newberry MI; Donna Watkins, San Antonio TX. **Saturday Compact KO** - David Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON. **Saturday Compact KO II** - Linda Roberts, Brutus MI; Marcy Rowan, Topinabee MI; Roger Wolthuis, Harbor Spgs MI; Lynn Atkins, Harbor Springs MI. **Saturday B/C/D Pairs** - Claudio Demarco, Nashua NH; Gloria Orr, Sault Ste Marie ON. **SATURDAY EVE SWISS** - Linda Waldman - Barry Waldman - Andrew Monk - Sandra Monk, Orillia ON. **A/X Swiss Teams** - Dwight Bender, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Dave Swarthout, Newberry MI; Donna Watkins, San Antonio TX. **B/C Swiss Teams** - Jerry Kaiser, Wolverine MI; Thomas Beukema, Petoskey MI; Jean Carpenter, Harbor Springs MI; Grant Van Horne, Auburn IN

4th Bridge By The Bay

Owen Sound, Ontario August 27-29, 2010

Friday Aft Open Pairs - Ruth Gold, Toronto ON; Barbara Sims, Mississauga ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Joanne Hall, Port Elgin ON; Dietmar Berger, Owen Sound ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Ruth Browning - Gerry Browning, Lanark ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Dennis O'Connor - Heather O'Connor, Toronto ON. **Saturday Morn 299er Pairs** - Helen Dixon, Thornbury ON; Mary Firman, Collingwood ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Ruth Gold, Toronto ON; Barbara Sims, Mississauga ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Ray Rothenbury, Miller Lake ON; Norma Eveleigh, Lion's Head ON. **Sunday Morn 299er Swiss** - Shiree Shafir, Trenton ON; J Wilmer Winsor, Napanee ON; Liz Bryers, St Catharines ON; Mal Campbell, Owen Sound ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Swiss** - Patricia Bell, Paisley ON; Virginia Bailey - Jane Inglis, Port Elgin ON; E Jean Goldsworthy, Southampton ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - David Deaves, Ripley ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; Ranald Davidson, North York ON.

Labour Day Weekend Sectional Bradford Ontario Sept 4-5-6, 2010

Sat Aft B/C/D Pairs - Ioana Ciura - Alexander Ciura, Mississauga ON. **Sat Aft A/X Pairs** - Alice Anderson - Bill Anderson, Tillsonburg ON. **Sat Aft 199er Pairs** - Charles Smith, Bolton ON; Gary Noseworthy, Caledon ON. **Sat Eve A/X Pairs** - Ina Demme, Maple ON; Bill Kertes, Toronto ON. **Sat Eve B/C/D Pairs** - Ioana Ciura - Alexander Ciura, Mississauga ON. **Sunday Aft 199er Pairs** - Elena Petrella - Nora Hovland, Oakville ON. **Sat/Sun KO - Bracket 1 -**

Eiji Kujirai - Lewis Richardson - Ron Bishop, Toronto ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON. **Sat/Sun KO - Bracket 2** - John Lamarre - Marc Brenner - Dale Mackenzie - Paul Campbell, Barrie ON. **Sunday A/X Pairs** - Wendy Dooley - Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON. **Sunday B/C/D Pairs** - Paul Stanbury - Deanne Dennison, Kleinburg ON. **Monday A/X Swiss Teams** - Weidong Shen, Scarborough ON; Alan Lee, Willowdale ON; Peter Wong, Toronto ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON. **Monday B/C/D Swiss Teams** - Tzvetalin Vassilev, North Bay ON; Leonard Fagen, Toronto ON; William Port, Newark NY; Halina Dudek, Barrie ON

**60th Jumbo Sectional
St Thomas, Ontario
Sept 11-12, 2010**

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - Michel Poliquin, Corunna ON; Ed Seguin, Sarnia ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Doug Andrews, Etobicoke ON; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Murray Caudle, Brantford ON; Sharon Yachetti, Hamilton ON. **Sunday Morn 299er Swiss** - Anna Marie Thorn, Dorchester ON; Glenn Hillis - Jennifer Howard - Terry Wright, London ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Swiss** - Peter Krailo - John Boekhoud - Thomas Pettit, Chatham ON; Allan Thomas, Wallaceburg ON. **Sunday Swiss Teams** - Ryan Williams - Jack Jessop, Windsor ON; David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON

**29th Colours Tournament
Parry Sound Ontario
September 24-26, 2010**

Fri Aft Open Pairs - Helen Malcolm, Kincardine ON; Jerry Daley, Parry Sound ON. **Fri 199er** - Gay Halpenny,

Picton ON; Karen Pepperall, King City ON. **Fri Eve Open Pairs** - John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Rea Rennox, Whitby ON. **199ers** - Liz Weeks - Alex McLachlin, Parry Sound ON. **Sat Aft 199er** - Anne Stevens - Joan Gass, Toronto ON. **Sat. Open Pairs** - R Bruce Edwards - Ruth Edwards, London ON. **Sat Eve Open Pairs** - Helmut Serwotka, Victoria Harbou ON; Bill Matwichuk, Kapuskasing ON. **Sat Eve 199er** - Robert Fukunaga - Tore Eriksen, Thornhill ON. **Open Swiss Teams** - Marc Langevin - Martin Newland, North Bay ON; Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON.

