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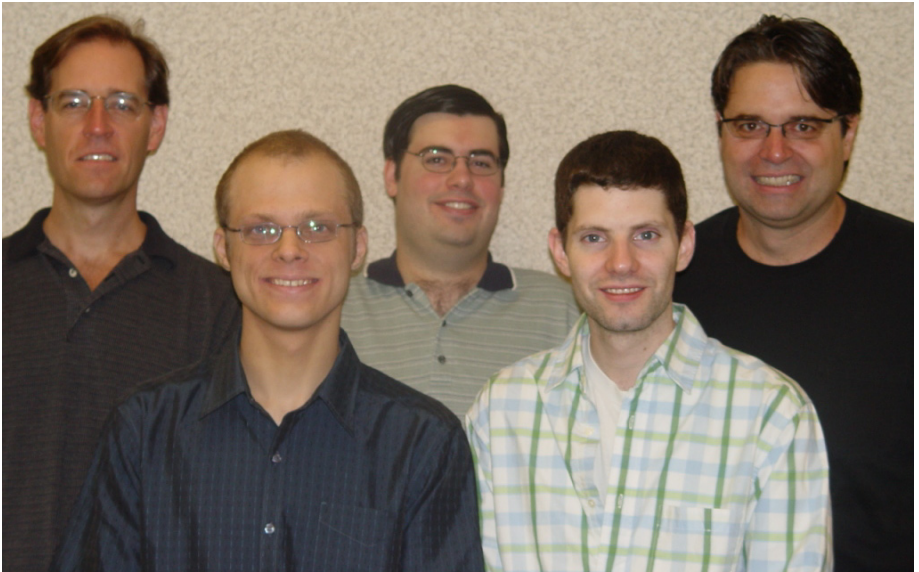


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## District 2 Team Wins Flight A Grand National Teams

(Read their story on p. 13 & Andy Stark's report on p. 14)



Winners of the Flight A Grand National Teams at the Chicago Summer Nationals: (l. to r.) - Doug Baxter (Toronto), Daniel Korbel (Waterloo), David Grainger (Toronto), Danny Miles (Toronto), Andy Stark (Toronto)

## Robert Lebi Wins NABC Fast Pairs with Nicolas l'Ecuyer (see p. 13)

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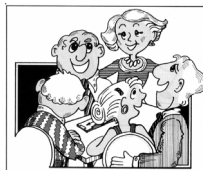
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### Editor's Note:

Southern Ontario players had great success at the North American Bridge Championships in Chicago this past summer. The team led by Andy Stark won the Grand National Teams, Flight A; playing with Stark were Daniel Korbel, Doug Baxter, Danny Miles and David Grainger. Robert Lebi won the Fast Pairs, a relatively new event, with Nicolas l'Ecuyer from Montréal, in their first-ever event together.

At the World Youth Championships in Bangkok, Thailand, our Junior and Youth teams played with great enthusiasm, but with limited success. Both teams finished 13<sup>th</sup> in their division. Playing for the Juniors were Susan and Daniel Korbel, Matthew Mason, Charles Halasi (all ON), Samantha Nystrom (BC), and Erin Anderson (SK). The Schools Team was Anton Blagov and Malcolm McColl (both ON), with Aled Iaboni, Hershel Macaulay and Ethan Macaulay (all NS).

### John Carruthers

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The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer.

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# ONTARIO UNIT 166 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that an annual and special meeting of the Members of THE ONTARIO UNIT NO. 166 OF THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE will be held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on 6 January 2007 at 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of:

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- b) Appointing an Auditor;
- c) Receiving the report of the Directors; and
- d) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. Warner, Secretary

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# Ontario Unit 166 Membership Issues

This past summer members of the Board of Directors of Unit 166 met to discuss issues around how to increase the membership in the ACBL and participation in games and tournaments. We then brainstormed ideas to address those issues. What follows are the results of those discussions. We share them with you and hope that you will add to what we have done.

