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The Senior Senior is a Junior! Daniel Korbel, NPC of Canadian Senior Team. See page 12.

Canada's Venice Cup Team NPC - Linda Lee.  
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Nader Hanna to Captain Canadian Open Team in Shanghai.  
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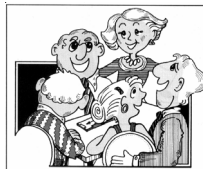


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### Editor's Note:

Our teams headed for the World Championships in Shanghai, China (which will just be completed as we go to press) have chosen their Non-Playing Captains. The Bermuda Bowl team has picked Nader Hanna, himself a Bermuda Bowl and Olympiad veteran, to lead them into battle. The Venice Cup team has enlisted the services of Linda Lee, who played in the 2004 Olympiad and the 2005 Venice Cup. The team for the Senior Bowl went with youth, selecting Daniel Korbel as their NPC.

The USA has been installed as favourites in all three events (co-favourites with Italy in the Bermuda Bowl), but the Venice Cup and Senior Bowl are considered more competitive than the Bermuda Bowl. It would be a shock if any team other than Italy or the USA won there.

### John Carruthers

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Five Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years and nominations are invited for these positions. Nominees must be members of Unit 166. The election will be held from Thursday, 20 March 2008 through Saturday, 22 March 2008 at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional. Nomination forms must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee, and **must** be received by the **Unit 166 Secretary by 1 March 2008**. The Spring issue of The Kibitzer will publish a picture and short résumé (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information, together with their nomination form, to the **Editor by 15 December 2007**. The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer. The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional from 11:50 to 12:50, 1:50 to 2:50 and 5:50 to 6:50 on the three election days.

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- b) Appointing an Auditor;
- c) Receiving the report of the Directors; and
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, F. Belford, Secretary



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for the Kate Buckman Award and the Audrey Grant Award

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# Meet Canada's NPCs

In what is believed to be a first, a Junior player (25 years of age and younger) will be the Non-Playing Captain of a Senior Team (58 years of age and older) in the World Championships in Shanghai, China in October, 2007. (By the time you read this, the Championships will have just finished.)

Daniel Korbelt of Waterloo is the NPC of the Canadian Senior Team. The Seniors chose Korbelt over other candidates because of his people skills, deportment, and bridge ability. Arno Hobart, who has replaced Eric Murray on the team, and was a teammate of Korbelt's in this year's Canadian Championship called the selection of Korbelt by the team "an inspired choice."

Korbelt is a student at the University of Waterloo and competed at the World Youth Team Championships for Canada in August 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand as part of the Canadian Junior Team. John Carruthers, who was NPC of that Junior team, is a member of the Senior team that Korbelt will captain. A few months after Bangkok, Korbelt was in Tianjin, China competing in the World University Games. At the age of 25, Korbelt already has a North American title for the 2006 Grand National Teams A and a runner-up finish in the 2007 Open Pairs in Nashville.

With Susan Korbelt, Daniel's wife, assisting with the administrative duties and supporting the team, the Seniors will be well looked after in Shanghai. The other members of the team are Joseph Silver, Don Piatfsky, Fred Hoffer and Boris Baran. All three pairs are Toronto-Montréal duos. In an odd coincidence, all but Hobart live (or lived) in Montréal and attended McGill University.

The Canadian Team which qualified for the Bermuda Bowl in Shanghai chose a Non-Playing Captain closer to their own age in Nader Hanna of Willowdale, north of Toronto. Hanna has won one North American Pairs Championship and three Canadian Team Championships since emigrating from Egypt in the 1980's. The members of that team are Waldemar Frukacz, Peter Klimowicz, Nicolas l'Ecuyer, Kamel Fergani, Jeff Smith and John Zaluski.

Hanna recently retired as a Vice-President of CGI, Canada's largest management consulting firm. He has recently thrown his hat into the political arena as well, succeeding Jim Priebe as Zone 3 CBF Director, and has also assumed the role of Junior Manager and NPC. Hanna is married to Joan Eaton, herself an accomplished player who has won a couple of North American titles and has represented Canada numerous times in Venice Cups and Team Olympiads.

A third Canadian team will compete in Shanghai, for the Venice Cup. That team has Linda Lee of Toronto as its NPC and consists of Sylvia Caley, Rhoda Habert, Francine Cimon, Pamela Nisbet, Isabelle Smith and Julie Fajgelzon. Both this year's Women's and Open team are from Québec and eastern Ontario.

Linda Lee is a management consultant, bridge journalist and principal, with husband Ray, of Master Point Press, the world's largest and most prominent publisher of bridge books. After a lengthy absence from bridge, Linda won back-to-back Canadian Women's Teams titles in 2004 and 2005, and represented Canada in the World Women's Championship in each of those years.

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North (Dummy)

♥ K 7 4

West

♥ ?

East

♥ ?

South (Declarer)

♥ 8 5 3

In isolation - with no knowledge about the layout of the opponents' cards - we would plan to lead toward dummy's heart king, a finesse. That gives us a 50% chance of taking a trick - when West holds the ace, not East.

What if we were certain that East held the heart ace? Then there's not much point in leading to dummy's king since we know our finesse is going to lose. Instead, we'd have to consider another approach. There are alternatives. We could hope East has a singleton or doubleton ace of hearts, for example. The layout might be something like this:

North (Dummy)

♥ K 7 4

West

♥ Q 10 9 6 2

East

♥ A J

South (Declarer)

♥ 8 5 3

We can play low from the North and South hands on both the first and second rounds of the suit. When East's ace appears on the second trick, dummy's king is now a winner.