**4th Fall Sectional
Caledon East ON
September 25-26, 2010**

Sat Morning 99er Pairs - Bev Pope - Bill Pope, Burlington ON. **Compact KO - Bracket 1** - Difan Wang, Scarborough ON; Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Yuxiong Shen, Shanghai 20004 People's Republic of China; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - William Christian - Harry Shen, Guelph ON. **Sat Afternoon 99er Pairs** - Allan Jeffery, Toronto ON; Jaak Riga, Markham ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - Difan Wang, Scarborough ON; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Yuxiong Shen, Shanghai 20004 People's Republic of China; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON. **Sunday B/C Swiss Teams** - Richard Watson - S Roberts, Toronto ON; Michael Sidnell, Milton ON; Leo Upenieks, Mississauga ON. **Sunday Morn 199er Swiss** - Rosemary Miller - Elaine Faye - Gloria Ostrowski - John Ostrowski, Brampton ON. **Sunday Aft 199er Swiss** - Phil Dawson - Henry Makuch - Robert Marshall, Toronto ON; Dagmar Champagne, Brampton ON.



KUWAITI BRIDGE

By Butrus Pio



It was a family rubber bridge game in Kuwait and I was sitting South and playing with Naaman Allos against Nasri Salti and Rabi' Allos. We dealt the following hand:

Rubber Bridge. Dealer South. Love All.

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

My partner and I reached the contract of seven no trumps by South. Alas, the bidding has been lost to the sands of time (or the desert).

West led the jack of spades. After winning the trick in hand, I played the heart king and queen, came back to hand with a spade honour and played the heart ace, noticing that West dropped the ten of hearts. From my experience with this player's method of play, I knew he did not have the jack because he would have played it if he had had it with the ten (not being capable of playing a true card if he had a choice), and since I knew he had four

spades from East's count signal (that player not being capable of a falsecard) there was no way to conduct a simple squeeze on him.

Thus, the only way for the contract to succeed was to perform a double squeeze. On the run of the clubs, cashing the spade and diamond aces along the way, we came to this position:

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

On the play of the queen of clubs, West was squeezed in spades and diamonds: he had to discard a diamond to guard against dummy's seven of spades becoming high. After his diamond discard, I discarded the spade seven and it was East's turn. He also had to release a diamond, keeping the heart jack to guard against my little heart.

Dummy's diamond jack would win trick 13 no matter who held the queen. It could as well have been the two of diamonds.

City of Toronto Sectional January 7-9, 2011

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Friday, January 7

Stratified Open Pairs 1 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs 1 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 7 pm
(Fundraiser for Toronto NABC – Extra Silver Points!)

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel
100 Front Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5J 1E3
royalyorkhotel@fairmont.com

Intermediate & Newcomer Games (Single Sessions)

0 – 299 Pairs 1 & 7 pm Room Rental \$149 Cdn/night
0 – 50 Pairs (If demand warrants) 1 & 7 pm Ask for the Bridge rate

Saturday, January 8

Unit 166 Annual General Meeting: 12:00 noon

Toronto NABC Fundraiser Calcutta 11:30 am (Auction)
Toronto NABC Fundraiser Calcutta 1 & 7 pm (IMP Pairs)
Stratiflighted Pairs (2 sessions) 1 & 7 pm
Side Games (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

0 – 5 Newcomers FREE 1 pm
0 -50 Pairs (If numbers warrant) 1 & 7 pm
0 – 299 Pairs 1 & 7 pm

Flighting

A = 3000+; X = 0-3000
B= 1000+; C = 500-1000; D= 0-500
A= 2000+; B= 750-2000; C = 0-750

Sunday, January 9

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 10 am & TBA

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

0 – 299er Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA

For Partnership requests please visit www.unit166.ca and select “Partnership Desk”

Toronto NABC Fundraiser Calcutta

\$200 per pair entry fee; Minimum auction bid of \$100 per pair.
Pre-registration required; late entries may be accommodated at the director's discretion.
Please contact the tournament chair for more information.
All are welcome to attend the auction.

