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Editor's Note

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In the last issue I asked for donations of old issues of the Kibitzer. Thank you to four readers and long-time bridge players for their kind offerings: Sami Kehela, John Gowdy, John Doucette, and John Stevens. Mr. Kehela mentioned to me he is selling his extensive collection of bridge books and magazines. Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing.

And lastly, on a sad note, Ontario lost a longtime director and Unit Board Treasurer; Joan Richardson passed away in January.

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2016 RICHMOND TROPHY RACE

Shan Huang has done it again: winning the Richmond Trophy for his third time and setting a personal best for most masterpoints won in one year.

Congratulations, Shan! Here is the rest of the top 10.

1	Shan Huang	Toronto,	ON	2345.82
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4	Dan Jacob	Vancouver,	BC	1523.59
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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 an historic tournament weekend - they are set aside for you.

Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

UNIT 249 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Unit 249 will hold an election in June this year to elect ten (10) directors at large to serve a two-year term on the Unit 249 Board of Directors. Anyone interested in standing for election must submit a Nomination Form to the Unit Secretary, not later than April 17, 2017.

Nomination Forms

A copy of the Nomination Form appears below. If you wish to submit a nomination, simply print a copy of the form, complete it and return the form to the Unit Secretary by mail or email at the addresses shown on the form. Additionally, the Nomination Form is being sent to each club manager to ensure availability at each club.

Voting System

In 2015 Unit 249 tried a new voting system under which members could vote on a secure internet site, by mail, or in person. This approach proved to be an extremely popular method of voting, with over 31% of the members voting. A similar system will be used this year.

Members with email addresses registered with the ACBL will receive their ballots and voting instructions by email. Those members without a registered email address will receive their package by post. Additionally, all members may download a voting package from the Unit 249 website after May 30, 2017. Finally, all members who wish to vote in person may do so at the K-W Summerfest Sectional, to be held in Cambridge, ON June 17-18, 2017.

Is Your Contact Information Current?

Members are encouraged to check that their email and mailing addresses on file with the ACBL are current. This is easily done by logging into the ACBL website www.acbl.org and clicking on the “My ACBL Login” tab. Then, follow the links by clicking on the “Update My Information” tab to verify that your current contact information is on file.

Candidate Profiles

Each person for whom nomination forms are properly submitted will be contacted by the Unit Secretary to provide a brief biographical profile. Watch for a full list of the candidates and their profiles in the May issue of “*The Kibitzer*”.

NOMINATION FORM

For Directors at Large

South Western Ontario Bridge Association
Unit 249, American Contract Bridge League

In accordance with the Unit 249 Constitution, Unit 249 will hold an election in June 2017 to fill ten (10) positions of Director at Large on the Board of Directors for the unit. The positions are for a two-year term.

We wish to nominate the following person:

Nominee	ACBL #	Signature of Nominee
_____	_____	_____
		<i>I hereby accept this nomination</i>

Nominated by:

Nominators (2)	ACBL #	Signature of Nominators
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Nominee and Nominators must be members in good standing of the ACBL.
Nominations must be received not later than April 17, 2017.
LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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Scanned copy of signed form may be emailed to:
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Date of Receipt: _____
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Conot Two Notrump & Improving Drury

By Ray Jotcham

A convention that can be used in conjunction with two-way Stayman is the Conot two notrump response to 1NT. It is sort of 'minor-suit Stayman' which simply asks opener to bid his longer minor. With equal length, opener bids 3♣.

Why use it? Well, if responder is weak, he has gotten out of a dangerous notrump contract into the relative safety of a suit contract. If he is strong, he has started to describe his hand to partner who may then determine if his values are such as to encourage partner to bid a slam or even a grand slam.

What sort of hand should responder have? A prime requisite is that both of his minors **must** be at least **five cards** in length. This is the safety net of the convention. Responder knows that he will find at least an eight-card fit with partner, and has raised the auction to a level where the opponents will be uncomfortable competing for the contract.

What if responder has a good hand? With a 5-5 hand or better in the minors, he must have a singleton or void, so simply bids his **shortness** at the three-level. With no high cards in responder's short suit, opener will immediately sense the possibility of a slam on the "**thirty point deck**" principle (the opponents' high cards in your short suit have been reduced to a state of being useless on defense).

