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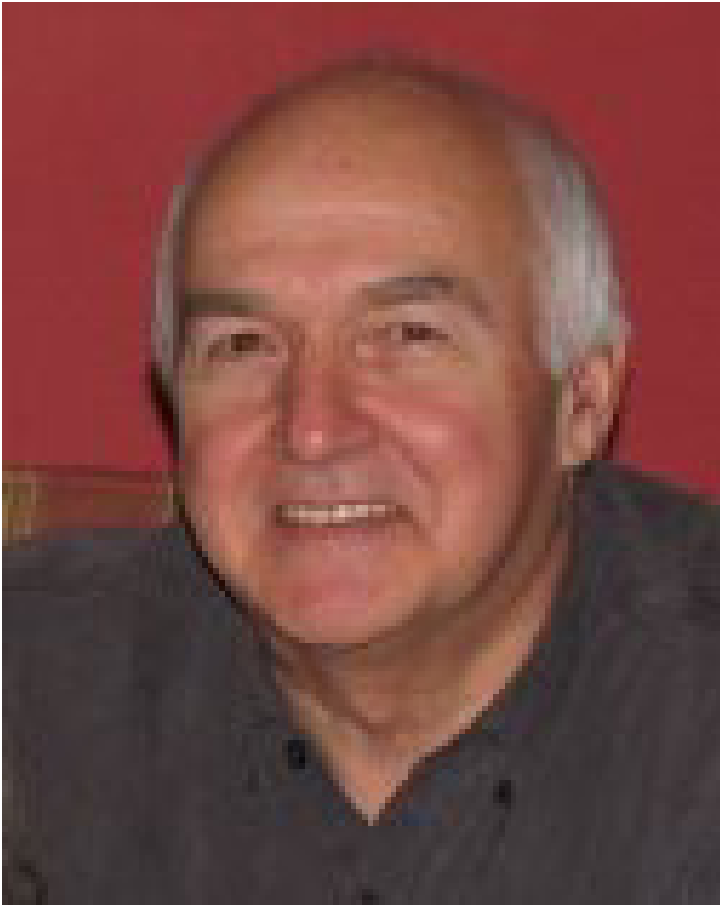


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Wayne Ruttan, winner of both the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant Awards for 2013.  
See Wayne's story on page 13.

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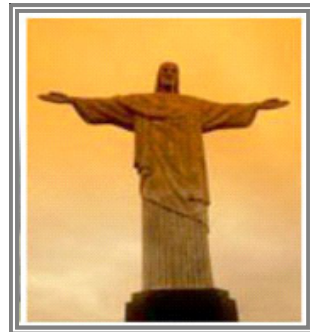
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**by Steve Rutledge (Canadian volunteer in Cambodia)**

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**Editor's Note:**

Each year, the Unit 166 Board of Directors invites nominations for the Audrey Grant and Kate Buckman Awards. The awards are for teacher of the year and for someone who contributes to others' enjoyment of the game, respectively. This year, extraordinarily, Wayne Ruttan has won both awards. Although the awards have previously both been won by the same person, this is the first time this has been achieved in the same year. Congratulations to Wayne.

Sally Rewbotham and Lorna Johnson have resigned as Unit 166 Board members, having served us diligently for many years. Sally was also the Kibitzer Liaison, making certain the editor stays on the straight and narrow. They will both be missed and will be very difficult to replace.

**John Carruthers**  
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*Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator*

# WAYNE RUTTAN WINS KATE BUCKMAN & AUDREY GRANT AWARDS



Wayne Ruttan receives his awards from Carol Bongard, president of Unit 166

Wayne Ruttan has garnered both the Kate Buckman Award and the Audrey Grant Award for 2013, an unprecedented feat. Both awards are for people in Unit 166 and the winners are decided by the Unit 166 Board of Directors. The Kate Buckman Award goes to the person who most increases others' enjoyment of the game and the Audrey Grant Award is for the Teacher of the Year. Ruttan professed amazement when informed of the honours and gave full credit to his wife Joyce.

Like most bridge players of his generation, Wayne's introduction to cards came at an early age - cards were the main source of entertainment for his family. He remembers playing 'war' with his sister Sharon on the floor of the back bedroom, slapping cards down

one after the other. Sharon was five years old and Wayne seven. Their parents taught them euchre soon after, so they learned the concepts of 'trick' and 'trump' quickly. Later they played penny-ante poker.

Wayne's introduction to bridge came at the age of 17. He had just started working as a junior draftsman at H.H. Angus Engineers. Bridge at lunch hour was popular with four of the engineers and Wayne quickly became interested because the idea of playing both one's own hand and partner's hand had advantages that were not available in euchre. Every once in a while the engineers let him sit in when one of them had to leave the table for some reason. He started playing in earnest at the age of 19 with a poker-playing buddy (who was, and still is, a great high-stakes poker player).

Wayne and his partner played at Kate Buckman's and the Japanese Cultural Centre a few times with moderate success. One time at Kate's, Wayne's friend suggested they enter the dollar pool, but Wayne confesses to chickening out, figuring there was no way they would win. They did win, and could have won around 20 dollars, a fact Wayne's friend never lets him forget. Then, at the age of 20,



Wayne Ruttan and his wife Joyce, who he avers is the reason behind his success

Joyce and Wayne were married and his bridge-playing career came to a crashing halt. The combination of having kids but no money took all their time, as it did for many other bridge players.