That's fine, but how can we *know* that East holds the ace of hearts?

***Sometimes the bidding gives us the clue we need.***

Suppose we are declarer in a two-spade contract after this auction:

West	North	East	South
—	1 NT	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
	♠ 10 6		
	♥ K 8 7 4		
	♦ A J 6 3		
	♣ 9 7 4		
	♠ A K Q J 9 7		
	♥ 10 5 3		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ J 8		

East opens one no trump and we overcall two spades, which ends the auction. West leads the king of clubs and continues with the queen and a third round of clubs to East's ace, which we trump.

We've already lost two club tricks and we have a sure diamond loser. We can't afford to lose three heart tricks. It looks as though the contract depends on the heart finesse. But can West possibly hold the ace of hearts? No. West has already shown up with the king and queen of clubs and East opened one no trump. East must have almost all the remaining high cards. Without the ace of hearts, East

wouldn't have enough strength to have opened one no trump.

What can we do? We'll have to hope East has only two hearts and the complete deal is something like this:

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

We lead a low heart and play a low heart from dummy. We don't want to play the king when we know East has the ace. East wins the queen and, when we regain the lead, we again play a low heart from both hands. We're a little lucky when the ace appears from East, but we gave ourself the only chance by not squandering our heart king.

The auction isn't the only thing that tells us when a finesse is likely to lose.

***Sometimes the opening lead gives us a clue.***

A well-known guideline for the defenders is "Don't lead away from an ace against a trump contract." This is sound advice. If we lead a low card from a suit in which we hold an ace, we may never get a trick with our ace. Declarer might have a singleton king, for example, and be able to trump the next round of the suit; or declarer may be able to discard any remaining losers

in the suit before we can regain the lead. This only applies against suit contracts. Against no trump contracts, it's perfectly acceptable to lead away from an ace.

That's a useful guideline for the defenders, but declarer can also take advantage of it. Suppose West leads the queen of spades after we have reached six hearts with the following auction:

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

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

We have a spade loser and a diamond loser. We could hope to win dummy's spade king by playing it on the first trick, but do we really think West has the spade ace? Our instincts and West's choice of opening lead should be enough to convince us that East almost surely holds the ace. So, there's no point in wasting dummy's spade king on the first trick. Instead, we should play low and hope the full layout is something like this: (See *top of next column*)

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

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

We play low on the first trick and low again if West continues with the spade jack. We ruff the second spade trick, draw trumps ending in dummy, and lead another low spade from dummy. When East's ace appears, we trump, cross back to dummy, and discard our diamond loser on dummy's spade king.

Were we fortunate? Yes, but, we drew the correct inference from the opening lead and put that knowledge to good use by not fruitlessly playing dummy's king of spades.

***There can be many reasons for not carelessly wasting our high cards.***

♠ K 5  
♥ 8 6 5 3  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ K Q J 5

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

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



Suppose we reach five diamonds on this deal after the following auction:

West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The auction and West's opening lead tells us that dummy's spade king is a goner. So, does it matter whether we play dummy's king of spades on the first trick?

Let's see what happens if we shrug our shoulders and put dummy's king of spades on West's queen. East wins the ace and, based on West's preemptive jump overcall, knows it is unlikely that the defenders have any more spade tricks. So, East shifts to the jack of hearts. Now we are in trouble. We haven't yet established dummy's club winners, so we'll have to try the heart finesse. West wins the king and we eventually have to lose the ace of clubs and go down.

Now let's try playing low on the first trick. West's queen of spades wins and West can continue with another spade, which we ruff. After drawing a round of trumps, we can lead a club to drive out East's ace. East may now lead a heart, but it's too late. We can win the ace and take dummy's established club winners, discarding our heart queen on the last club trick.

Notice that it wouldn't help East to overtake the queen of spades with the ace on the first trick and shift to a heart. That would establish dummy's spade king as a winner. We could win the heart ace, draw trumps, and discard our heart queen on dummy's

spade king. So, we always make our contract, provided we don't squander the king of spades on the first trick.

***Even when we don't know how the cards lie, we must use our high cards wisely.***

Suppose the bidding has gone like this:

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

♠ K 10 3

♥ Q 9 7

♦ A 8 6

♣ K J 8 7

♠ 4 2

♥ A K 6

♦ Q J 10 5

♣ A Q 9 3

The six of spades is led and we have to decide which spade to play from dummy. We have eight sure tricks: three hearts, the ace of diamonds, and four clubs. We need one more. On this deal, West could certainly hold the ace of spades. There's no guideline about leading away from aces against no trump contracts. In fact, it's quite common. So, we might be tempted to play dummy's spade king, hoping it will be our ninth trick.

However, there's no hurry to play the king of spades. If West does have the spade ace, we can always lead toward the king later. In the meantime, we can try the diamond finesse by leading the queen, hoping to trap the diamond king in the West hand. Even if East holds the king, we'll develop the extra

winners we need ... provided the defenders can't take too many spade tricks. So, we shouldn't play the spade king on the first trick. The complete deal might look like this:

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

If we were to play the king of spades on the first trick, the defenders can take four spade tricks and eventually get a diamond trick when our finesse loses to East's king. If, instead, East wins the first trick, the contract is safe. If East leads another spade, dummy's king will take a trick; if East doesn't lead a spade, we can safely take the diamond finesse and will have more than enough tricks even when it loses to East's king.