In order for 3NT to be a viable contract, opener **must have a double stopper** in responder's short suit. Otherwise, if responder's suits aren't immediately set up (e.g. the ace in one minor is missing), the opponents will be able to run their suit when they obtain the lead.

What constitutes a double stopper? The following are guaranteed double stoppers:

A K A Q K Q 10 K J 10 9 K Q J A J 10

A J 9 8 Q J 10 x Q J 9 8 x J 10 9 x x K J 9 8 A 10 9 8

Weaken some of these holdings by taking away some of the supporting cards, and they may be double stoppers against certain combination of the defenders' cards, but not all. For example, change K J 10 9 to K J 3 2, you have only one guaranteed stopper when the suit is led.

If opener's holding in partner's shortness is sketchy, where can the contract end up? If opener has a very strong four card major, he may try for a "Moysian Fit," playing game in a known seven-card fit (or even a six-card fit, using responder's trumps to control the opponents' strength in the short suit while declarer is setting up the minor suits). With a more modest holding in the unbid major, five or six in the minor suit fit should be playable.

Some examples:

1.	♠ J x x x ♥ A K x ♦ Q x x x ♣ A J	♠ x ♥ x x ♦ J x x x x ♣ Q x x x x	INT 3♦	2NT P	On a bad day, 3♦ might go down, but INT has no play whatsoever and may in fact be held to down four!
2.	♠ J x x x ♥ A K x ♦ Q x x x ♣ A J	♠ x x ♥ x ♦ K J x x x ♣ K Q x x x	INT 3♦ 3NT	2NT 3♥ P	Here, the combined six-card holding in spades together with a double heart stopper makes 3NT a good spot.
3.	♠ J x x x ♥ A K x ♦ Q x x x ♣ A J	♠ x ♥ x x ♦ K J x x x ♣ K Q x x x	INT 3♦ 4♦	2NT 3♠ 5♦	The weakness in spades makes 3NT undesirable, so game in the minor is reached.
4.	♠ J x x x ♥ A K x ♦ Q x x x ♣ A J	♠ - ♥ x x x ♦ K J x x x ♣ K Q x x x	INT 3♦ 4♦ 5♥	2NT 3♠ 4♠ 6♦ P	The void in spades makes this a perfect 30-point deck, and slam is easy to bid!
5.	♠ J x x x ♥ A K x ♦ Q x x x ♣ A J	♠ - ♥ x x x ♦ A K x x x ♣ K Q x x x	INT 3♦ 4♦ 5♥	2NT 3♠ 4♠ 7♦ P	If opener has enough to bid 5♥, then responder must have enough to bid the grand slam!

To this point, we've only looked at hands where there is a nine-card fit. What about hands where there is only an 8-card fit? Note that the notrump bidder must have at least **one** 3-card minor since who would open 1NT with nine major-suit cards?

6.	♠ J x x x ♥ K Q J x ♦ Q x x ♣ A Q x	♠ - ♥ A x x ♦ J x x x x ♣ K J x x x	1NT 3♣ 4♥	2NT 3♠ P	Weakness in spades, a good 4-card heart suit, and the ability to take ruffs in the short hand make this a great Moysian fit.
7.	♠ J x x ♥ K J x x x ♦ A x ♣ A Q x	♠ x ♥ A Q ♦ J x x x x ♣ K J x x x	1NT 3♣ 4♥	2NT 3♠ P	With a strong heart holding, responder "knows" opener must have five hearts. Game in the higher scoring major is reached.
8.	♠ K Q 10 ♥ A J x ♦ Q x x ♣ K x x x	♠ - ♥ 10 x x ♦ K J x x x ♣ A J x x x	1NT 3♣ 3NT	2NT 3♠ P	Having a void is no reason to give up on 3NT as a resting place even when a 9-card fit exists.
9.	♠ Q x x ♥ A K x x x ♦ K 10 ♣ A J x	♠ x ♥ x x ♦ A Q J x x ♣ K 10 x x x	1NT 3♣ 4♥ P	2NT 3♠ 5♣	3NT is a terrible contract with virtually no spade stopper, whereas 5♣ may make six with a good club guess.

Occasionally responder strikes gold in the opener's hand and finds partner with a 5-card minor or a good 4-card minor and prime controls.