Wayne got back on the bridge bandwagon at the age of 50 with money in the bank and the kids pretty much on their own. His friend and former partner was deeply involved in poker and golf so was not available. However, sister Sharon was, so they took a series of lessons at Kate's and started a partnership. Wayne says that he was unfortunately not the greatest partner in the world - he was, by his own admission, too competitive and made life miserable for Sharon. He still regrets that, but did learn to become a nicer partner. About a year later, Joyce decided she had enough of staying at home while Wayne played a couple of nights a week and so began their partnership. It was very rocky for the first five years, but eventually, he says, Wayne saw the light and they

always enjoy their games together now.

George Halasi (father of David and Charles) is Wayne's other regular partner. They have been playing together for about 17 years and know each other well. Wayne enjoys their games and feels fortunate to have George as a partner. Wayne says George is a fine player, especially excellent on declarer play and defence, but best of all, he is very forgiving of Wayne's mistakes.

Wayne's bridge-teaching career began around 1998 when Barbara Seagram asked if he would consider taking over the Monday night 'Introduction to Duplicate Bridge' game for Barbara's students. Barb needed a replacement for Patti Lee, who was retiring. Having never taught before, Wayne eagerly accepted the new challenge and quickly found that he thoroughly enjoyed teaching and that it seemed to come naturally to him. He says it also helped to have students that wanted to learn.

Later, Barbara asked Wayne to start teaching her Basic and Intermediate courses at Kate's, where he got to see the Master in action - he sat in to watch and learn from Barbara herself, keeping copious notes and witnessing her skills as a teacher. Wayne says he owes Barbara a lot for giving him those opportunities. Wayne also gives credit to Bonny Norris and Alex Kornel for helping him to develop as a Director.



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When Kate's folded, Wayne prepared a letter for all of his Monday-night Beginner players and suggested other bridge clubs they could try. One of the players suggested that Wayne start his own club instead. He thought, "Why not?" Barbara Seagram agreed to have the game sanctioned through the Barbara Seagram School of Bridge and to have the results posted on her website. Barbara recommended Wayne's club to her basic and intermediate students when they finished their courses. Wanda Pearce and Shawn Mahood, who teach at the Toronto Board of Education also started sending their pupils and Enid Roitman began to recommend Wayne's game to her pupils. Wayne

feels he owes a debt of gratitude to all of them.

From this beginning, Joyce and Wayne now run two games a week for Beginners and Intermediate players. Monday night averages 8-10 tables and Tuesday night averages 18-20 tables. They are now called 'Wayne's Bridge World' and hope (tongue in cheek) not to get a call from Mike Myers' lawyers!

Bridge has given Joyce and Wayne many friends over these years, not only in bridge, but outside bridge as well. Wayne wants to thank all of those in the bridge community for their kind words of support and friendship. He is extremely grateful for these awards of recognition.



# Audrey Grant Receives Honorary Member Award from ACBL



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## Newer Players' Corner



By Audrey  
Grant

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### Unblocking by the Defenders

(Continued from the  
Spring 2013 issue.)

In our last issue we learned that the defenders sometimes have to play high cards on their partner's honour cards to help establish and/or run a suit.

Defenders have to value link cards more than honours to avoid blocking suits. Consider this deal where West leads the five of diamonds against three notrump:

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

To the first trick, we're playing third hand only as high as necessary and contributing the ten of diamonds. South wins the king and leads a club, which partner wins with the ace. With such a successful start, it looks as if we're defeating the contract. Partner plans to take the ace of diamonds, followed by the queen, the nine and finally, the two, the defeating trick.

The cards we follow suit with are critical. If we play the three of diamonds on the ace followed by the six on the queen, when partner plays the nine of diamonds, we'll win the trick with the jack. Although partner's two of diamonds is a winner, we can't get there. It's up to us to get out of the way.

To defeat three notrump, we have to unblock; to throw the jack of diamonds under either the ace or queen of diamonds. Now when the nine of diamonds is played, our last diamond is lower than the nine. Partner keeps the lead and can now play the two of diamonds.

Throwing away the jack of diamonds might seem dangerous, but we can imagine partner has four or more diamonds to have led the suit against three notrump. We also have four, so declarer has at most three. The first trick was won by the king of diamonds and partner's ace-queen will remove whatever other diamonds declarer has. We don't need to keep the jack. Whatever diamonds partner has left will be winners.

Here's a difficult example from the other side of the table. We lead the five of hearts against three notrump and see this:

**North (Dummy)**

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

**West (Us)**

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

Partner wins the first trick with the queen of hearts and declarer follows suit with the four. Partner returns the three of hearts on which declarer plays the ten. It might seem automatic to play the eight, but that won't defeat the contract if the full layout is something like this:

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

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

Declarer wins the ace of hearts and drives out our ace of diamonds. We take the king and jack of hearts, but that only holds declarer to nine tricks. Meanwhile, partner is sitting with a fifth heart which we can never reach.

