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Verity Club in Toronto Hosts Seminar for Bridge Teachers



Bridge teachers who gathered at the Verity Club in downtown Toronto for “Practical Support for the Professional Teacher” on September 13 pose with seminar leader Audrey Grant - see page 16 for the story.

Get your nominations in for Unit 166's two most prestigious awards - see page 9 for details and the nomination form.



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- Mar 5 Board ms Rotterdam.
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- Mar 6 Sail at 4 pm
- Mar 7 Kemaman, Malaysia
- Mar 8 At sea
- Mar 9 Koh Samui, Thailand
- Mar 10 Bangkok, Thailand
- Mar 11 Bangkok, Thailand
- Mar 12 Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- Mar 13 At sea
- Mar 14 Phu My, Vietnam(port for
Ho Chi Minh City, ex-Saigon)
- Mar 15 At sea
- Mar 16 Da Nang, Vietnam
- Mar 17 Halong Bay, Vietnam
- Mar 18 At sea
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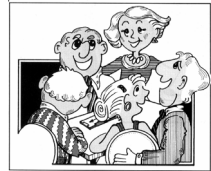
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If you plan to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the three Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have a historic weekend - they are set aside for you. *Flo Belford, District 2 Tournament Coordinator*

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Editor's Note:

Local-area players had a decent showing at the Las Vegas North American Bridge Championships this summer, with two wins (David Grainger in the Mini-Spingold and yours truly in the Senior Teams) and a few other high placings.

In 2009, District 2 will have a new Director to the ACBL Board. Paul Janicki defeated Joe Sauro in the election for the spot to be vacated upon Jonathan Steinberg's retirement after his current term. Congratulations to Paul, and condolences to Joe.

It's the time of year (no, not the holiday season!) to think about nominating those tireless and enthusiastic folk who contribute so much to our enjoyment of bridge for the Audrey Grant and Kate Buckman Awards. See page 9 for details and the nomination form.

John Carruthers

Kibitzer Editorial Policy: The Kibitzer is published to promote bridge and to inform members of ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 and 249 about tournaments and special events, as well as to entertain with deals and articles of interest. It is also a forum for the exchange of information and opinion among the members. Opinions expressed in articles or letters to the Editor are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Unit Boards of Directors or the Editor. The Kibitzer reserves the right to edit or exclude submitted material.

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Nominations Please!!

Kate Buckman Award

Do you know someone who contributes to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge? Do you know someone who should be honoured by the Board of Unit 166? We're looking for nominations for the Kate Buckman Award for 2009. If you don't nominate someone, then we can't honour them and we really want to celebrate this kind of person and the contributions they make to the game of bridge.

Audrey Grant Award

Do you know a bridge teacher who exemplifies the best of the profession? Do you know someone who should be feted by the Board? Submit the nominations for the Audrey Grant Award for 2009. Again, if you don't nominate then we can't celebrate the excellence of this teacher's skill and dedication.

The Unit 166 Board of Directors should consider:

for the Kate Buckman/Audrey Grant (circle one or both) Award.
The reason that this person deserves your consideration is:

Please submit to Sally Rewbotham: salrew@rogers.com
or 1195 Vanier Dr., Mississauga, L5H 3W9

Deadline: December 31, 2008

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario)

Statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash in Bank - Canadian	23,197	26,661
Cash in Bank - U.S.	6,049	17,512
Cash held in trust	-	200
Short term investments at market val	46,777	64,162
Accounts receivable	22,853	20,354
Prepaid expenses	9,052	8,000
	107,928	136,889
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	8,018	3,381
OTHER ASSETS (Note 4)		
Long term investments at market val	163,130	103,883
	279,076	244,153
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	18,854	2,100
Reserve funds - Associations (Note	14,689	9,682
	33,543	11,782
NET ASSETS		
Restricted (Note 6)	60,750	58,959
Unrestricted	184,783	173,412
	245,533	232,371
	279,076	244,153