10.	♠ x x x H.A K x ♦ A K x x x ♣ J x	♠ x H. x x ♦ x x x x x ♣ Q x x x x	1NT 4♦	2NT P	What happened to the spade contract for the opponents? If there is a diamond void, the opponents can make ten tricks in spades.
11.	♠ x x x ♥ A Q x ♦ A K x x x ♣ Q x	♠ - ♥ x x x ♦ x x x x x ♣ A K x x x	1NT 4♦ 5♥ P	2NT 4♠ 6♦	Again the 30-point deck makes an appearance. With hardly the values to invite game, responder now invites slam!

What happens if responder just has a hand suitable for a raise to 2NT, but does not have a 4-card major? He tells a fib, and uses Stayman. Over opener's rebid, he simply bids 2NT, saying "I have 8 or 9 points for you, but I may not have a 4-card major. If you wish to accept my invitation to game, you may rebid a 5-card major, bid another 4-card major (just in case!), or bid 3NT."

Note: the 2NT rebid must be alerted!

This principle can be extended to the auction

INT 3NT

using the direct call of 3NT as a mild slam try, equivalent to the standard balanced slam try of

INT 4NT

Sometimes you do run into a lie of cards where nine tricks are easy, but a tenth trick is not. Also, using this technique leaves the 4-level open to investigate for a minor suit slam. If no fit is found, you are no worse off than a standard pair bidding 4NT directly.

Coincidentally, Al Roth in 'Picture Bidding' used 2S, 3C, and 3H to show 5-5 minor suit hands with invitational values, game-going values, and slam tries respectively. However as we have seen, big fits can produce lots of tricks on few points. Al always liked to have extras, both in opening and competing for the contract.

Improving Drury

Drury is a very useful convention, but it has more ramifications than just showing a fit. As it was originally written, Drury handled many varieties of hands. For example, assume opener has bid 1♠ in third chair; what does responder bid with each of the following hands?

- | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| a) ♠xxx | b) ♠xxx | c) ♠xxx | d) ♠xxx | e) ♠Kxxx | f) ♠Kxxx |
| ♥Axxx | ♥Axx | ♥Axx | ♥Ax | ♥Axx | ♥Ax |
| ♦Kxxx | ♦Kxxx | ♦Kxx | ♦Kxx | ♦Kxx | ♦Kxx |
| ♣K10x | ♣Axxx | ♣K109xx | ♣K109xxx | ♣J10x | ♣J10xx |

With the first three hands, you might be tempted to bid 2NT, but this is fraught with danger. If partner is weak, he may pass, and you may lose your best spot (possibly hearts on hand a) and clubs on hand c), and either minor on hand b). If Drury guarantees a fit, you have no good way to show hand d). Finally on hands e) and f), we have real support, but one has a pancake shape and the other has a ruffing value (and only 8-losers, using the Losing Trick Count (LTC)). Drury can handle all of these quite nicely, using the following scheme.

- P 1♠
 ? - 2♣ - asks if opener would accept opposite a three-card limit raise - since **responder may not have spades**, opener should go slowly.
 - 2♦, 2♥ - at least a five-card suit, with 10-11 HCP
 - 2♠ - 6-9 HCP, support
 - 2NT - 10-11 HCP, doubleton spade, 4-4 in minors (occasionally 2-2-5-4). See hand b).
 - if opener bids three of a minor, he is getting out.
 - 3♠ - 4 spades, 10-11 HCP, and a ruffing value (8-loser hand). Hand f).

- P 1♠
 2♣ ? - 2♦ - either a minimum opener with no game interest or a good hand with 4+ diamonds
 - 2♥ - a sound opener with both majors
 - 2♠ - a sound opener with 5+ spades
 - 2NT - I like to play this as exactly 14 HCP with 5 spades. (A maximum minimum hand)
 - 3♣ - 5+ spades, 4+ clubs, good hand (forcing)
 - 3♦, 3♥ - at least 5-5 distribution, and a good hand (may be 14 HCP with two strong suits, e.g. ♠ A K x x x ♥ A Q J x x ♦ xx ♣ x)
 - 3♠ - 6+ strong spades, forcing (with real support, responder should cue-bid.)
 - 3NT - 18-19 HCP, 5 spades