Session Fees:

ACBL Members \$13.00
Surcharge of \$2.00 for non current ACBL members

Tournament Chair: David Halasi
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Tel: 416-876-5342

Partnership Chair: Louise McNeely
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81st Western Ontario Bridge Tournament

London, Ontario

Hellenic Community Centre - South Room

133 Southdale Rd. West

January 22 and 23, 2011

Please Refrain from Wearing Fragrances

Saturday, Jan. 22, 11:00 am

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)

Strat A: 2000+, Strat X: 0-2000,

Strat B: 300-1000, Strat C: 0-300

Novice Pairs: 0-199 (One Session)

Saturday, Jan. 22 TBA

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)

Novice Pairs: 0-199 (1 Session)

Light meal between sessions

Entry fee includes meal

Free Snacks Saturday Night

Sunday January 23, 11:00 AM

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

Strat A: 1500 +, Strat X: 0-1500

Strat B: 300-1000, Strat C: 0-300

199ers Swiss Teams

(If attendance warrants)

Coffee and doughnuts

before game time

A light meal will be served

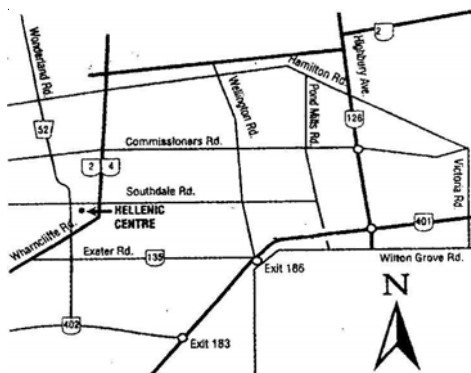
between sessions

Team entry includes meal

Chairperson: Pete Tuttle (519) 453-8733 marypeter@sympatico.ca

Partnerships: Gail McDonald (519) 681-2855 dgmcdonald@rogers.com

Teams will be Stratified by AVERAGE Masterpoint holding



Directions:

...from Toronto...

Hwy 401 to London. Exit Wellington Rd/Exeter Rd. Go West on Exeter Rd to Wonderland Rd. North to Southdale Rd. East to **Hellenic Community Centre**

...from Sarnia...

Hwy 402 to London. Exit Wonderland Rd. North to Southdale Rd. East to **Hellenic Community Centre**

57th NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Niagara District Bridge Association

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 4-6, 2011

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

(All Single Sessions Today)

Women's Pairs (750/1500/unlim)	1:00
Open Pairs (750/1500/unlim)	1:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300)	1:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50)	1:00
Open Pairs (750/1500/unlim)	7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300)	7:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50)	7:00
Friendly Fred Swiss Teams	7:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Handicapped KO	9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300) - 1 session ...	1:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50) - 1 session	1:00
Flight A/X Pairs (3000/unlim)	1:00 & 7:00
Stratified B/C/D Pairs (500/1000/1500)	1:00 & 7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300) - 1 session ...	7:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50) - 1 session	7:00
Side Game (If entries warrant)	7:00

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

299 ^{er} Swiss Teams	10:30 am
Swiss Teams	10:30 am

* Bracketed & split by average master points of each team

* 7 Rounds of 7 Boards

* 30 minute break after 3rd round.

*** Free Parking**

*** Daily Door Prizes**

*** Overall, Flight Top, & Section Top Prizes**

*** Session Fees Still Only \$11**



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\$83 (1/2 people, \$10 ea. add. person) if booked by Jan. 4, 2011

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HOLIDAY INN & SUITES,
PARKWAY CONVENTION
CENTRE

DIRECTIONS: Take the QEW to St. Catharines. Exit south at Ontario St.

NOTE: From Toronto please do not turn off at any other Ontario St.

There are **several** Ontario Streets west of St. Catharines.

29th OSHAWA & DISTRICT SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL

OSHAWA

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2011



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams A/X
..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams B/C/D
..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Please note the early start time

Food available on-site for purchase

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams A/X
..... 11:00 am & TBA
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams B/C/D
..... 11:00 am & TBA