Once we are familiar with unblocking, we should consider the situation before playing the eight of hearts to the second trick. The return of the three of hearts - partner's original fourth best - and declarer's play of the ten are both indications that partner may have started with five hearts. In that case, it's up to us to get out of the way by unblocking the king or jack under dummy's ace. Then when we win the ace of diamonds, we can take our high heart and lead the carefully preserved eight of hearts over to partner's nine and let partner take the setting tricks. What a partnership effort!

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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# THE TAMING OF SMÉAGOL

**Richard Hills**

*Still round the corner there may wait  
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And though I oft have passed them by  
The day will come at last when I  
Shall take the relay bids that run  
West of the Moon and East of the  
Sun.*

The bogs of the Dead Marshes were as tortuous as a result merchant, so Frodo Baggins and Sam Gamgee needed a guide. The strange, schizoid creature Sméagol-Gollum could help them, but only if he/they was mastered in a bridge encounter.

## **Sméagol**

♠ 1062  
♥ Q10  
♦ K2  
♣ AK10876

## **Frodo**

♠ A973  
♥ A8652  
♦ 7  
♣ Q52

## **Sam**

♠ K  
♥ 974  
♦ QJ9653  
♣ J43

## **Gollum**

♠ QJ854  
♥ KJ3  
♦ A1084  
♣ 9

Sméagol opened one club, Sam preempted three diamonds, Gollum bid three notrump, and all passed.

Frodo's diamond lead was won in the dummy, and a low spade played to Sam's bare king. Sam returned the

queen of diamonds to Gollum's ace. Frodo won the third round of spades with the ace, and made a transportation-cutting low-club return to dummy's ace. Gollum overtook the queen of hearts with the king – but Frodo won the ace and made a further transportation cut with a heart return. Dummy's ten won. When Gollum played Sméagol's king of clubs, discarding a diamond from hand, Frodo routinely unblocked the queen. Now Sam could take the setting tricks with the jack of clubs and winning diamonds.

Gollum hissed, "Baggins, we hates it, we hates it forever."

## **Gollum**

♠ AJ9  
♥ K764  
♦ QJ843  
♣ J

## **Sam**

♠ 10843  
♥ AQ3  
♦ 95  
♣ K864

## **Frodo**

♠ 72  
♥ 5  
♦ AK1072  
♣ A10752

## **Sméagol**

♠ KQ65  
♥ J10982  
♦ 6  
♣ Q93

Gollum opened one diamond, which caused Frodo to pass throughout, and eventually Sméagol declared four hearts. Sam led a spade, Sméagol overtaking Gollum's nine with his queen. The jack of hearts won the second trick, and Sam's ace of hearts the third. Had Frodo been sitting West he would now have

found the killing king of clubs switch. Sam, however, chose a routine four of clubs instead.

Frodo did not give up. After he won the ace of clubs, he deceptively continued with the ace of diamonds and the seven of diamonds! Naturally Sméagol made the losing decision to attempt to ruff out “Sam’s diamond king”.

“Clever master,” Sméagol whimpered.

**Sam**  
 ♠ 10932  
 ♥ A9  
 ♦ Q103  
 ♣ AK54

**Sméagol**  
 ♠ A84  
 ♥ J8532  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ 632

**Gollum**  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ 107  
 ♦ K9876  
 ♣ QJ1097

**Frodo**  
 ♠ KQJ75  
 ♥ KQ64  
 ♦ A42  
 ♣ 8

Sam opened a weak notrump. True to his nature, Gollum perpetrated the evil Unusual Two Notrump convention. When Frodo now bid spades, he was unable to restrain Sam’s enthusiasm for rope – Sam “hanged” Frodo by putting him into a precarious six-spade contract.

Sméagol led a club. Frodo won dummy’s ace, and immediately ruffed a low club with the king of spades. The queen of spades was led to Sméagol’s ace, and Frodo won

the trump return with dummy’s spade ten. Sam’s remaining low club was ruffed with the jack of spades. Frodo now drew Sméagol’s last trump with Sam’s nine of spades.

Gollum’s interference now guided Frodo to the winning path. Frodo called for dummy’s queen of diamonds, which Gollum had to cover with the king. Winning the ace of diamonds, Frodo returned to dummy with the ace of hearts to cash Sam’s remaining black winners. This was the position on Sam’s last trump:

**Sam**  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ 103  
 ♣ —

**Sméagol**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ J85  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ —

**Gollum**  
 Invisible

**Frodo**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ KQ6  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ —

On the two of spades, Frodo discarded the four of diamonds and Sméagol was squeezed into submission.

So Sméagol-Gollum now had to guide Frodo and Sam on the safe path through the Dead Marshes. But could they successfully make an avoidance play when they arrived at the Black Gate?



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**A/X Swiss Teams** - Paul Thurston, Wellington ON; Isabelle Smith - Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Samantha Nystrom, Toronto ON. **B/C/D Swiss Teams** - Donald Lough, Markham ON; Ambrose Ng, Thornhill ON; Sandra Wong - Vincent Kwong, Toronto ON. **Sun A/X Swiss** - Paul Thurston, Wellington ON; Jeffrey Smith - Isabelle Smith, Ottawa ON; Samantha Nystrom, Toronto ON. **Sun B/C/D Swiss** - Thambi Sivarajah, Markham ON; Thuraiappah Ramachandran - Sellamutto Jeyanathan, Scarborough ON; Thambyayah Skanthavarathan, Thornhill ON.