- P 1♠
 2♣ 2♦ - 2♥ - shows **exactly** 4 hearts, may not have good spade support
 ? - opener can pass with some support
 - 2♠ - either 4 trumps with no ruffing value or 3 trumps, 10-11 HCP. Hand e)
 - 2NT - shows doubleton spade, 5 clubs. Hand c)
 - 3♣ - shows 6+ clubs, no spade fit. Hand d)
 - 3♠ - 4+ trumps plus a doubleton somewhere (may be a 9-loser hand)

- P 1♠
 2♣ 2♦
 2♠ ? - Pass - I'm minimum
 - 2NT - I have a good hand with 5-2-4-2 distribution
 - 3♣ - good hand, 5-1-4-3 shape (bidding my fragment with a good hand)
 - 3♦ - good hand, 5-5 or better, but at least one of my suits lacks concentrated strength
 - 3♥ - good hand, 5-3-4-1 shape
 - 3NT - 18-19 HCP, 5-2-4-2 shape

By the second round of bidding, the partnership should know the proper strain and the appropriate level for the deal.

Next: Fit-showing Jumps

Q:

What do the 2017 Toronto Regional and the 2017 Toronto Maple Leaf Stanley Cup Victory Parade have in common?

A:

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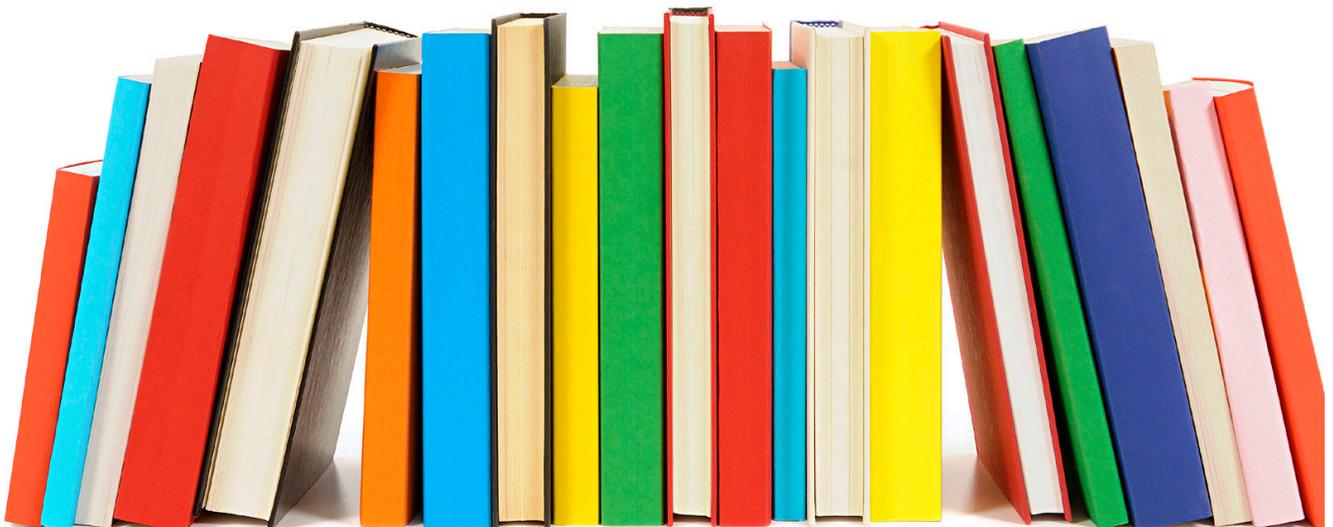


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Don't be one— throw one!

You've heard of the loser-on-loser play and maybe you've seen someone else pull off the loser-on-loser play at the table, but now it is time to add the loser-on-loser play to your repertoire as declarer. The name 'loser-on-loser' could not be more revealing: you throw a loser from your hand (or the dummy) on a trick that you plan to lose. It does not matter who has first led to the trick (you or the opponents); your play is to simply throw a loser on it. To illustrate let's look at a hand that was dealt out at the table in a Regional Swiss event.

You pick up this fine hand:

♠ 3 2
♥ A K J 9 7 6 2
♦ A
♣ A 5 3

As South you open the obvious 1♥ and partner responds 2♥. East overcalls 2♠ and you close the auction with a bid of 4♥.