Notice that we should play the ten of spades on the first trick to make sure East has to win the trick. If we were to play the three from dummy, East might play the five (applying the Rule of Eleven), letting West win the trick. The defenders can now take four spade tricks and the king of diamonds to defeat the contract.

So, use those high cards wisely; don't squander them!

## ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 23-YEAR-OLD? John Carruthers

The recent European Youth Team Championships in Jesolo, Italy produced some spectacular defensive and declarer play. Try your hand at these three defensive problems from Jesolo, all involving the Bessis brothers, Olivier and Thomas, of France.

### Problem 1.

**Juniors RR8 France v Germany  
Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>O Bessis</i>	<i>Gotard</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The two-spade response showed either an invitational raise with four hearts or game-going values with three-card support. Three hearts was forcing and the rest were cue bids until six hearts.

As North, you lead the ace of diamonds, five, two, queen. You play standard count and attitude signals. What do you do next?

**Problem 2.**

**Juniors RR 20. France v Norway**  
**Board 14. Dealer East. Neither**  
**Vul.**

♠ 9 8 6 4

♥ Q 7 6

♦ J 4 2

♣ A J 2

♠ 10

♥ A J 5

♦ A K 9 3

♣ K 10 8 7 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Eide</i>	<i>O Bessis</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>
—	—	Pass	1 ♠
Double	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This time you are West. You lead the ace and king of diamonds, partner encouraging, and declarer ruffs East's queen on the third round of the suit.

Declarer now rattles off five trump tricks: you discard your remaining diamond and three clubs; Partner follows with the spade three and jack, then discards the four of hearts, upside down attitude, then the three-eight of hearts, standard remainder count. On the fifth trump, dummy discards the heart six.

When declarer leads the two of hearts from hand, you are left with the ace-jack-five of hearts and the king-ten of clubs. Dummy has the queen-seven of hearts and the ace-jack-two of clubs. How do you defend?

**Problem 3.**

**Juniors RR21. France v Greece**  
**Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

♠ A 5 4 3

♥ J

♦ K 10

♣ K Q 9 8 5 4

♠ K 7 2

♥ A 8 7 5 3

♦ 8 7 5 2

♣ 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Darkadakis</i>	<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Sofios</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♥
Double	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

You hold the South hand.

The double of two hearts showed three-card spade support. Olivier Bessis, North, led the queen of diamonds and the Greek declarer, Darkadakis, won in hand with the ace, played the three of trumps to the king, two from Partner, then the queen of trumps, jack from Partner, as you discarded a diamond, then the king of diamonds, seven, six, four. Declarer then played dummy's jack of hearts. Both you (and Thomas Bessis, the actual South) ducked smoothly, and declarer ran the heart to North's queen.

North returned the nine of hearts and declarer discarded the three of spades from dummy. Over to you. How do you continue?

## Solution 1.

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

The French were rather unlucky not to win a slam swing on this deal as Paul Segueineau/Adrien Vinay reached the excellent spade slam on a natural auction, whereas Smirnov/Gotard reached the poor heart slam on an artificial one which locked them into hearts too early.

The bad breaks meant that six spades had no hope of success, there being no way to avoid losing a diamond and a trump.

Against six hearts, Olivier Bessis led the diamond ace without too much difficulty. The next trick took a little longer, however. At double dummy, if Bessis continues with a diamond, declarer can put in the nine to force the king. The diamond jack would then be established for a discard and the North hand would be beaten to a pulp as West draws trumps.

A club switch fares no better. Declarer can guess clubs immediately and set up a diamond for a spade discard. If he misguesses clubs he comes up a trick short with careful discarding by

North, even if declarer transfers the diamond menace by leading the jack to ruff out the king.

On a spade continuation, it looks as though declarer can still ruff out the diamond for a club pitch and pick up trumps. However, if declarer wins the spade in dummy, he prematurely uses the entry he needs to cash the diamond jack. And if he wins in hand, he cannot use the spade ace effectively as South will ruff it.

The VuGraph Theatre fell silent (for once) as Bessis considered his options. When he finally emerged with a spade and applause, the slam was down for a push.

## Solution 2.

On this deal it was brother Thomas Bessis who shone brightly. But he afforded Petter Eide the chance to extinguish his flame.

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

Both Souths propelled themselves to three spades after opening one spade and seeing West double. At both tables, the defence played three rounds of diamonds, ruffed, then

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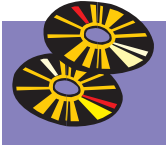
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declarer drew two trumps as West threw a club. Declarer number one for Norway led a club to the jack and queen and was favored with a shift to the eight of hearts. He covered with the nine and thereafter could hold his losers in hearts to one, for plus 140.

Thomas Bessis realized he could generate some real pressure in the ending. He played a third trump ending in dummy, West pitching a second club and East the heart four- upside down attitude. Now came a fourth trump, East letting go the heart three and West his diamond.