**Flights: A=3000+ X=0-3000
B= 750-1500 C= 300-750 D= 0-300
Onsite break with food provided
during Sunday team games**

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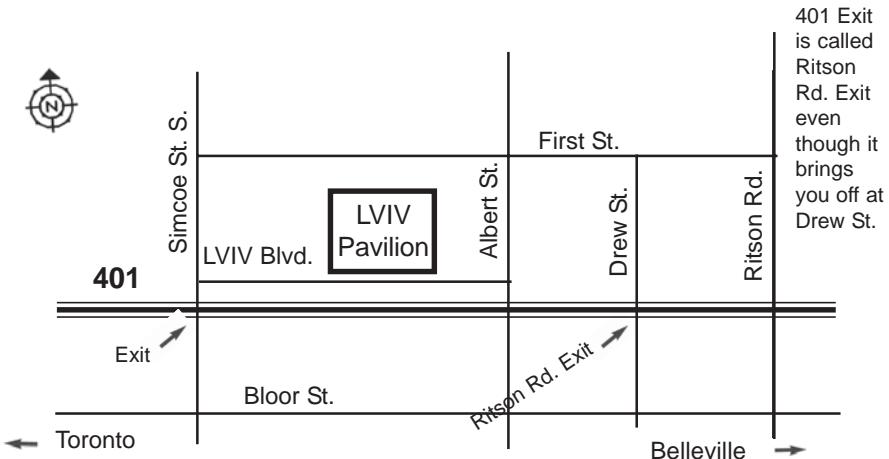
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on LVIV Blvd.

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February 25-27, 2011

HOWARD JOHNSON PLAZA

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(705) 675-5602

Friday, February 25TH

- 1:00 P.M. Stratified Open Pairs A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299^{er} Pairs Director's discretion
- 7:00 P.M. Stratified Open Pairs A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299^{er} Pairs Director's discretion
Bracketed Handicap Knockout Teams 1st of 3 sessions

Saturday, February 26th

- 10:30 A.M. Stratified Open Pairs A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299^{er} Pairs Director's discretion
Bracketed Handicap Knockout Teams 2nd of 3 sessions
- 3:00 P.M. Stratified Open Pairs A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299^{er} Pairs Director's discretion
Bracketed Handicap Knockout Teams 3rd of 3 sessions

Sunday, February 27th

- 10:00 A.M. Stratified Swiss Teams 2-session Playthrough
A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Costs: \$10 per player per session. \$2 extra for unpaid members.
\$120 per team Sunday (includes 4 lunches)

Hospitality: After Friday evening sessions and between Saturday sessions

Tournament Chair: Jennifer O'Hara ohara.bridge@gmail.com

Partnerships: Linda Anderson randerson002@unitz.ca

City of Hamilton Sectional



March 4–6, 2011



Sheraton Hamilton Hotel

116 King St. W. L8P 4V3 905-529-5515

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

Bracketed KO Teams 1st.....9:00 am sharp
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 pm
All Flights are Playthrough
Single Session Entries Welcomed

A (Separate): 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd... ..1:00 pm
 Bracketed KO Teams 3rd... ..7:00 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

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

Sunday, March 6

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams11:00 am & TBA
A (Separate): 1500+; B: 500-1500; 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



Hamilton

**Trophies
for Novices**

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Viktorina Renaud**

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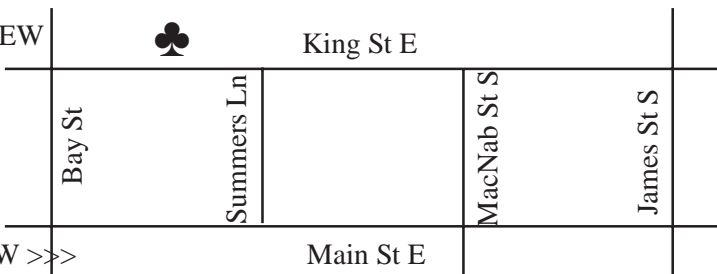
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Team games stratified by
average number of
master points

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From 403/QEW >>>

Main St E



Sheraton Hamilton Hotel - 116 King St. W.



Hazel's Bridge Club



Special Events

COPC Qualifying Games:

- ◆ Thursday, October 28, Evening
- ◆ Thursday, November 11, Evening
- ◆ Saturday, December 11, Afternoon
- ◆ Monday, December 13, Evening

All of these games are \$1 extra.

CNTC Qualifying Games:

- ◆ Sunday, November 28, 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, December 26, 1:00 p.m.

All of these games are for teams consisting of 4 members.

Phyllis Bresge Day:

The final date for Phyllis Bresge Day is Sunday, November 21st. It is an all-day team event starting at 10:00 a.m. with a break for lunch and dessert. It will be stratified. There will be prizes for winners in each stratum. Silverpoints. \$108 per team.

Club Appreciation Week:

October 4th to October 10th. TONS of Master Points. No extra fees.

Club Championship Week:

December 6th to December 12th. Lots of extra points. No extra fees. Extra free plays given to members winning the most master points in that week in each stratification.

Chanukah/Christmas Party:

Sunday 19th December, 12 noon, lunch: \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Schedule, Lessons & Team League Information

See our website or phone for details

Free Parking for Bridge and Shopping

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