The opening lead is the ♠8 and this is what you see:

♠ Q J 9 4
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ 8 6

♠ 3 2
♥ A K J 9 7 6 2
♦ A
♣ A 5 3

You cover with the spade queen and East wins his king. He cashes the ace as both you and West follow. Then he plays another spade. What is your plan? If you ruff, what heart do you ruff with? If you ruff with the ace, king or jack, West discards a club. If you ruff with a heart spot, West overruffs and eventually you will lose a club trick for down one.

So let's say you ruff high at trick three—you're still alive. Now what? Say you cash a high trump; West follows but East shows out. Now you can cash the club ace and exit a club. East can win this trick and play

another spade. Again you need to ruff high but now West's 10-8 of trumps are worth a trick. Oops. What went wrong?

The key is back at trick three. Do you really need to ruff the third spade from East? **Try the loser-on-loser play.** After East cashes the ace-king of spades and plays another spade, simply throw a club from your hand. What can West do? Whatever West does next, you can win, pull trumps in two rounds ending in the dummy, then pitch your other club loser on the jack of spades.

Well done—you just won 10 IMPs! The full deal:

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

Ready for another try? You and your partner bid to 4♠. The opening lead is the ♥A, promising the king, and down comes the dummy. To help visualize the play of the hand, here is the entire deal:

♠ A 10 8
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ 7 5 3

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

♠ K Q 6 5 4 3
♥ 3
♦ K 6 5
♣ A 10 9

Defensive note: When dummy's lovely hearts come down East will give a count signal instead of attitude. The reason is because East's attitude must be bad—how could it be good? So East plays the ♥7. West now knows his partner has an even number of cards in hearts (a low card would show an odd number) and figures his partner is more likely to hold four hearts than two, so decides to shift. The winning shift is to a club, but this is hard for West to do because it may be into declarer's queen. Tough play.

So at trick two West shifts to a diamond--let's see if you can take advantage and make an overtrick. Do you see the best line? Win the ♦K in hand, cash one high trump, then play a trump to the board, winning the ace. Now it's time for the LoL play. Call for the heart queen, and throw a loser—any loser from your hand. West will win this trick but you will soon be claiming an overtrick as you throw two more losers on the ♥J and ♥10.

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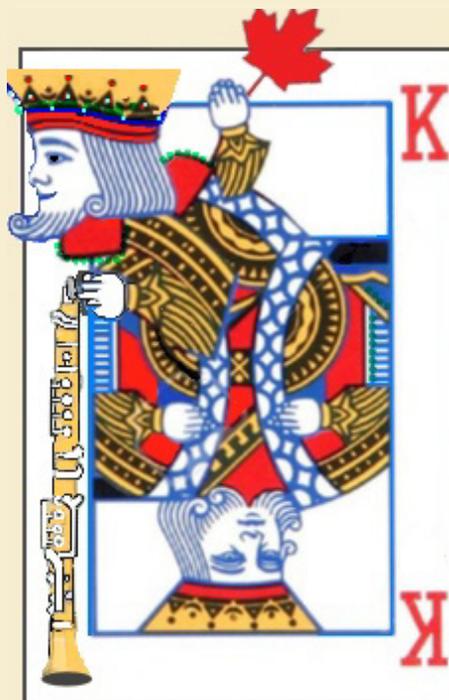
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Saturday March 18 10:30 am and 3:30 pm Open Pairs \$25 per person for 2 sessions Flight A 2000+ Flight X 0-2000 Flight B 500/LM-2000 C 0-500/NLM
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Saturday, 8 April 2017