Thomas now 'knew' the opponents' shapes, and led the last trump, subjecting West to real anguish. Eventually he got it right, discarding a club as dummy and West threw a heart each. This was the ending:

<p>♠ — ♥ Q 7 ♦ — ♣ A J 2</p> <p>♠ — ♥ A J 5 ♦ — ♣ K 10</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 10 ♦ 10 ♣ Q 4 3</p> <p>♠ — ♥ K 9 2 ♦ — ♣ 9 5</p>
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Bessis now led a heart to the queen, and when that held he cashed the club ace. If West unblocks the king and East wins the next club, he must give dummy the club jack at the end. If West does not unblock, or East does not win the queen, West is end-played to lead hearts at trick twelve.

West must rise with the heart ace in the diagrammed position. Declarer must then unblock dummy's queen, and a switch to the club king leaves declarer helpless.

### Solution 3.

<p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ Q J 9 4 3 ♣ J 2</p> <p>♠ J 10 8 ♥ K 10 6 4 ♦ A 6 ♣ A 7 6 3</p> <p>♠ K 7 2 ♥ A 8 7 5 3 ♦ 8 7 5 2 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ A 5 4 3 ♥ J ♦ K 10 ♣ K Q 9 8 5 4</p>
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This defence from the Bessis brothers occurred on the penultimate deal of the Junior Teams, with their team in contention for a World Championship qualification spot. At the point when Olivier won the queen of hearts, a spade return would have allowed declarer to pick up the suit for only one loser and make the game, while a diamond would have given a ruff and discard, also allowing the game to make.

Olivier found the only return to give the defense a chance: the nine of hearts. Declarer Athanasios Darkadakis discarded a spade from dummy and, had Thomas won with the ace, there would have been two more discards on the established king and ten of hearts, once again letting the game home. But Thomas ducked again, allowing declarer to win the trick. The second duck left declarer with no



chance other than to play spades for one loser, not possible on this layout with accurate defense.

Despite these fine performances from the Bessis brothers, there was no qualification for the World Championships for France as they finished seventh, with five spots available.

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**Fri Aft Open Pairs** Gary Whiteman - Dwight Bender, London ON **Fri Aft Senior Pairs** Claire Pitre - Reg Pitre, Woodstock ON **Fri Aft Int/Novice Pairs** Suzanne Gerhold - James Gerhold, South Bend IN **Fri Eve Open Pairs** David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON **Friday Eve Senior Pairs** Norma Ingram, Kitchener ON; Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON **Fri Eve Int/Novice Pairs** Anne Haggith - Jim Pond, Simcoe ON **Sat Aft Int/Novice Pairs** Dennis Glazebrook, St Catharines ON; Archie Keith Goble, Waterford ON **Saturday A/X Pairs** Margaret Baykal - Gur Baykal, Markham ON **Saturday B/C Pairs** Lane Byl, Niagara-On-Lake ON; Barry Secord,

Grimsby ON **Sat Eve Int/Novice Pairs**  
Peter Moore - Murray Caudle, Hamilton  
ON **Sunday Open Swiss** Anna  
Chelchowski - Richard Fokes - Reg  
Young, London ON; George Hodgson,  
Strathroy ON

## **Cambrian Shield Regional** North Bay Aug 14-19,2008

**Tue Open Pairs** Dalia Gagne, Toronto  
ON; Carmelle Piquette, Sturgeon Falls  
ON **Tue Open Pairs** Malcolm Ewashkiw,  
Belleville ON; Robert Hollow, Madoc ON  
**Tue Women's Pairs** Wendy Champaign  
- Celia Frederick, North Bay ON **Wed**  
**Open Swiss** Martin Newland - Marc  
Langevin, North Bay ON; Brian Thomas,  
Tilden Lake ON; Allan Smith,  
Peterborough ON **Thu Aft 299er Pair**  
Robert Gagne - Dalia Gagne, Toronto ON  
**Thu Flight A/X Pairs** John Duquette,  
Oshawa ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga  
ON **Thu Strat B/C/D Pairs** Peter Minogue,  
Callander ON; Doug Oman, North Bay  
ON **Thu Eve 299er Pairs** Carmelle  
Piquette, Sturgeon Falls ON; Frank  
Peirce, North Bay ON **Fri Aft 299er Pairs**  
David Rhead - Wendy Rhead, Beaverton  
ON **Fri Eve 299er Pairs** David Rhead -  
Wendy Rhead, Beaverton ON **Fri Open**  
**Pairs** Kitty Cooper, Albuquerque NM;  
Amy Treitel, New York NY **Morning**  
**Compact A** Charles Arthur - James  
Cummings, North York ON; Linda Lord,  
Schomberg ON; Gur Baykal, Markham  
ON **Morning Compact B** Ulysse  
Desmarais - Jennifer O'Hara - Armand  
Malette, Sudbury ON; Frank Hickey,  
Stouffville ON **Sat Aft 299er Pairs** Anne  
Pierce, North York ON; Jackie Podborski,  
Collingwood ON **Morning K O A** Daniel  
Korbel, Waterloo ON; William Koski, King  
City ON; Jerry Richardson - Gary  
Whiteman, London ON; William  
Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Jonathan  
Steinberg, Toronto ON **Morning K O B**  
Elizabeth Chapman, Sudbury ON; Janis  
Davies - Wieslaw Kaletka, Timmins ON;