**Sudbury Sectional**  
**Sudbury ON**  
**Feb 22-23-24, 2013**

**Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Sharon Crawford - Marie Church, Sudbury ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Jack Campbell - Jean Harris, North Bay ON. **Friday Aft Newcomer Pairs** - Ken Langille - Colette Gagne, Sudbury ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Michel Malette - Jennifer O'Hara, Sudbury ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Wilma Castonguay, Chelmsford ON; Margaret Corbett, Sudbury ON. **Saturday Morn Open Pairs** - Bill Moffatt - Anne Harris, Sudbury ON. **Saturday Morn 299er Pairs** - Cheryl Mahaffy - Sandra Jonasson, Sudbury ON. **Saturday Aft Open Pairs** - Brian

Thomas, Tilden Lake ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Wilma Castonguay, Chelmsford ON; Margaret Corbett, Sudbury ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Dan Bouillon - Marie Church, Sudbury ON; Gail Payne - John Ducklow, Nobel ON.

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5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> - Les Amoils, Toronto  
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Yan Wang, Scarborough ON;  
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### Mini-McKenney Awards

0-5	Jean Harris, North Bay ON	101
5-20	Gabriel Pascal, Toronto ON	78
20-50	Vincent Kwong, Toronto ON	151
50-100	Darlene Scott, Oakville ON	162
100-200	Alba Saptel, Ajax ON	148
200-300	Sarah Hillel, Toronto ON	184
300-500	Steven Mehta, Mississauga ON	370
500-1000	Shan Huang, Toronto ON	701
1000-2500	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	453
2500-5000	Fay Teal, Mesa AZ	1015
5000-7500	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	1080
7500-10,000	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	580
Over 10,000	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	1024

### Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards

0-5	Shawn Tuttle, London ON	72
5-20	Gabriel Pascal, Toronto ON	65
20-50	Vincent Kwong, Toronto ON	69
50-100	Jinsheng Huang, Guelph ON	71
100-200	Patricia Ungaro, Toronto ON	98
200-300	Sarah Hillel, Toronto ON	86
300-500	Steven Mehta, Mississauga ON	210
500-1000	Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON	152
1000-2500	Brian Macartney, Vineland ON	215
2500-5000	Jeremy Smee, St Catharines ON	249
5000-7500	Robert Colton, Tillsonburg ON	251
7500-10,000	Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON	277
Over 10,000	Hans Jacobs, Brighton ON	67

### Category Leaders

Youth	Sarah Sims, Newmarket ON	36
Junior	Shan Huang, Toronto ON	70
Senior	Arno Hobart, Markham ON	45
Top 500	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	1080

Lifetime MP	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	16,427
Bronze LM	Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON	262
Silver LM	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	453
Gold LM	Fay Teal, Mesa AZ	1015
Diamond LM	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	1080
Emerald LM	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	580
Platinum LM	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	1024
Grand LM	George Mittelman, Toronto ON	144
Sectional	Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON	155
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In 2012 the winners in CBF Zone III (ACBL Units 166, 246 and 249) were:

0-5	Peter M Hess, Vaughan, ON	43
5-20	Gabriel Pascal, Toronto, ON	78
20-50	Doug Elliott, Egmondville, ON	99
50-100	Thea Davis, Eden Mills, ON	116
100-200	Alison Burkett, Kitchener, ON	138
200-300	Aaron Hillel, Toronto, ON*	183
300-500	Steven Mehta, Mississauga, ON*	370
500-1000	Shan Huang, Toronto, ON*	705
1000-2500	Leslie Amoils, Toronto, ON*	592
2500-5000	Fay Teal, Mesa, AZ*	1015
5000-7500	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo, ON	1219

\* National Winner

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N.B.: Points listed in ACBL Master Point Races do not include those won in events restricted to Canadians such as the CNTC. These points are, however, included in the CBF totals.

# BUNGLE THESE HANDS WITH ME

By John Cunningham

## Saving Partner?

With neither side vulnerable, I hold ♠A952 ♥KQ ♦J4 ♣K9653 in a local pairs game. RHO opens one spade in second chair and I venture an unsound two clubs. Partner calls two notrump, which I take as natural, rather than some sort of club raise. I pass this, only to have LHO chime in with three hearts. When this comes back to me, I reflect that if they were vulnerable, I'd probably risk a double, but they're not, so I pass. The auction:

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

All Pass

Partner leads the club deuce and dummy proudly tables:

♠ QJ1083	
♥ J84	
♦ Q2	
♣ AQ10	
	♠ A952
	♥ KQ
	♦ J4
	♣ K9653

Declarer wins the ace of clubs in dummy and leads a low spade. My ace wins, declarer following with the four and partner the six (standard count and attitude). What now? Not a spade. Playing a trump seems least noxious, but I choose the club king, in case that deuce was a singleton, having

momentarily forgotten that partner bid 2NT as a passed hand. It was not a singleton but at least the king wasn't ruffed. Declarer has shown three black cards. Now I play the heart king. It too holds the trick. Partner apparently holds the ace of hearts, the king of spades and the ace or king of diamonds, but not both.