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Upper Masterpoint Limits

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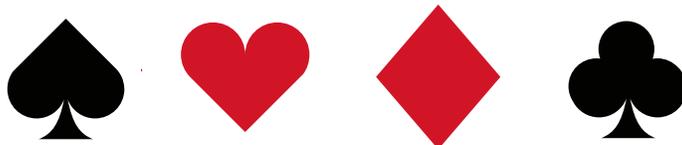
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Day	Topic	Speaker	1:00 Games Tues only	4:15	7:00 Games Tues only	
Apr. 11	Topic TBA	Steve Overholt	49er Pairs 199er Pairs	Hand analysis w sandwiches	199er Pairs	
Times for Tuesday only (above) are later starts						
			9:00–9:45	10:00 Games	1:30–2:15	2:30 Games Post game 5:45
Apr. 12	Etiquette & Procedures Steve Overholt		0–5 Newcomer = Free 199er Pairs	Speaker TBA	49er Pairs 199er Pairs	Hand analysis
Apr. 13	Topic TBA	Celebrity Speaker TBA	0–20 Pairs 199er Pairs	Hand analysis w I/N hospitality	49er Pairs 199er Pairs	Hand analysis
Apr. 14	Swiss Team Intro	Steve Overholt	99er Swiss Teams ** (single) \$5 only 199er Pairs	Celebrity Speaker TBA	0–20 Pairs 199er Pairs	Tournament Hospitality
Apr. 15	Topic TBA	Celebrity Speaker TBA	0–20 Pairs 199er Pairs	Hand analysis w sandwiches	49er Pairs 199er Pairs	Tournament Hospitality
Apr. 16	Swiss Team Strategy	Steve Overholt	49er Pairs (not Swiss) 199er Swiss Teams (1of2)	Awards More Swiss Strategy	49er Pairs 199er Swiss Teams (2of2)	

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Super Gold Rush Pairs (1500/1000/500)	1:00 & 7:00
Bracketed KO I	1:00 & 7:00
(Continues Wed @ 2:30 & 7:30)	
Bracketed GOLD RUSH KO I	1:00 & 7:00
(Continues Wed @ 2:30 & 7:30)	
Side game series I (1 Session).....	1:00 & 7:00
0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 Session).....	1:00 & 7:00

Wednesday, April 12

Open Pairs (Open/2000/750)	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	2:30 & 7:30
(Top Bracket = Unlimited Teams)	
Bracketed GOLD RUSH (0-750) Teams.....	2:30 & 7:30
Side game series I (1 Session).....	10:00 & 7:30
0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 Session).....	10:00 & 2:30

Thursday, April 13

Open Pairs (Open/5000)	10:00 & 2:30
Midflight Pairs (3000/1500).....	10:00 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs (750/300).....	10:00 & 2:30
Sheardown Open KO	2:30 & 7:30
(Continues Fri @ 2:30 & 7:30)	
Sam Nystrom Bracketed Midflight KO (0-5000)	
(Continues Fri @ 2:30 & 7:30).....	2:30 & 7:30
Bracketed GOLD RUSH KO (0-750)	
(Continues Fri @ 2:30 & 7:30).....	2:30 & 7:30
Side game series I (1 Session).....	10:00 & 7:30
0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 Session).....	10:00 & 2:30

Friday, April 14

Open Pairs (Open/5000)	10:00 & 2:30
Midflight Pairs (3000/1500).....	10:00 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs (750/300).....	10:00 & 2:30
Fri/Sat Bracketed KO.....	2:30 & 7:30
(Continues Sat @ 10:00 & 2:30)	
Fri/Sat Bracketed GOLD RUSH KO (0-750)	
(Continues Sat @ 10:00 & 2:30)	2:30 & 7:30
Side game series 2 (1 Session).....	10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 Session).....	10:00 & 2:30

Saturday, April 15

Open Pairs (Open/5000/3000)	10:00 & 2:30
Super Gold Rush Pairs (1500/1000/500)	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Compact KOs	10:00 & 2:30
District 2 Grand National Teams.....	10:00 & TBA
Side game series 2 (1 Session).....	10:00 & 2:30
0-200 Stratified Pairs (1 Session).....	10:00 & 2:30

Sunday, April 16

Stratiflighted Swiss (Open/5000).....	10:00 & TBA
Midflight Swiss (3000/1500)	10:00 & TBA
GOLD RUSH Swiss (750/300)	10:00 & TBA

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Schedule of Events

Stratification of all events determined by pair or team average

Friday April 21st, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Open – A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299er Pairs
Newcomer Pairs 0-50 (fewer boards and more relaxed)

Saturday April 22nd. 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Open – A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299er Pairs
Newcomer Pairs 0-50 (fewer boards and more relaxed)

Light lunch provided between Saturday sessions

Sunday April 23rd 10:00 am

Stratified Swiss Teams 2 Session Play Through
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SATURDAY APRIL 22