1. The **Intermediate/Novice** tournament in Oakville is a success. Should we consider running another in the east end of Toronto or perhaps in the Niagara Region? What about combining with another Unit?
2. **Newcomers** to the game or the area have difficulty finding bridge clubs or lesson programs in clubs. Should we take out ads in the Yellow Pages of the various telephone books? Likewise, those clubs that run lesson programs advertise in the fall and in the New Year. These clubs, particularly in the Toronto area, suffer a loss of income when the T.O. tournaments are running. Should we be helping them with the cost of advertising? (Note: The ACBL provides some assistance and this is being explored by the Board.)
3. Perhaps we should advertise and run a **'Free'**, short game/lesson at the **I/N** tournaments to encourage new players to join us.
4. Consider running **'Handicap' games** at the clubs similar to handicaps in golf.
5. Run **'Alert Free' games** at tournaments and clubs that would use a standard card (Standard American Yellow Card?), published in advance, so as to level the playing field and avoid the confusion/intimidation of all the fancy 'toys' or conventions. (At least one Tournament Chair is considering running this at one of the upcoming tournaments.)
6. Prepare a report to the ACBL to **revamp the 'point system'** to avoid the disproportionate number of points awarded to Knock-Out events. Include in this a method to address the issue that one can earn a "Life Master" designation without ever having played in a Flight A event.
7. Prepare flyers for clubs and tournaments to explain the **"Zero Tolerance" policy**, what the penalties are, and how to report it to a director or club manager. (**This was suggested as the primary issue that keeps players away from duplicate bridge clubs and tournaments.**)
8. An area in which agreement is almost impossible to reach is whether to run games with 10:00 and 3:00 or 1:00 and 7:00 **start times**. There are those who argue the former as you go home earlier and don't pay for expensive dinners, particularly in downtown Toronto. Others look at the day as one that includes dinner with friends going over hand records, this being an enjoyable part of the experience. Running both at the same tournament leads to small fields in all events.
9. Another area of little agreement is in that of prizes. Some complain that there needs to be much nicer prizes and we should get some corporate sponsorship to provide them (as the cost does mount!). The Board agrees that this sponsorship would be nice. If you know of a corporation that would like to sponsor bridge events or if you would like to volunteer your services to pursue this for us, please let us know.

If you would like to comment on these thoughts or add to them please do so. Send your comments to any of the Unit 166 Board members or to the Kibitzer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Rewbotham



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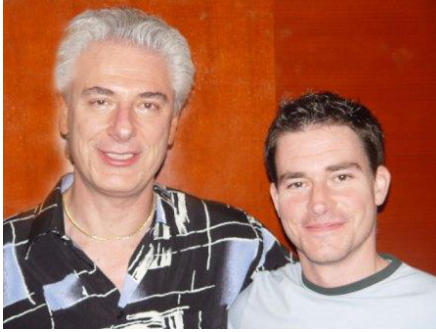
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# CANADIANS DASH TO FAST OPEN WIN



Robert Lebi and Nick l'Ecuyer, who had never played together before the Summer NABC in Chicago, put together a solid final set to win the Fast Open Pairs by about 11 matchpoints on an 11 top. l'Ecuyer, who lives in Montréal, and Lebi, of Toronto, have been adversaries many times in Canadian team events but never partners before Chicago.

l'Ecuyer is marketing director for a private portfolio management firm, Giverny Capital Co. Lebi just retired in February as a systems analyst for the IT department of the largest brokerage company in Canada. Neither professes to be especially fast in the play (in the national Fast Open, rounds are 11 minutes long and slow play penalties are vigorously enforced), but they managed. "We survived," said l'Ecuyer, who was winning his first North American Championship.

"We got only one slow play penalty," said Lebi, who won his second major title. He and Mark Molson won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Lancaster PA in 1989.

# DISTRICT 2 TAKES GNT-A CROWN

The southern Ontario squad led by Andy Stark trailed their District 16 opponents after the first half of play in their GNT final match, but a big third quarter put the Canadians into the lead. Charles Price's Texas-based team mounted a rally in the last set, but it fell short as District 2 went on to win 114-107. Playing with Stark were Daniel Korbel, Danny Miles, Doug Baxter and David Grainger. This was the first GNT victory for all five members of the team.

Stark teaches English Literature and English as a Second Language classes. Baxter is parts operations manager for Jaguar/Landrover Canada. Korbel is a graduate student in English Literature at the University of Waterloo and Miles is a certified financial analyst. Grainger is enjoying life playing bridge for the moment.