If I play a diamond now, and partner has the ace perhaps we'll be disadvantaged if she plays it. It's likely that declarer is 6-4, but it is just possible she's 5-5, in which case a second trump back may help. Partner knows from the bidding and play that I don't have a high diamond honour; and even if I do, there is no hurry to cash it. A club from her upon winning her ace of hearts is completely safe.

So I play my second heart, forcing partner to win. Back comes a diamond, handing over the contract. Declarer easily guessed to play the queen, by then knowing the location of all the high cards.

	♠ QJ1083	
	♥ J84	
	♦ Q2	
	♣ AQ10	
♠ K64		♠ A952
♥ A7		♥ KQ
♦ K9765		♦ J4
♣ J72		♣ K9653
	♠ 7	
	♥ 1096532	
	♦ A1083	
	♣ 84	

My unlikely play of a second heart, rather than a diamond, was just too



greedy. My target should have been merely to set the contract. I should have protected partner and not given her a chance to make a mistake. As a passed hand, partner could not hold as much as the king of spades, ace of hearts, ace of diamonds and jack of clubs. So perhaps the mistake is my own after all.

### The Marshall Plan

Filling in at the local duplicate club, as dealer, both vulnerable, I am dealt:  
 ♠AQ8 ♥KI0643 ♦10 ♣Q963.

I could pass, I suppose, but my intermediates are better than usual, so I unabashedly open the bidding with one heart. Partner bids two diamonds, and I have to consider my options. It happens that I am playing with someone who is also filling in, somewhat uncomfortably, as the Tournament Director of the game. Normally a reasonably competent soul, he is distracted by his other duties and we have not discussed our system in any detail.

I have a choice of repeating the hearts or rebidding two notrumps or three clubs. Three clubs has very little going for it. Two notrumps? Well, I do have stoppers in the black suits, and while I don't have the expected second diamond, at least I do have the ten.

What about two hearts? I generally play that as the default rebid: it doesn't promise anything more than desperation, but I am concerned that this partner might play me for six hearts.

Against my better judgement I opt for two notrump. Partner turns the screws by bidding four clubs. Since three clubs would have been natural and forcing, I suppose that he is making an enquiry for aces.

With no discussion on the matter, I bid four diamonds, I hope showing one key card for diamonds. Partner bounces majestically to six notrumps, then tables this dummy to go with my collection:

♠ KJ54  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ AKJ532  
 ♣ A8

♠ AQ8  
 ♥ KI0643  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ Q963

RHO's showing out on the opening spade lead portended bad things in the diamond suit. Sure enough, after I win the ace of spades in hand, East wins the ten of diamonds with the queen and returns the heart queen. A well-earned zero for us.

Partner was over-enthusiastic, I'd say, but the fault lay largely with my ill-advised two notrump call. He was entitled to better diamond support. And the sad thing is that I bid it knowing it was wrong!

Here are the East/West hands:

♠ 1097632	♠ —
♥ A8	♥ QJ975
♦ 6	♦ Q9874
♣ KJ102	♣ 754

While opening the bidding turned out poorly (or was it my later rebids?), I expect I shall continue to do so, thinking it useful on balance.

## Making Do

Early on in a game at the local club, I am dealt a perfect weak-notrump hand as dealer, both vulnerable, at match points: ♠J963 ♥A6 ♦Q94 ♣AJ63.

Unfortunately, we are not playing the weak no trump, so I must instead open one club. It's close, though.

Partner responds one diamond, leaving me to choose between rebidding one spade or one notrump. If I bid the reflexive one spade, partner will suspect that I have a distributional, or more concentrated, hand. So there is a case for one notrump. Be that as it may, one spade it is. Two hearts from partner. Fourth suit forcing to game: that pitiful crutch. It could be any number of hand types.

Oddly, for such a mundane hand, I seem to be having a plethora of choices in the bidding. Is two notrump automatic here? There is that heart stopper, and with only two of them, less of a lead advantage to having partner declare. It depends a bit on what partner is up to: I think it would be better to support the diamonds, though, so I'll risk bidding three diamonds.

Oops! Four diamonds from him. Now what? Can I pass four

diamonds? With some, I have the agreement that fourth suit forcing allows this. And, with the odd eccentric, a raise to four of our minor is key-card asking, for goodness' sake.

Anyway, pass is out. Four hearts? Seem automatic, doesn't it? But then, partner will place me with spades and be optimistic about my general strength. And, given my lack of a two notrump bid, may think four hearts depicts a distributional, not high-card, control. (He knows I don't have a no trump opener, I don't have concentrated spades, and I don't bid weak, short minors)

Should I bid six diamonds? No, I am quite some distance past junior age. So I bid five diamonds, albeit grudgingly. Partner passes. The complete deal:

♠ —	
♥ KQ75	
♦ AK107532	
♣ K7	
♠ KQ85	♠ A10742
♥ 109432	♥ J8
♦ J8	♦ 6
♣ 105	♣ Q9842
♠ J963	
♥ A6	
♦ Q94	
♣ AJ63	

So many decisions on the way to a bottom board! We were alone in declaring five diamonds. In retrospect, my refraining from calling four hearts was paternalistic and wrong. Masterminding even.

# DISTRICT 2

## 2013-14

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# Port Franks Vacation Sectional



Sat. June 22

Open Pairs Playthrough  
299's Pairs

Sun. June 23

Open Swiss Teams  
299's Swiss Teams

All sessions start at 11AM with the second session to be announced.