Stratified Pairs - 2 Single sessions 0 – 99ers A: 50-100 B: 20-50 C: 0-20

Stratified Pairs – 2-Session play-through – Open* A=2000+; B=750–2000; C=0-750

Stratified Pairs – 2 Session play-through 499ers* A:300-500 B: 100-300 C: 0-100

Game times: 11:00 am & 3:15 pm

* Single morning or afternoon only sessions welcome

SUNDAY APRIL 23

0–499(NML)Swiss Teams Single morning session only

A:300-500 B: 100-300 C: 0-100

Game time: 11:00 am

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Play-thru – 45 minute break at midpoint

A=2000+ B=750-2000; C=0–750

Game time: 11:00 am

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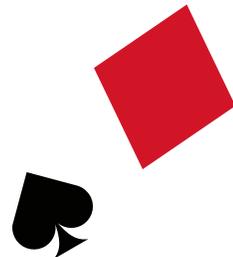
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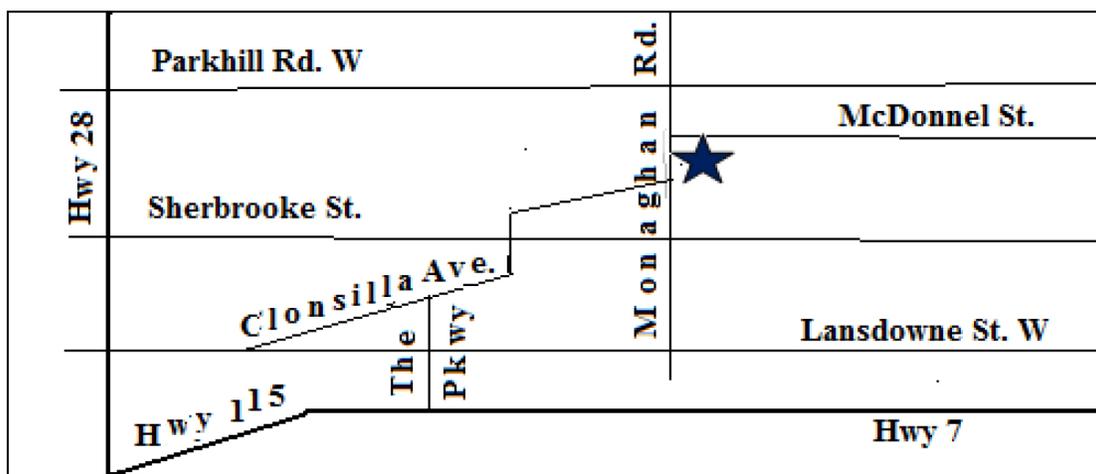
Sunday May 7th, 11am & TBA

(Playthrough – lunch for sale on site)

- A/X Swiss Teams (A=3000+, X= 0–3000)
- B/C/D Swiss Teams (B=750-1500, C=300–750, D=0–300)
- 199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)

Entry Fees:

\$13 per session for ACBL members (\$3.00 additional fee for non or unpaid members), \$5 for students,



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday June 17 (10:00 am start)

A/X Pairs (playthrough)	10:00 am and 2:30 pm
BCD Pairs (playthrough)	10:00 am and 2:30 pm
299er Pairs (playthrough)	10:00 am and 2:30 pm
19er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00 am and 2:30 pm
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Lunch is available on site between sessions (sandwiches, relish tray).

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Sunday June 18 (10:00 am start)

A/X Swiss Teams (playthrough)	10:00 am
• BCD Swiss Teams (playthrough)	10:00 am
• 299er Swiss Teams (playthrough)	10:00 am

Swiss Chalet quarter chicken dinner will be served between sessions.

Tickets \$9.00 per person.

Stratification:

A: 2500+ X: 0-2500 B: 0-1500 C: 0-1000 D: 0-500 299er: 0-300

Stratifications by average of pair and team

Game fees including HST*

- \$5 per person per session for 19er game
- \$25 per pair per session for A/X, BCD or 299ers*
- \$100 / team for Sunday Swiss teams (2 sessions)*

* For non or unpaid ACBL members, add \$3 for A/X, BCD, 299er or Swiss Team games; no added fee for 19er games.