Playing for District 16 were Mark Bumgardner, Stan Kohan, Greg Hinze, Charles Price, Marcus Poe and Tom Edwards. The scores by quarter:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>D2 - Stark</b>	36	63	97	114
<b>D16 - Price</b>	46	67	71	107

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**

On Wednesday afternoon, July 5, at Jacqueline Papineau's game in Windsor, Bea Woodman and Carol Pazuk were first with a 242.00 game on a 156 average for 77.56%.

# GOOD KARMA

by Andy Stark

Going into the Flight 'A' Grand National Teams Finals in Chicago last July, I had a pretty good notion that our team might go all the way. What with two aging and grizzled geezers such as Doug Baxter (age 46) and me (43), to go along with three hotshot "junior-ish" stars such as Danny Miles (29), David Grainger (26) and Dan Korbel (24), how could we go wrong?

The plight of the bridge quintet is figuring out the lineup - instead of having one 'swingman' who plays with everyone we decided to form multiple partnerships. Each of us had two partners. Think of it as a circle: I played with Baxter who also played with Grainger who also played with Korbel who also played with Miles who also played with me.

## Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
	Korbel		Grainger
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

We played steadily throughout the first two days of qualifying, and then in the semi-finals we drew a Buffalo-Cleveland team and immediately piled up the IMPs to earn ourselves a night off. Yes, the 103-IMP halftime lead was enough to cause our opponents to withdraw. Here's a hand from that match that featured David Grainger on declarer play.

David received the opening lead of the club five. He pitched a spade from dummy and won the king with his ace. He then played a diamond to the ten and East's jack. East returned a club and David stuck in the nine which held. (Perhaps West should have led the club eight to deny an honour?)

At trick four David played a diamond to the nine and East ducked; not a bad start. The jack of hearts was played from the dummy and this time it was West's turn to duck. David then played a heart to his king; West won his ace and exited with a spade. David stuck in the queen which held the trick. He then cashed the spade ace to extract East's last spade, and then called for the diamond seven in this position:

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

So far David had won two clubs, one diamond, one heart and two spades for a total of six tricks. East could see that if he won the diamond seven with his queen and cashed the diamond ace, a low club would give David the rest of the tricks. So East deviously decided to win the diamond seven with his ace (!) in order to endplay the dummy by playing the diamond queen to dummy's king. As you can see, if East's ploy were to succeed, West would win the last two tricks with the king-ten of spades.

clubs. Doug naturally bid three no trump.

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

So how did the 'Grange' pull off his contract? He joined in on the ducking game. After East won the diamond ace and played the diamond queen, David *ducked by playing the deuce!* Yes, the little ol' deuce of diamonds suddenly became a key card. Now East was down to all clubs and forced to play one, so David won the last two tricks with his queen-ten of clubs and the queen of hearts. Since a contract of four spades was beaten by four tricks at the other table, our side gained 12 IMPs.

As you can see, I really would have liked my hand if I had held East's clubs, but I did not, and so when the dummy came down I figured I needed a miracle. Well, I got my miracle of sorts, but not in the club suit - instead I got it in *spades and hearts and diamonds!* That's right, three miracles.

For the finals the next day we were up against a team from Texas. They had three solid pairs and a star in Greg Hinze, a young expert with two national titles on his résumé. At the end of the first quarter we were down ten IMPs, but we gained back six of those in the second quarter. One of the pickups was this barnburner (see *top of next column*).

West led the deuce of diamonds (attitude). Playing attitude leads versus no trump means you do not give your partner count such as the standard fourth best type lead. Instead, you are saying, "The lower my spot card, the more I like this suit, the higher my spot card, the less I like this suit." The deuce is a pretty positive attitude card from West, wouldn't you say?

As South I opened one no trump. Doug transferred to clubs and I bid three clubs to say I liked my hand for

At this point, I knew I could make the contract if West held the king of clubs either singleton or doubleton. My plan was to let him hold a trick with the club king if it popped up. So, after winning the diamond nine at trick one, I played a spade to hand. East erred by splitting his spade honours (miracle number one).