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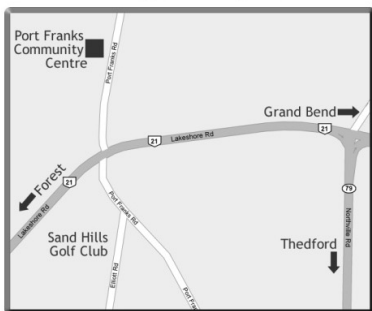
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Stratified Open Pairs	1pm & 7pm
0-300 Pairs (Single sessions)	1pm & 7pm

#### **Wednesday, July 17**

Soo Stratified Swiss (1 <sup>st</sup> session)	9am
Northern Bracketed KO (Rounds 3&4)	1pm & 7pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1pm & 7pm
Flight A/X (separate), Strat. B&C	
Wednesday Strat. Swiss – (Double session)	1pm & 7pm
0-300 Pairs (Single sessions )	1pm & 7pm

#### **Thursday, July 18**

Soo Stratified Swiss (2 <sup>nd</sup> session)	9am
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	1pm & 7pm
Flight A/X (Separate), Strat. B&C	
0-300 Pairs (Single sessions)	1pm & 7pm

## Friday, July 19

Hiawatha Stratified Swiss (1 <sup>st</sup> session )	9am
Algoma Bracketed KOs (Rounds 1&2)	1pm & 7pm
Stratified Open Pairs	1pm & 7pm
Flight A/X (separate), Strat B&C	
0-300 Pairs (Single sessions)	1pm & 7pm

## Saturday, July 20

Hiawatha Stratified Swiss 9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> session )	9am
Algoma Bracketed KO (Rounds 3&4)	1pm & 7pm
Stratified Open Pairs	1pm & 7pm
Saturday Strat. Swiss – (Double session)	1pm & 7pm
0-300 Pairs (Single sessions)	1pm & 7pm

## Sunday, July 21

Stratified Swiss Teams	9:30am
Playthrough	

Stratified Games: A 1500+ B 500-1500 C 0-500  
A/X: A 3000+ X 0-3000

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Pairs 0-5 MP

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All games are single-session events

**All events on Saturday are \$12.00 per player per session**

## Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>

*Stratiflighted SWISS TEAMS* 10:30 a.m. & TBD

Two-session playthrough

Flights - C: 0-500 B: 500-1500 X: 0-2500 A: 2500+

*Stratiflighted SWISS TEAMS* 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

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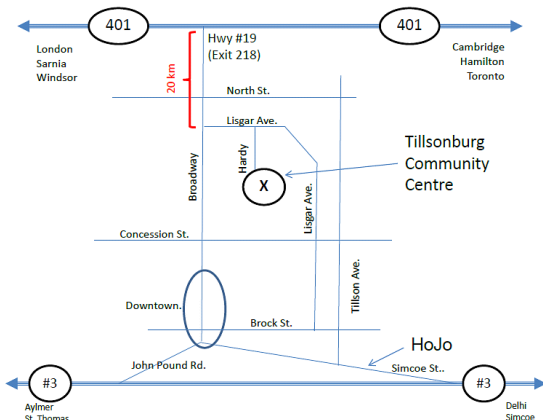
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<b>Friday, August 9</b> \$10/player per session	<b>Saturday, August 10</b> \$10/player per session	<b>Sunday, August 11</b> \$80/per team
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 pm / 7:00 pm</b> <i>Two-Session Play-Thru</i> <b>Senior Pairs – Stratified</b> Single-session entries welcomed A:1500+, B:500/LM-1500, C:0-500/NLM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:00 pm and 7:00 pm</b> <i>Single-Session Events</i> <b>Open Pairs – Stratified</b> A:1500+, B:500/LM-1500, C:0-500/NLM <b>I/N 299<sup>er</sup> Pairs - Stratified</b> A:100-300; B:20-100; C:0-20 (Dependent upon depth of field)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 am / 3:30 pm</b> <i>Two-Session Play-Thru</i> <b>Open Pairs – Stratiflighted</b> Single-session entries welcomed A/X - A:2500+, X:0-2500 B/C - B:500/LM-1500, C:0-500/NLM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 am and 3:30 pm</b> <i>Single-Session Events</i> <b>I/N 299<sup>er</sup> Pairs - Stratified</b> A: 100-300; B: 20-100; C: 0-20 (Dependent upon depth of field)</p> <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> <p>NEW!</p> <p>Saturday Lunch Available On-Site for \$6.00 per person</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 am / TBA</b> <b>Swiss Teams - Stratiflighted</b> A/X - A:2500+, X:0-2500 B/C - B:500/LM-1500, C:0-500/NLM <b>I/N 299<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams</b> Single sessions welcomed but MUST be in 1<sup>st</sup> Half.</p> <p>Free coffee and snacks Sunday lunch available on-site for \$6.00 Wine &amp; cheese Fri night Our catered lunches are rated A+ Excellent playing site Free parking Good dining nearby Friendly, relaxed atmosphere</p>