Carol Dellandrea, North Bay ON; Joe  
Smith, **Morning K O C** Leslie Needham -  
Suzanne Auld, Burlington ON; Gloria  
Macdowell, Mississauga ON; Heather  
Dann, Oakville ON **Fri-Sat K O A** David  
Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Michael  
Cafferata, Scarborough ON; Jonathan  
Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel,  
Waterloo ON **Fri-Sat K O B** Malcolm  
Collins - Hugh Clark, Dundas ON; Nancy  
Mulhall, Oakville ON; Murray Shapcott,  
Burlington ON **Fri-Sat K O C** Melanie  
Hamilton - Faye Butler, Peterborough  
ON; Sandra Ivison, Collingwood ON;  
Doug Oman, North Bay ON **Sat Flight A/  
X Pairs** Gur Baykal, Markham ON;  
James Cummings, North York ON **Sat**  
**Strat B/C/D Pairs** Bill McKiggan - David  
J Chiasson, Sault Ste Marie ON **299er**  
**Swiss** Marie Gonnella - Carmelle  
Piquette, Sturgeon Falls ON; Jeanine  
Kuik, Sudbury ON; Dalia Gagne, Toronto  
ON **Sunday Swiss** Gary Whiteman - Jerry  
Richardson, London ON; William  
Woodcock, Sarnia ON; William Koski,  
King City ON

## **Bridge By The Bay** Owen Sound, Ont August 24 - 26, 2007

**Friday Aft Open Pairs** June Harris,  
Kincardine ON; David Deaves, Ripley  
ON **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** John Keeler -  
Wayne Tabbert, Owen Sound ON **Friday**  
**Eve Open Pairs** John Lightfoot,  
Southampton ON; Elizabeth Gallacher,  
Owen Sound ON **Friday Eve 299er Pairs**  
Heather Diduch, Edmonton AB; Jane  
Woods, Midland ON **Saturday Aft 299'er**  
**Pairs** Norman Gill - Elaine Gill,  
Wellandport ON **Saturday Open Pairs**  
Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Joseph  
Sauro, North Bay ON **Saturday Eve**  
**299er Pairs** Marion Sloan - Linda Butt,  
London ON **Sunday Morn 299er Teams**  
Marian Lynn Coveney - Linda Butt -  
Marilyn Wilson - Marion Sloan, London  
ON **Sunday Aft 299er Teams** Verla  
Forbes - Georgina Mckelvie - Roma  
Taylor - Arlene Wright, Owen Sound ON

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**Sunday Open Swiss Teams** John Rayner, Oakville ON; Andy Stark, Toronto ON; Lyn Stevens, Ennismore ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON

### Toronto Games

Toronto

Sep 1-3, 2007

**Saturday Aft. I/N Pairs** Krisztina Luttor - Jan Keane, Toronto ON **Sat K O A** Jonathan Steinberg - Eiji Kujirai, Toronto ON; James Cummings, North York ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON **Sat K O B** Ann Shaw - Joanne Gilmore - Deidre Nevelt, Mississauga ON; Sherrill Bain, Oakville ON **Sat K O C** Louis Brooks - Paul Zyla - Marcia Syer, Oakville ON; Eileen Matheson, Mississauga ON **Sat B/C Pairs** Ioana Ciura - Alexander Ciura, Mississauga ON **Sat Strati-Flighted Pairs** Stephen Mackay, Markham ON; Doug Baxter, Toronto ON **Sun Aft 199<sup>er</sup> Pairs** Ping Lai, Toronto ON; Ernest Chan, **Sun K O A** Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON; Danny Schamehorn, Washago ON; Rob Avery - George Knight, Barrie ON **Sun K O B** Julia Price - Helen Gibson - Mary Lou Kerr - Adrienne Young, Toronto ON **Sun K O C** Kelly Pope - Michael Pope - Eugene Fitzpatrick - Christine Fitzpatrick, Hamilton ON **Sun A/X Pairs** Lesley Thomson, Toronto ON; Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON **Sun B/C Pairs** Arlene Dick - Carol Miller, Toronto ON. D Smith-

Susan Smith, Markham ON **Mon Flight A/X Swiss** John Rayner, Oakville ON; Andy Stark, Toronto ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Eric Shepherd, Hamilton ON **Mon B/C Swiss** Allan Monteiro, Scarborough ON; Sonia Ostroff - John Hinphey, Pickering ON; Bing Wong, Whitby ON **Mon 1st 299<sup>er</sup> Swiss** Ken Money, North York ON; Frank De Maat - Dagmar Champagne, Brampton ON; Phil Dawson, Toronto ON **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 299<sup>er</sup> Swiss** Donna Higgins - John Higgins, Erin ON; Edward Clark - Barbara Baldwin, Mississauga ON

### St Thomas Jumbo Sectional

St Thomas, Ont

September 8-9, 2007

**Saturday 299<sup>er</sup> Pairs** Louise Boyde - Jack Boyde, Windsor ON **Saturday 299<sup>er</sup> Pairs** Michael Choma, Simcoe ON; Harold McKnight, Tillsonburg ON **Saturday Open Pairs** Jerry Richardson, London ON; Martin Miller, Rochester NY **Sunday Morn 299<sup>er</sup> Teams** Sine Herold - E Campbell - Anna Mae Pearce, St Thomas ON; Doris Williams, St. Thomas ON **Sunday Aft 299<sup>er</sup> Teams** Sine Herold - E Campbell - Anna Mae Pearce, St Thomas ON; Doris Williams, St. Thomas ON **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Myles Maddox - Marilyn Maddox, Pleasant Ridge MI

# SUMMER BRIDGE

Andy Stark

If you didn't play any bridge this past summer then you're probably not a bridge player. The calendar was loaded with tournaments both near and far. Here is a cute deal from the final of the Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre's Team-of-4 League. I'll put you in the hot seat.