I played a low club towards dummy and flew with the ace when West followed with the six. I then tried to endplay West with his now bare club king, but East won with that card as I resigned myself to defeat. But lo and behold, along came miracle number two—*East did not return a diamond*. Seeing the potential blockage in the club suit, East exited with his other spade honour, thus forcing me to win the spade king in dummy, which took out my only entry to the clubs. Here was the position after being forced to win the spade king in dummy:

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

The lead is with North. How do you play for five more tricks? You play for miracle number three, that's how. You need the heart honours to be split or both with West *and* you need East to not cover the eight of spades. Suffice it to say that East's handling of the spade suit on this deal was not his moment of glory.

I called for the eight of spades and when East played the six, I let it ride. West pitched a low diamond. Then I called for the ten of hearts and when East ducked that, I let that ride, too.

West won and was now end-played, forced to give me trick number nine in either hearts or diamonds.

This was a gain of 7 IMPs, the final margin in the match. Oh, did I mention we had our fair share of good luck? (West is still waiting for a diamond return).

Daniel Korbelt was our Ironman. If he was in, we were guaranteed a lineup featuring our most experienced partnerships. Here he is at the helm of a hopeless three no trump contract:

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

After East opened the bidding with one no trump (11-14), Dan and David bid up to three no trump. West led an attitude deuce of diamonds, (there's that deuce of diamonds again) and it went ten-king-ace. Dan craftily tabled the ten of spades and East won the queen. Back came the five of diamonds to the nine and jack while a heart was pitched from the dummy. West now tried to figure out how best to get his partner in for another diamond through declarer. West surmised that declarer had honours

in hearts and clubs, so those suits seemed dangerous to attack. Declarer could not possibly have the king of spades could he? If he did, he might have finessed East for the spade queen by playing low towards the king-ten in hand. So East returned a spade, putting his faith in his partner's holding both the king and queen of spades, (for Dan's spade 10 to make sense).

That was the break Dan needed. He won the spade king in hand, cashed a high club honour and traveled to the board with the club ace, noting the fall of west's ten. He then ran the spades and finessed the club nine on his way back to hand for nine tricks and a 10-IMP pickup.

Yes the defense slipped, but that doesn't take away from Dan's clever ten of spades play at trick two. Would you have thought of that play? Would you have intentionally blocked the spade suit?

We come now to my favourite hand of the event - one you may want to take a crack at bidding. Cover one of the East-West hands and give it to your favourite partner to bid with you. East is the dealer.

**West**

*Korbel*

♠ K Q 10 6 3 2

♥ A Q 10 3

♦ —

♣ A 8 3

**East**

*Grainger*

♠ A 9

♥ K J 9 8

♦ A 8 2

♣ J 10 9 6

At my teammates' table, the bidding went as diagrammed at the top of the next column:

—	1 ♣
1 ♠	1 NT
2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	2 ♥ <sup>2</sup>
3 ♥ <sup>3</sup>	3 ♠ <sup>4</sup>
4 ♣ <sup>4</sup>	4 ♦ <sup>4</sup>
5 NT <sup>5</sup>	6 ♦ <sup>6</sup>
7 ♥ <sup>7</sup>	

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David, as East, won the trump opening lead in his hand and ruffed the deuce of diamonds with the ace of hearts, (such is the respect we were giving the two of diamonds at this stage in the match.) David travelled back to hand with a trump (noting the 3-2 break) and ruffed another diamond with the queen of hearts. He came back to hand with a spade, drew the outstanding trump and played a spade to the dummy. Spades were also 3-2 but note that he could have handled a 4-1 spade division as long as trumps were 3-2.

The reason this hand is my favourite hand is because it was the final hand. Our opponents had bid the grand slam, too, but our teammates were right there with, "Push" during the final comparison of results. Danny Miles casually offered, "It looks like we pulled it off." And so we had.

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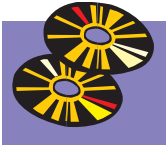
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# PLAY OF THE HAND

By David Lindop

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## Yin and Yang (Part I)

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

### The Sunny Side

As South, we reach a contract of six spades on the following hand.