Tournament Coordinator: Ted Boyd (519) 740-9614 | boydst1945@gmail.com

Partnerships: Bev Pope (519) 390-0885 | billandbevpoppe13@gmail.com

Location:

Hespeler Arena, Beehive Lounge
640 Ellis Road West,
Cambridge, ON N3C 4K1
P: 519-740-4681 Ext.4605

Directions:

Highway 401 to Townline Road (exit 286),
north on Townline Road to Ellis Road
West, left on Ellis Road West to Hespeler
Arena on the left.

Please join us for bridge on **CANADA DAY** weekend!



THORNHILL SUMMER SECTIONAL



Saturday, July 1st & Sunday, July 2nd, 2017

Have fun, win silver points, enjoy great bridge and hospitality.

Event Schedule

Saturday, July 1

Stratified Open Pairs - *Two session event, single entries welcome* 11 am & 4:00 pm
Saturday - A: open, B: 750–2000, C: 0–750

0 – 300 Pairs 11 am & 4:00 pm

0 – 50 Pairs (if numbers sufficient) 11 am & 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 2

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 am. & TBD

Playthrough, lunch on site

Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0–3000

Flights B/C/D: B=750–2000, C=300–750, D=0–299

Please help the Directors start on time. Arrive to register
at least **15 minutes** before game time.

Entry Fees: \$13 (includes HST) per session for ACBL members
(\$3 additional fee for non or unpaid ACBL members), \$5 for students.

Special rate for players with 0 – 20 masterpoints - \$8

Tournament Chair: Linda Lord, lindaleelord@hotmail.com, 905-713-9141

Partnerships: Sally MacRae, sally_macrae@yahoo.ca, 416-488-4332

Location: Main floor, south end of the Thornhill Community Centre,
7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill. Located on northwest corner of Bayview
and John. John Street is between Steeles Ave. and Hwy 407.

****LOTS OF FREE PARKING****



Correspondence

To the Editor,

Am sad to learn that I will have to go to the ACBL to view a copy of future Kibitzer magazines. It seemed to me that I include my fee to our Canadian branch when I renew my ACBL membership with anticipation of receiving The Kibitzer at my house for us Canadians. I believe there may well be some ACBL members who don't have a computer and hopefully they will be able to contact you by "snail mail." I read books in hard cover or soft

cover form—they are not on the internet. I like an actual book or a magazine in my hand such as The Kibitzer. I hope that the ACBL doesn't expect us to download The Bulletin at their site as well as The Kibitzer.

Progress? Save on paper? I suppose. Such is the way of the computer world!

Sadly,
Viola R. Heywood



Dear Andy,

On behalf of the School Bridge Program I would like to thank Gary Westfall for his generous donation. Gary won the Kate Buckman Award in 2016 and received \$500.00 which he donated to the School Bridge Program. Gary has been actively involved with the program for a number of years teaching many school bridge classes. Gary enjoys sharing his bridge knowledge and his travel experiences with his many students; he is a valuable member of the school bridge program team. Gary's generosity will certainly help with the continued success of this program.

Again, thank you, Gary!

Flo Belford
School Bridge Coordinator

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible to get a back copy (Winter 2004) or at least a photocopy of the article on page 17 re: Canada's Best Ever Bridge Team?

The reason that I ask is that I had the honour to be the partner of Bruce Elliott for three months this past summer at the Huntsville D.B.C. Although confined to a wheelchair, Bruce has not lost any of his bridge wizardry. Even with a duffer like me we were first overall 95% of the time and never lower than third, averaging 14 tables.

I was not an ACBL member in 2004 and therefore I did not get that copy. I do have the Fall 2010 copy re: the induction into the Hall of Fame. In fact, I had put forth Bruce's name to John Carruthers when John was asking for nominees. I know that the other three are in the ACBL Hall of Fame, why not Bruce? Just wondering.

Thank you for your trouble.
Your truly,

Rodney Dixon

There are many deserving candidates for the ACBL's Hall of Fame who are not presently in; I, too, wonder why Bruce Elliott has not been inducted. At least he is in the Canadian Bridge Federation Hall of Fame. We recognize a great player when we see one.

As for the Winter 2004 issue of the Kibitzer, I can send you a photocopy of the article. But is there anyone who has an extra copy that you would like to send to Mr. Dixon? If so, please let me know.

--Editor

Tournament Trail

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