You, West, at favourable vulnerability, pick up:

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

And you, rightly or wrongly, participate in the following auction:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♦
1 ♥	2 ♥	4 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	5 ♣
5 ♥	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
6 ♥	Pass <sup>2</sup>	Pass	7 ♣
??			

1. Splinter
2. Forcing; first round control of hearts

Do you bid seven hearts? Do you double? Do you pass? Oh, sure you would have bid differently some time ago, but now it's decision time. If you double or pass, what is your opening lead?

Let's say you decide to defend. Your options are a diamond (to give partner a diamond ruff - the opponents have a lot of diamonds) or the king of spades. Before you decide, let's say

that you and your partner play Lightner Doubles - where the double of a freely bid slam asks partner to lead something not-obvious because the doubler is looking for a ruff or perhaps has an ace somewhere. Notice though that partner did not double the final contract. Enough hints; it's time to lead face down and ask, "Any questions?" To which your partner will reply, "Not as long as that card you're about to lead is a spade."

If you choose a diamond, as the defender did against me, then you get to chalk up 2140 in the minus column for a loss of 17 IMPs. Instead, if you choose a spade then you get to enter 100 in the plus column and win 12 IMPs. Of course, had you bid seven hearts, you could have avoided the huge adverse swing potential altogether and simply won 8 IMPs since teammates were allowed to play game unmolested at the other table. The whole deal was:

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

What should a double of seven clubs by East mean? It could be, "Partner, please lead a diamond because I'm going to ruff," or it may mean, "Partner,



I have the ace of spades and I think it's cashing, so please lead a spade." I vote the latter because if East has a diamond void he may not be able to double for fear the opponents might run to seven diamonds - a contract East would then have no hope of beating. Anyway, it sure is murky - even for practiced partnerships. Does anyone know anyone who knew Teddy Lightner?

This next deal came up in a club game at Kate Buckman's Platinium Bridge Studio. I was playing with Liz Tory and she demonstrated excellent declarer technique to score up her contract of four spades. See how you fare.

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

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

The opening lead is the ace of diamonds. LHO thinks for a moment and then shifts to the six of clubs. RHO wins the ace of clubs and plays the queen of clubs to your king. When you cash the ace of spades, LHO plays the nine of trumps. What now?

Liz noted with pleasure the appearance of the trump nine because she had already made her plan. She quickly crossed to the eight of spades in dummy and called for the queen of diamonds. On this she pitched a heart. This is the time-proven, 'loser-on-

loser' play. Did you think of this play, too?

The jack of diamonds was now the boss diamond and Liz had the ace of hearts as an entry to enjoy it for another heart pitch. After LHO won his king of diamonds he got out a club, but it didn't matter, for the whole hand was:

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

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

Bidding and making four spades was a tie for top board - well played, Liz!

Could the defence have done better? As so often happens . . . yes. After cashing a top diamond at trick one, West must divine the need to switch to hearts. This is not all that easy as switching to clubs could be crucial. But notice West cannot play his low heart; West must play the heart ten or queen. If the ten is played, it will go jack-king-deuce. East can then cash the club ace and exit a club (or trump or diamond) and sit back to wait for the fourth defensive trick.

If the queen of hearts is played at trick two, South will win the ace in dummy. Hearts are now 'frozen' - that is, neither side can attack hearts without



sacrificing a trick. So East-West will sit back and wait for South to break hearts. South may attempt the loser-on-loser play but it will be too late for that. Finally we come to the reason why West cannot exit the heart six at trick two. If he does, South will duck in dummy and East's king will win. Later, South can finesse West for the heart queen.

My final deal from the summer came up in the quarter-finals of the Mini-Spangold in Nashville, home of the Summer NABC. Roman Klein, known as "The Romanator," (for good reason - you'll see) single-handedly generated 36 IMPs in three boards in a valiant effort to bring his team back from a 46-IMP deficit with seven boards remaining. Although he and his team fell short and went on to lose the match, check out this result.

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

Roman sat South and the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
2 ♠	4 ♠	5 ♣	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West's two-spade bid was a Michaels Cue Bid, showing five hearts and five of an undisclosed minor. East's five-club call was 'pass or correct'; if West held clubs he was being asked to pass, while if West held diamonds he was being asked to bid them. Roman shut out all notions of defending by leaping to the 'impossible' six-spade contract. But if it were impossible, his side would not have chalked up 11 IMPs.

Yes, West led the ace of clubs - the only card in his hand that allowed Roman and his partner, Gary Westfall, to score up +980. The sight of the club ace brought glee to the Romanator and sheer dread to East. Poor East could only stare helplessly. Nearby kibitzers swear they heard East muttering like Marlon Brando in "Apocalypse Now," "The horror . . . the horror!"

Note that Roman's leap to six spades is excellent strategy when in dire need of IMPs late in a knockout match. It puts unbearable pressure on the opening leader, who, incidentally, would have been more successful defeating six spades had he shuffled his cards and randomly selected one of them. Only on a bad day, a really bad day, would the ace of clubs come fluttering down onto the green baize.