**Dealer South. NS Vul.**

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ K Q 7

♦ K 4

♣ A Q 6 3

♠ A J 7 6 4

♥ A 9 5

♦ A 6 3

♣ 10 4

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West leads the five of clubs and we can congratulate ourselves on the bidding. We have a diamond loser and a club loser, but we can plan to trump the diamond loser in dummy and we

can take a finesse in clubs, hoping West has the club king. If all goes well, we may take all the tricks.

Since things seem to be going so well, we should put on our pessimistic hat and ask, "What can go wrong?" The only danger is that West's club five could be a singleton. If we take the club finesse, East could win the king and return a club for West to ruff. To play safe, we should win the ace of clubs right away and draw trumps. We'll be rewarded for our caution if this is the complete layout.

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ K Q 7

♦ K 4

♣ A Q 6 3

♠ 10 2

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ Q 9 7 5 2

♣ 5

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 4

♦ J 10 8

♣ K J 9 8 7 2

♠ A J 7 6 4

♥ A 9 5

♦ A 6 3

♣ 10 4

Is it likely West's club five is a singleton? No, but there's no need to take a chance. The reward for making a slam far outweighs the value of an overtrick. At Matchpoint duplicate, we might be willing to take a risk, but only because that form of the game sometimes rewards 'daring' bridge. For now we'll assume we're playing rubber bridge or a team game where making the contract is the priority.

Here's another deal. This time we get to four hearts.

**Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

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

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

There are two spade losers and a diamond loser, so we plan to win the ace of spades right away and draw trumps. It looks easy, but were we careful to draw the first round of trumps with the king or queen? If we played a low heart to dummy's ace, we're in for a shock if this is the full deal:

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

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

We'll suddenly find we have a heart loser to go with the two spade losers and a diamond loser. Could we have prevented this? Sure. We had to ask, "What could go wrong?" and realize that the only problem is of the missing hearts divide 4-0.

If we start by playing the king or queen of hearts, we'll discover the problem and be able to take a finesse against whichever opponent holds the heart jack, West in this case. Most of the time, both defenders will follow suit and we can simply draw trumps and move along. But every now and then...

On the next deal we reach three no trump.

**Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

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

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

West leads the four of spades and we count our tricks: two spades, a heart, five diamonds and a club. That's nine tricks and a possible tenth if East has the king of hearts since we can take a finesse. Could anything go wrong?

What if one defender holds all four of the missing diamonds? There's nothing that can be done if West holds all four diamonds, but if East holds all four, we can find out by playing the diamond king from dummy after winning the first spade. Here's the complete layout:

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

When we lead the king of diamonds and West shows out, we lead a second diamond from dummy, planning to finesse the nine if East plays the eight. If instead East plays the ten, we win the queen, cross back to dummy with the spade ace, and lead another diamond, trapping East's jack.

If both defenders follow suit to the king of diamonds, we would know the

diamonds are behaving and could try the heart finesse for an overtrick. On the actual deal, however, only a pessimist is likely to make the contract.

## THE SCOTTISH COUP

By Terry Bradley

Bob Panchuk and I were having a decent game at John Rayner's club in Mississauga. The game was IMP Pairs and John spices it up a bit on Wednesdays with a cash prize of \$50 for the winning pair. As a result, the competition is usually quite stiff – one fix or one major blunder and you are out of the running for the prize money and, more importantly, the bragging rights for the week.

As the ever-cordial pair of Ron Sutherland and Wendy Dooley arrived at our table, I picked up this beauty as South:

**Dealer North. Neither Vul.**

♠ 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A K Q 9 8 7 6
♣ A 8

Bob opened one spade and already I was thinking slam and responded two diamonds – two spades from Bob – I launched into RKCB and settled in six diamonds. Bob tabled a useful dummy with no surprises:

♠ A Q 10 9 7 6
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ 5 2
♣ Q

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The opening lead from West (Ron – the Scotsman) was the jack of spades. So, as Eddie Kantar would say, plan the play.

I decided to play the ace and take the marked ruffing finesse for the king of spades - low from RHO Wendy - as I pitched a heart. The formerly-cordial Scot pounded the king on the table as if to say, "Gotcha!" He followed that up with the excellent switch to the king of hearts, removing dummy's entry to the spade suit. The end result was down one.