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# Bay of Quinte

SECTIONAL

**October 4, 5, and 6, 2013**  
**Trenton Senior Citizen Centre**

61 Bay Street, just off Hwy 2 (east side of Trenton)  
via Hwy 401 exit 526

**Presentation by Paul Thurston, Saturday 2:00 pm**

**Tournament Chairperson:**

Fran Beckingham (613)394-2892  
[franbeck@sympatico.ca](mailto:franbeck@sympatico.ca)

**Cost:**

\$11.00 per session  
\$2.00 extra for non ACBL members  
Sunday: \$108.00 per team inc. lunch

**Partnership:**

Lynne Hunter (613)392-0979  
[barlyn@sympatico.ca](mailto:barlyn@sympatico.ca)

**Friday October 4, 2013**

**7:30 pm** Open Pairs (single session)  
299er Pairs (single session)

**Saturday, October 5, 2013**

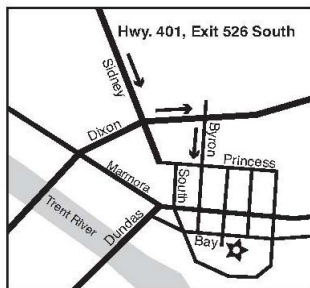
**10:00 am & 3:00 pm**  
Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 sessions)

**Sunday October 6, 2013**

**10:00 am**  
Swiss Teams with lunch between  
sessions\*

**Stratification:**

A=1500+, B=500-1499, C=0-499  
\*Swiss Teams by average



Trenton Senior Citizen Centre

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**Travelodge Trenton**

*Bay of Quinte Bridge Group Rate*

**\$75** per room (sleeps 4) if booked be-  
fore September 22nd 2013

**Reservations 1-866-906-6789**

# BARRIE REGIONAL\*

*Tuesday, September 17 – Sunday, September 22*

Please join us for fun, bridge, gold points and great hospitality at the  
**Army, Navy & Air Force Club (ANAF)**

7 George Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2G5  
(Hwy 400 & Dunlop Street)

**Fee:** \$15 per session (\$2 extra for non-ACBL members)

**Free Registration Gifts & Free Parking!**

**Where to Stay:** The gorgeous new **Monte Carlo Inns** is offering a special rate of \$99.90 per night (includes continental breakfast) for a traditional King or 2 Queen room and reduced rates on suites. It's located minutes from the playing site and provides free parking. Call 1-888-734-0070 and mention 'bridge tournament'. The cut-off date for the reduced rates is August 22, 2013.

In the same area are the following hotels: Best Western – 1-888-737-2262, Travelodge – 1-800-578-7878, and Comfort Inn – 1-800-4CHOICE.

## **Attention Intermediate & Novice Players!**

Don't miss the opportunity to receive free tips from some wonderful bridge experts. Talks are at 12 noon on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Beginners:** First time at a Regional? Welcome. Come and play your first session free.

### **\*\*\*\*Special GOLD RUSH games\*\*\*\***

If you have 750 masterpoints or less, win gold in this special event if you place in B. The event is stratified as follows: B = 300 – 750, C = 0 – 300. See Schedule for dates.

**Tournament Chair** – Linda Lord, [lindaleelord@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaleelord@hotmail.com), 905-713-9141.

**Partnerships** – Marg MacFarlane, [mpmacf@rogers.com](mailto:mpmacf@rogers.com), 905-535-3343.

**Location** – Hwy 400 to Dunlop St. East exit. Proceed east to Anne St. (2<sup>nd</sup> street) and turn south (right) one block to George St. Turn right again and the ANAF is on left side.

**\*Split with Thunder Bay Regional - pair events are shared and offer extra masterpoints.**

# SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, Sept. 17

Stratflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday Bracketed KO <i>sessions 1 &amp; 2 of 4</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games.....	1 & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series* <i>5 sessions Tue–Sat</i> .....	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series* <i>5 sessions Tue–Sat</i> .....	7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams <i>one session</i> .....	7 pm

## Wednesday, Sept. 18

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO I <i>finishes Thursday morning</i> .....	9 am
GOLD RUSH Stratflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C) <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday Bracketed KO continued, <i>sessions 3 &amp; 4</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Wednesday Compact KO <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games.....	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams <i>one session</i> .....	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* <i>at</i> .....	9 am, 1 & 7 pm

## Thursday, Sept. 19

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO I <i>final session</i> .....	9 am
GOLD RUSH Stratflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C) <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Thursday Compact KO <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games.....	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams <i>one session</i> .....	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* <i>at</i> .....	9 am, 1 & 7 pm

## Friday, Sept. 20

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO II <i>finishes Saturday morning</i> .....	9 am
Stratflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Friday & Saturday Bracketed KO <i>sessions 1 &amp; 2 of 4</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Friday Compact KO <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games.....	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams <i>one session</i> .....	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* <i>at</i> .....	9 am, 1 & 7 pm

## Saturday, Sept. 21

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO II <i>final session</i> .....	9 am
GOLD RUSH Stratflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C) <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Friday & Saturday Bracketed KO continued, <i>sessions 3 &amp; 4</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Saturday Compact KO <i>two sessions</i> .....	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams <i>one session</i> .....	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Games Series* <i>at</i> .....	9 am, 1 & 7 pm

## Sunday, Sept. 22

Stratflighted Swiss Teams.....	11 am & TBD
0–299er Swiss Teams.....	11 am & TBD

\***Side Game Series:** Use your 2 best scores and be eligible for gold points - whether you play with the same or with different partners!