Ah, but it was a bad day for Roman and his mates as they fell just a few IMPs short of making the semi-finals. Well, as they say in baseball, "Better luck next year." However, as they say in bridge, "Better luck next game . . . we're on for tomorrow, yes?"

# City of Toronto

## Sectional

### January 4 – 6, 2008

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



#### Friday, January 4

##### All Games Are Single Session

Stratflighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

A/X (Separate): 2500+/0-2500; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

##### Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Pairs 0-20 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-49/99/199 1:00 & 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, January 5

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

All Flights are Playthrough

A/X (Separate): 2500+/0-2500; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Open Side Game 1:00 & 7:00 pm

##### Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5 **FREE!** 1:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-20 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-49/99/199 1:00 & 7:00 pm

#### Sunday, January 6

Stratflighted Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

A/X (Separate): 2500+/0-2500; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

All flights scored by Victory Points

##### Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 am & TBA

0-49/99/199

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**Friday, January 25, 1:00 PM**



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

**Friday, January 25, 7:00 PM**

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

**Saturday, January 26, 1:00 PM**

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)  
 Strat A: 1000+, Strat X: 0-2000  
 Strat B: 300-1000, Strat C: 0-300  
**Novice Pairs: 0-199**  
**(Single Session)**



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

Strati-flighted Pairs  
 (Second Session)  
**Novice Pairs: 0-199**  
**(Single Session)**

**Free Snacks Friday and Saturday Nights**

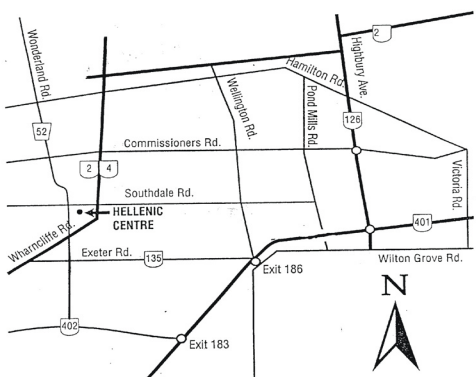
**Sunday January 27, 11:00 AM**



Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)  
 Stat A: 2000 +, Strat X: 0-2000  
 Strat B: 300-1000, Strat C: 0-300  
 199ers Swiss Teams  
 (If attendance warrants)

- \* Coffee and doughnuts before game time
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- \* Team entry includes meal

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



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# 54<sup>th</sup> NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Niagara District Bridge Association

## ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 1-3, 2008

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

(All Single Sessions Today)

Women's Pairs (500/1500/unlim) .....	1:00
Open Pairs (500/1500/unlim) .....	1:00
299 <sup>er</sup> Pairs (100/200/300) .....	1:00
49 <sup>er</sup> Pairs (5/20/50) .....	1:00
Open Pairs (500/1500/unlim) .....	7:00
299 <sup>er</sup> Pairs (100/200/300) .....	7:00
Swiss Teams .....	7:00

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

299 <sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams .....	11:00 am
Swiss Teams .....	11:00 am

[Bracketed & split by average masterpoints of each team]

7 Rounds of 8 Boards

30 minute break after 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

Sandwiches and snacks can be purchased throughout the day.

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- \* Daily Door Prizes
- \* Overall, Flight Top, & Section Top Prizes
- \* Session Fees Still Only \$11



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

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**February 23, 24 and 25, 2007**

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50 Brady St. (Downtown) Sudbury, Ontario

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### 1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +  
B - 300 - 1000  
C - 0 - 300

#### 7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +  
B - 300 - 1000  
C - 0 - 300

*99er game where numbers warrant*

### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### 1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +  
B - 300 - 1000  
C - 0 - 300

#### 7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

A - 1000 +  
B - 300 - 1000  
C - 0 - 300

*99er game where numbers warrant*

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**10:30 A.M. Stratified Swiss Teams**  
**Play through (ending at approximately 6:30 P.M.)**  
A - 1000 +, B - 300 - 1000, C - 0 - 300

# 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KEMPENFELT FRIENDSHIP DAY



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BARRIE, ON**  
Presented by Barrie Bridge Association

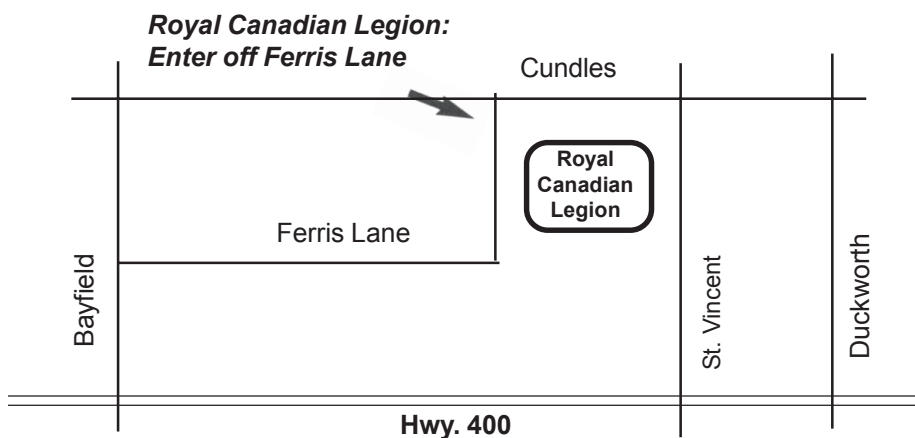
Silver Point Swiss Teams  
Open Teams A 500+ & B 0-500  
I/N Teams C 50-200 & D 0-50