Ron had done an excellent job of listening to the auction and knew that his doubleton king-jack of spades were doomed sitting in front of a suit that was bid twice on his left. He therefore created the illusion that he had a singleton or doubleton jack in the suit. Notice that if Ron leads a heart, I'd have little choice but to take the successful spade finesse!

When the results were tallied at the end of the evening, we'd finished second to Ron and Wendy by 6 IMP's. Pass the haggis.

The full deal:

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

## THROW AWAY THE BOOK

By Peter Banks

With you (East) and your partner passing throughout, the bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	1 ◇	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Partner leads the four of hearts. Your heart holding is king-jack-nine-seven-three. Partner has hit your suit, but probably to no avail. You play the king and it holds! You return the seven, declarer plays the queen and this is topped by Partner's ace. Your partner thinks for a while...and thinks...and thinks...and finally the \$#@\*^&% switches to the queen of spades! Declarer gratefully wraps up the rest of the tricks. What went wrong?

The full deal:

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

You must return the Jack or the nine.

(The nine will work when the cards are distributed as they are on this deal, but with a little different distribution of the spot cards, Partner might err. For example, with ace-ten-four-two, he might place you with king-nine-three and declarer with queen-jack-eight-seven, and duck the queen - especially as he has no entry.

An alternative approach is to return the three, pretending to have four hearts - then there is no reason for Partner either to duck or switch.

There was a famous hand at an NABC in the 1980's where the cards in the suit of the opening lead were distributed something like this:

♥ 2	♥ A Q 9 8 6
♥ K 10 7 5 4	♥ J 3

West led the heart five, two, ace, three. East returned the eight to the jack and four! West played East for ace-eight-six and declarer for queen-jack-nine-three. This defence was duplicated at several tables in a top-class NABC pairs event. - Ed.)

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#### Saturday, January 6

Bracketed KO Teams 9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

#### Unit 166 Membership Meeting - 12:00 pm

Flighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

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Stratflighted Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

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**Friday, January 26, 7:00 PM**

Stratified Pairs and 0-199 Pairs  
 Strat A: 1000+, Strat B: 300-1000,  
 Strat C: 0-300

**Saturday, January 27, 1:00 PM**

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)  
 Strat A: 1000+, Strat X: 0-2000  
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**Novice Pairs: 0-199**  
**(Single Session)**



**Saturday, January 27 7:00 PM**

Strati-flighted Pairs  
 (Second Session)  
**Novice Pairs: 0-199**  
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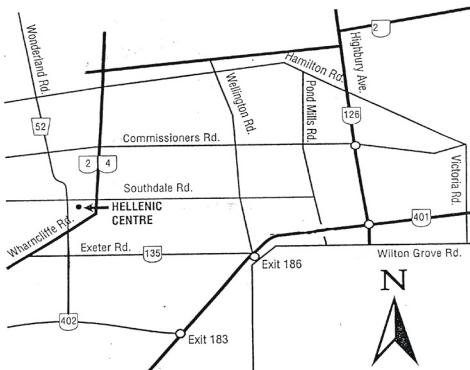
**Sunday January 28, 11:00 AM**

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)  
 Stat A: 2000 +, Strat X: 0-2000  
 Strat B: 300-1000, Strat C: 0-300  
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# 53<sup>rd</sup> NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

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## ST. CATHARINES

### February 2-4, 2007

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

(All Single Sessions Today)

Stratified Women's Pairs .....	1:00
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Open Pairs .....	1:00
199er Pairs .....	1:00
Novice Pairs (0-20) .....	1:00
Flight A/X Pairs .....	7:00
(A: unlimited; X: 0-3000)	
Stratified B/C Pairs .....	7:00
(B: 500-1500; C: 0-500)	
199er Pairs .....	7:00
Novice Pairs (0-20) .....	7:00
Swiss Teams .....	7:00

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Bracketed KO .....	9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00
Novice Pairs (0-20) - One session ..	1:00
199er Pairs - One session .....	1:00
Flight A/X Pairs .....	1:00 & 7:00
(A: unlimited; X: 0-3000)	
Stratified B/C Pairs .....	1:00 & 7:00
(B: 500-1500; C: 0-500)	
Novice Pairs (0-20) - One session ..	7:00
199er Pairs - One session .....	7:00
Side Game (If entries warrant) .....	7:00