**Stratflighted:** A = open, X = 0-3000; B = 1000–2000, C = 300–1000, D = 0–300

**GOLD RUSH Stratflighted:** A = open, X = 0–3,000; B = 300–750; C = 0-300

**Intermediate/Novice:** A = max. 300, B = 100–200, C = 50–100, D = less than 50.

**Flights, Strats and Brackets:** Are based on Average Points. Averaging cannot allow a player to compete in a strat which has a maximum number of points less than the player's total points.

**Compact KO Teams:** Must have only 4 players.



# Collingwood's Blue Mountain

## Sectional Bridge Tournament

October 18-20, 2013



**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 490 Ontario Street, Collingwood**

**NOTE:** As per ACBL policy, Stratification Rankings for Open Pairs and Open Swiss Teams events will be based on the Average of the players' masterpoint totals.

<p><b>Friday, Oct. 18</b> <b>1:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Stratified Open Pairs</b> <b>299<sup>er</sup> Pairs</b> (One-session events)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, Oct. 19</b> <b>12:00 &amp; 6:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Stratified Open Pairs</b> (Two-session event - Single session entries welcome)</p> <p><b>299<sup>er</sup> Pairs</b> (Two 1-session events)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, Oct. 20</b> <b>10:30 a.m. &amp; TBA</b></p> <p><b>Open Swiss Teams</b> (Two-session, Stratified event)</p> <p><b>299<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams</b> (Two 1-session events)</p>
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**We are  
back in  
Scenic  
Collingwood!**

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

**Prizes & Great Hospitality!**

**Tournament Chairman:**

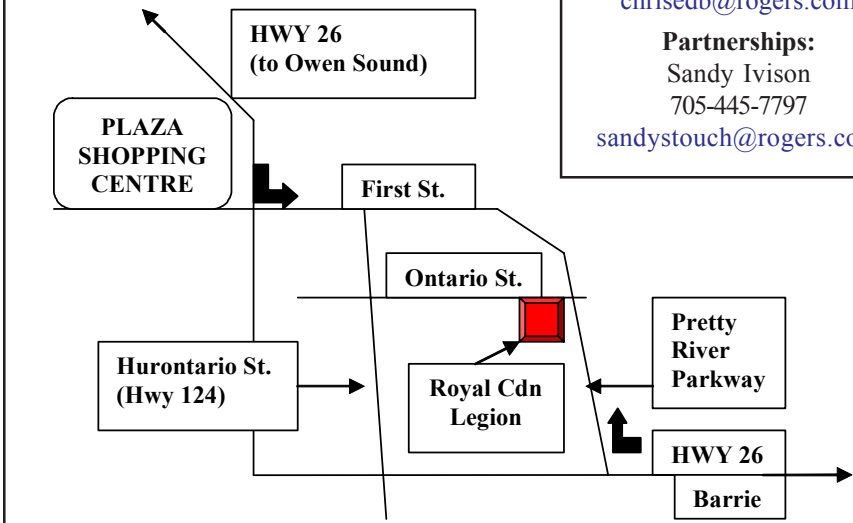
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# Hazel's Bridge Club



## SCHEDULE

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<b>Mon</b>	9.30 Lesson Series w/Hazel Intermediate	12.30 Open Stratified 12.30 Side Game	7.15 Open Stratified
<b>Tue</b>	9.15 Bagels & Bridge	12.30 Open Stratified	7.00 Pre-game Lesson/ Intermed. Duplicate
<b>Wed</b>	9.30 Bridge Clinic/Refresher Series with Steve	12.30 Open Stratified 12.30 Side Game	7:15 Team League
<b>Thu</b>	9.30 Bridge Practice w/Hazel	12.30 Open Stratified	
<b>Fri</b>	9.00 Pre-game Lesson 9.15 Friendly Game w/Bagels	12.00 Bagels & Cheese 12.30 Open Stratified	
<b>Sat</b>		12.30 Open Stratified w/Optional Pool	7.15 Open Stratified
<b>Sun</b>		12.30 Open Stratified	

**Saturday Afternoon and Monday Night games are only \$5 (for members)**  
These games are increasing in size. Come and join us!

**Sunday Afternoons are only \$3 for everyone!**

**Win a game with Gavin Wolpert** - Play in special weekend games from now until July, and based on your attendance (and scoring for tiebreakers) you can play with Gavin during the summer!

**Welcome to our new partner, [www.thecommongame.com](http://www.thecommongame.com).** With The Common Game, we will be playing the same hands as many clubs in North America. You can then go to the site, get overall winners. Plus, you will find expert writeups on some hands.

**Beginner Lessons** are available throughout the year. Check our website for details.

**Check for lessons, team league info  
& special events on our website**

**Free Parking for Bridge and Shopping**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Centerpoint Mall  
Corner of Yonge & Steeles in North York  
(416) 221-0069**

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

# *Tournament Trail*

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## 2013

### MAY

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- 6-12     District 2 STaC
- 13-19   Farmington Hills, MI Reg'l
- 18-19   Peterborough \*
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- 25-1     Canadian Championships,  
            Toronto

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### DECEMBER

No Listings

**Deadline for the Fall 2013 Kibitzer: June 15, 2013**

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