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

Statement of Income and Expense and Net Assets for the year ended August 31, 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
INCOME		
Gross income from tournaments (Schedule 1)	221,360	156,581
Memberships fees	10,901	10,643
Kibitzer table fees	10,327	10,157
Kibitzer advertisements	12,540	11,654
Use of cards and bidding boxes	974	3,384
STAC Fall	1,898	2,639
STAC Spring	2,138	2,128
Interest	6,030	3,372
Miscellaneous - Exchange	-	2,355
	266,168	202,913
EXPENSES		
Tournament expenses (Schedule 1)		
Directing	63,959	45,352
A.C.B.L.	18,937	13,695
Unit	10,609	6,475
Site	47,057	36,119
Administration	30,389	20,779
Hospitality	12,354	6,891
Committee	4,500	3,000
Transfer to District 2	6,374	3,558
	194,179	135,869
Directors meetings	3,736	3,758
Fees - Treasurer	1,100	1,100
- Executive Assistant	6,000	4,800
- Auditor	1,000	1,000
- Various events	800	800
- Kibitzer Editor & Typesetting	10,494	9,200
Kibitzer printing and mailing	24,777	24,811
Audrey Grant award	1,260	-
Kate Buckman award	979	1,319
Travel and hospitality grants	3,500	16,600
Sundry	6,972	7,975
	254,797	207,232
Excess of income over expenditures	11,371	(4,319)
Unrestricted Net Assets, beginning of period	173,412	177,731
Unrestricted Net Assets, end of period	184,783	173,412

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS August 31, 2007

The aims and objectives of the Unit are as follows:

- 1 To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge.
- 2 To co-operate with and assist the A.C.B.L. in the promoting and conducting of bridge tournaments.
- 3 To prescribe rules of eligibility for participation in tournaments held under its auspices and to deal with reports of dishonest, unethical or improper conduct of participants in such tournaments and to take appropriate disciplinary action.
- 4 To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit.
- 5 To promote and support the A.C.B.L. education programme within the Unit.
- 6 To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principle objectives.

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and reflect the following policies:

- a Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. follows the deferral method of fund accounting for revenue.
- b Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years.
- c Short-term investments consist of Bank of Nova Scotia Bonds and are recorded at market value.
- d Volunteers contribute services at all Unit run bridge tournaments. Because of the difficulty of determining their market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.
- e There are no related party transactions.

NOTE 2 - SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

The short-term investments consist of Government of Canada bonds purchased at a cost of \$35,000 in March 2002 maturing in March 2008 at a value of \$47,784.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

	2007			2006		
	Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Original Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Equipment	\$ 12,840	\$ 4,822	\$ 8,018	\$ 5,635	\$ 2,254	\$ 3,381

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The long-term investments consist of Bank of Nova Scotia bonds purchased in December 2006 at a cost of \$59,772 bearing various interest rates and maturing in December 2009, Province of Manitoba bonds purchased at a cost of \$65,000 in December 2005 and maturing in April 2011 and 4,000 shares of Talvest Money Market Fund Premium Class purchased in December 2006 at a cost of \$40,000.

NOTE 5 - ASSOCIATION RESERVES

In 1973 Unit 166 decided to establish a Reserve Fund into which the Associations in the Unit would deposit their excess surplus funds over an agreed amount. These funds are to be invested and held to credit of the various Associations. The Fund was established in 1974. At August 31 the fund was made up as follows:

	Balance August 31, 2006	Deposit(Net)	Interest Earned	Balance August 31, 2007
Niagara District Bridge Association	\$ 5,253		\$ 182	\$ 5,435
Central Ontario Bridge Association	3,261	4,506	278	8,045
Metropolitan Toronto Bridge Association	1,168		41	1,209
TOTAL	9,682		501	14,689

NOTE 6 - RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

An amount of \$50,000 was invested in October 1986 to be used for Future Nationals. This account was previously called the Reserve for Future Nationals. The Government of Canada bonds are invested for this purpose. The activity in this fund is as follows:

	2007	2006
Opening balance	\$ 58,959	\$ 58,176
Interest earned during the year	1,791	783
TOTAL	60,750	58,959

NOTE 7 - INCOME TAXES

Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. is a non-profit entity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(f).

NOTE 8 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows is not included as the Board of Directors believes that it would provide no significant additional information.



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SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS: “Practical Support for the Professional Teacher”

Reported by Sally Rewbotham

On Saturday, September 13th teachers from as far west as Sarnia, as far north as North Bay, and as far east as Kingston, gathered at Verity, a Women’s Club in downtown Toronto, for a seminar titled: Practical Support for the Professional Teacher, hosted by Audrey Grant and sponsored by Better Bridge.

The group included both new and experienced teachers. Some taught in bridge clubs, some at the University, some for Parks and Recreation, golf clubs, or in private homes.

There were many goals for the day. Better Bridge was previewing the new 2/I Book which Audrey and David Lindop wrote with Eric Rodwell — and showing why books like *Opening the Bidding* (the impact of the opening bid) stay popular for years. These topics gave a jumping off spot for spirited, enthusiastic conversations.