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

199er Swiss Teams .....	11:00 am
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# 25<sup>th</sup> OSHAWA & DISTRICT SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL

## OSHAWA

**FEBRUARY 17-18, 2007**



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Stratflighted Swiss Teams A/X  
 ..... 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
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 ..... 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Stratflighted Swiss Teams A/X  
 ..... 11:00 am & TBA  
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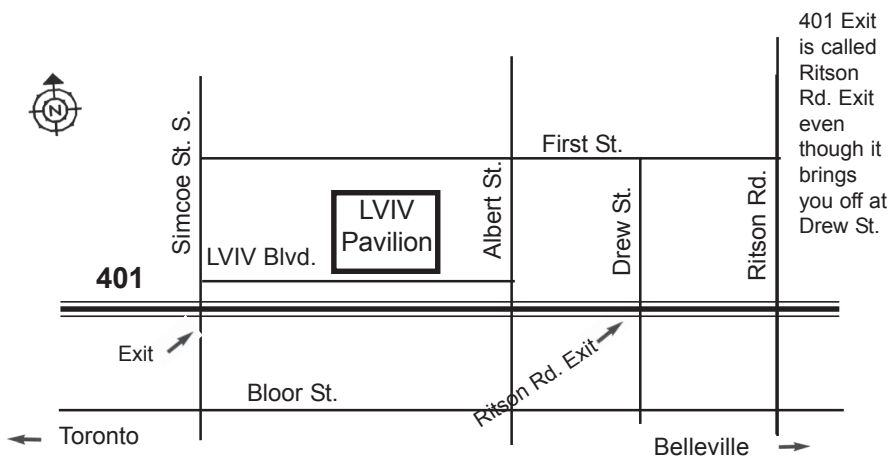
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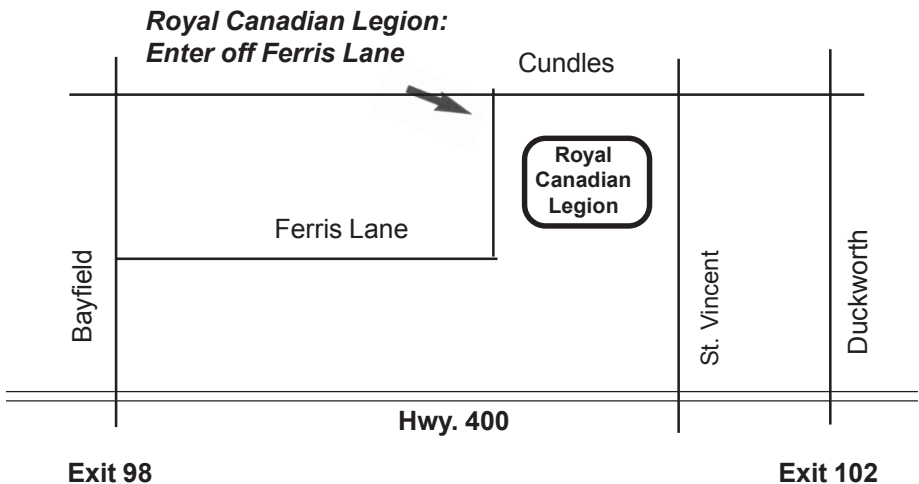
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# Hart House Sectional