Entry fee: \$100 per team

(Lunch between sessions; Morning coffee, tea, muffins)

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# Hart House Sectional

Feb 29-Mar 2, 2008  
Great Hall, Hart House,  
University of Toronto



## Friday, February 29

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

## Saturday, March 1

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

## Sunday, March 2

Stratified Swiss Teams ..... 11:00am  
(dinner break 3:00-4:30)

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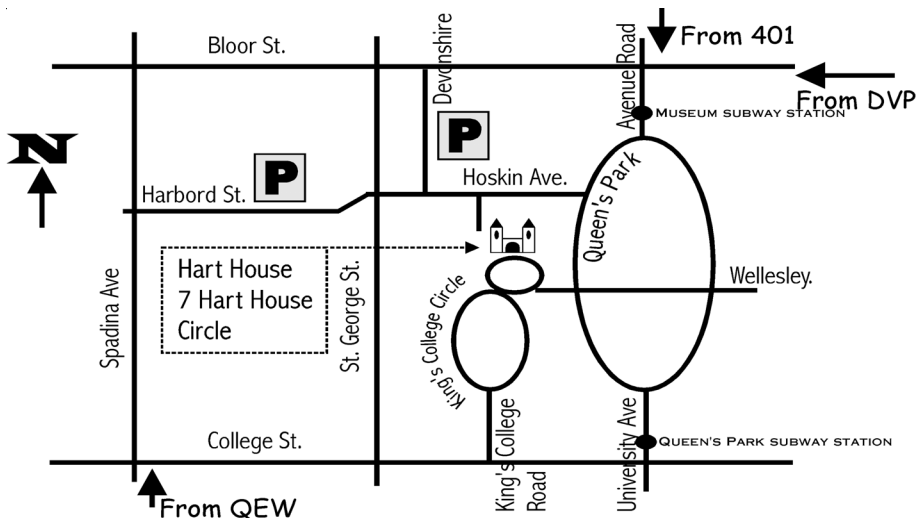
**Entry Fees (per session)**  
per entry (ACBL member) ..... \$10  
per entry (non-ACBL member) . \$12  
per entry (student) ..... \$5

**Flights:**  
C:0-300; B:300-1000; A:1000+

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# It's Vegas, Baby



## 2007/2008 Grand National Teams

### District 2 Finals

#### Schedule for All Flights

Friday March 28th, 2008 7:00pm

Saturday March 29th, 2008  
9:30am\* & 5:00pm

Sunday March 30th, 2008  
11:30am & TBA

\*March 29th 9:30am start will only be for Flight B, and any other flights as required. All other flights will start at 5pm. There will not be a dinner break on Saturday night.

Friday and Saturday will be a round robin qualification. Sunday will be the SemiFinal and Finals in a KO format.

For those teams that do not qualify for the Sunday KO's, you are invited to play free in the...

#### District 2 Sunday Charity Swiss Teams

starting March 30th at 12:30pm and TBA

New teams are welcome to play in the 2-session Charity Swiss Teams event for \$80 per team.



- ◆ There will be 4 separate events, one for each flight. This is not a stratified event. Open Flight is restricted to those teams where any player has more than 5000 MPs. Flight A is restricted to teams where any player has more than 2000 MPs. Flight B is restricted to those with more than 500 MPs. Flight C is for under 500 MPs and none of the players are Life Masters. All participants must meet ACBL residency requirements and have principal residence in District 2.
- ◆ There is no prequalification. All teams of 4, 5, or 6 players are eligible to play.
- ◆ Entry Fee is \$250 per team.
- ◆ Mid Chart conventions are allowed in Open and Flight A events, with pre-alerts and written defences.
- ◆ Reservations are recommended.
- ◆ Full Conditions of Contest can be found on the District 2 website at <http://www.3.sympatico.ca/jonathan.st>



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		<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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## 2007

### NOVEMBER

- 3-4 Oshawa\*  
9-11 Stratford\*  
17 Burlington (I/N)\*  
22-02 Fall NABC, San Francisco  
26 ACBL Charity Game

### DECEMBER

- 26-2 District 2 STaC

## 2008

### JANUARY

- 4-6 Toronto, p.31  
16-20 Cleveland Regional  
25-27 London, p.32  
26-02 Bermuda Regional

### FEBRUARY

- 1-3 St. Catharines, p.33  
2 ACBL Int'l Fund Game  
16-17 Oshawa Teams, p.34  
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23-25 Sudbury, p.35  
24 Kempenfelt, p.36  
29-02 Hart House, Toronto. p.37

### MARCH

- 6-16 Spring NABC, Detroit  
12 ACBL Charity Game

- 18-23 Toronto Regional  
25 Cdn Olympiad Fund Game  
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### APRIL

- 11-13 Hamilton  
30 Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game

### MAY

- 3-4 Cobourg  
8 ACBL Int'l Fund Game  
13-18 Farmington Hills, MI Regional  
13-19 Kingston Regional  
20-26 Cleveland Regional  
24-31 CBF Bridge Week, Montreal

### JUNE

- 9-15 District 1 STaC  
24-29 Grand Island, NY Regional

### JULY

- 17-27 Summer NABC, Las Vegas  
18 ACBL Int'l Fund Game

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