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

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

## Saturday, March 3

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

## Sunday, March 4

Stratified Swiss Teams ..... 11:00am  
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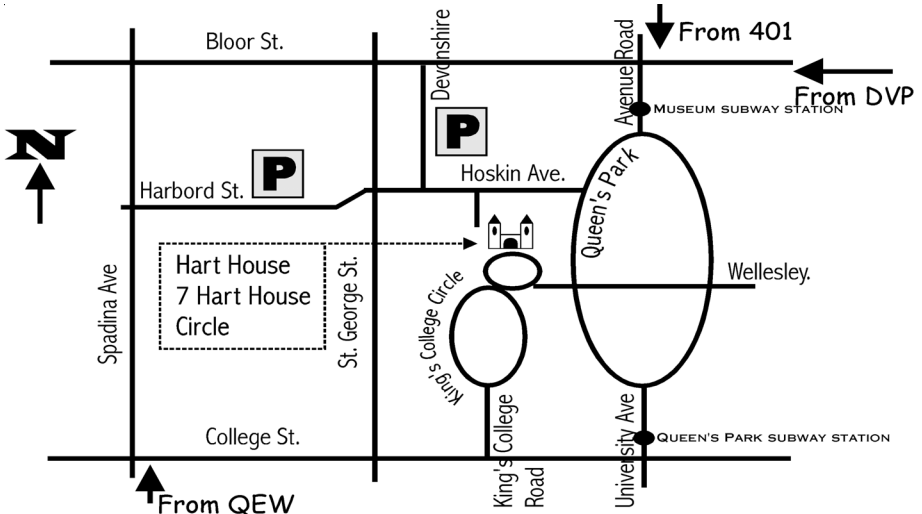
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John,

Thank you to The Kibitzer, Wayne Merkel, Barbara Seagram, Bill Silverstein and all the people who took the time to personally speak to me, who phoned and sent cards, and who made donations in Roy's name. Your kindness has helped me through an extremely difficult time.

Doneen Vernon

John,

As Barbara Seagram says (Fall 2006, p. 25), one diamond, double, pass, pass comes up about every five years. Our five years were up recently:

**Dealer West. Both Vul.**

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ A Q J

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ 2

♠ 2

♥ 9 8 7

♦ J 9 6 5 4 2

♣ 7 6 3

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ A 7

♣ A 10 5 4

♠ A J 6 4

♥ 10 5 3 2

♦ —

♣ K Q J 9 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Double	Pass!
Pass	Pass		

According to the computer analysis in the handout, North-South can make four clubs, four hearts, four spades (five if played by North) or four no trump. South (who shall remain

anonymous - just back from Verona) made a trap pass, expecting to get another chance to bid. Down one on a spade lead.

Paul Muter

John,

I'd like to encapsulate some of what I have learned in the thirty years since I first (blush) sent something to the Kibitzer.

There are many things we can do to improve our performance and pleasure at bridge. Many of these do not appear in bridge books. They are 'life skills' - the same things that make or break professionals in any walk of life. These skills come under the umbrella of MANAGEMENT.

You manage yourself, your partners, your opponents and the community, either well or badly. If you always try to make the best of things, you'll avoid negative attention and be better ready for opportunities as they arise..

You will play better when you really care about your partner's well-being. Remind yourself that you have a responsibility to yourself, your partner and the game.

For actually playing the game itself comes the most familiar and germane advice of all: GET ON TO THE NEXT HAND. It's important, and much easier said than done, but getting in shape mentally and emotionally is worth a hundred conventions - and thousands of the things you don't know already.

Prent Glazier



# HAZEL'S BRIDGE CLUB



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

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# Tournament Trail

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## 2006

### NOVEMBER

- 4-5 Oshawa\*  
7-12 **Niagara Falls, ON Regional\***  
16-26 **FALL NABC, HONOLULU**  
17-19 Stratford\*  
27-Dec 3 District 2 STaC

### DECEMBER

No Listings

## 2007

### JANUARY

- 5-7 Toronto, p 32  
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26-28 London, p 33

### FEBRUARY

- 2-4 St. Catharines, p 34  
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Mississauga, p 30  
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26-Mar 4 **CBF Regional, Montréal**

### MARCH

- 2-4 Hart House, Toronto, p 37  
8-18 **SPRING NABC, ST. LOUIS**

- 23-25 Hamilton  
30-Apr 1 GNT Open & B

### APRIL

- 3-8 **Toronto Regional**  
13-15 GNT A & C  
27-29 Brampton

### MAY

- 5-6 Sarnia  
5-6 Cobourg  
15-20 **Farmington Hills, MI Regional**  
19-21 Peterborough  
27-Jun 2 CBF Bridge Week, Winnipeg

### JUNE

- 9-10 Kitchener-Waterloo  
11-17 District 2 STaC  
23-24 Port Franks

### JULY

- 3-8 **London Regional**  
19-29 **SUMMER NABC, NASHVILLE**

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