The day also provided a forum to do what teachers love to do; get together and talk to each other; to share their success and their challenges; to inspire each other; and to constantly raise their standards. In the process, they learned from one another and “grew” as teachers. Enthusiasm built as the



Audrey Grant at the NABC
in Las Vegas in July 2008

day progressed and teachers prepared for the Fall teaching sessions about to begin.

As one participant said after the seminar, “I love to teach bridge and have been fortunate to do a lot of teaching but I felt I was getting into a bit of a “rut”. Well, you fixed me on Saturday!” Appreciation and enthusiasm for the materials, for the forum, and for what they had learned from Audrey and from one another was shared by all!

Better Bridge will sponsor another such forum at the Toronto Easter Regional in April. Stay tuned for details!

Continuing our series for newer
players...

DEFENDERS' CORNER: Leading a Singleton

By Audrey Grant

(Reprinted from *Better Bridge with the
permission of the Publisher*)

Bridge writers hold strong opinions about the lead of a singleton against a trump contract. In *Card Play Technique*, Victor Mollo and Nico Gardener write: "Of all leads the most dynamic is a singleton. Partner wins with the ace and gives us a ruff. Or else, declarer takes the trick, but has to let partner in, while we have a trump, and the result is the same."

Of course, leading a singleton doesn't always work out so well. As Watson says in *The Play Of The Hand*: "Short-suit leads against a suit are about the most paradoxical of all opening leads. If they succeed, they are crowned with glory, but if they fail, they deserve only ashes."

How can we make sure that our singleton leads are effective? First, we need to recognize the right time to lead a singleton. Second, we must realize that getting a ruff on defence is a partnership effort, and a key component of that effort is the suit preference signal.

Suit Preference

Choosing the right time to lead our short suit is only the beginning of good defence. We'll need partner to

cooperate and we will often need to make use of *suit preference signals*.

The Right Time

The main reason we lead a singleton is that we are hoping partner can win a trick and return the suit for us to trump. This means that we must expect partner to gain the lead before declarer has had the opportunity to draw all our trumps.

What would raise our expectation that partner can gain the lead? If partner has bid a suit during the auction, we can anticipate that partner has some strength in the suit. If our hand is weak and the opponents have stopped short of game or slam, we can assume partner has most of the strength for our side. If the opponents have not bid the suit in which we hold a singleton, there is a reasonable prospect that partner has some strength there. In other words, we have to consider the auction and take a look at our hand to determine whether to lead a short suit. Suppose we are sitting West and have to find a lead from this hand against four hearts...

♠ J 7 6 4 3
♥ 9 5 4
♦ 8
♣ J 8 6 2

after the auction has gone:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Leading our singleton diamond is reasonable after this auction. We only have two high-card points and the opponents have stopped in game, so we can expect partner to have some high cards. Diamonds is an unbid suit and no other lead looks particularly attractive. So, we lead the eight of diamonds and this is what we see when dummy comes down...

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

West (Us) **East (Partner)**

♠ J 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ 8

♣ J 8 6 2

♦ A

South (Declarer)

♦ 3

Things get off to a good start when partner wins the first trick with the ace of diamonds and returns a diamond for us to trump. So far, so good. Our side has two tricks, but we need two more to defeat the contract and we can see one of the disadvantages of leading our short suit. We've driven out partner's ace of diamonds and dummy's remaining diamonds are established as winners.

If we can get back to partner's hand so that partner can lead a third diamond for us to ruff, all will be well...we'll get the crown rather than the ashes. With no clue from the auction, should we lead a spade or a club? It appears to be a pure guess. In this situation, however, partner can tell us what to lead!

The message can be sent in the diamond suit itself. Thinking ahead, partner can foresee the dilemma we'll have after trumping the second trick. The way the defenders communicate in these situations is to give a suit preference signal using the card that is led back. Not counting the trump suit, there are only two suits to consider: spades and clubs.

SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL

- A high-ranking card asks for the higher-ranking suit.
- A low-ranking card asks for the lower-ranking suit.

Suppose this is the complete deal:

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

♠ J 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ 8

♣ J 8 6 2

♠ A 10 5

♥ 6 2

♦ A 10 6 5 2

♣ Q 9 7

♠ K Q 9

♥ A J 8 7

♦ 9 4 3

♣ A K 3

Holding the ace of diamonds, partner wins it and returns the ten, asking for the higher-ranking of the two suits. We lead a spade, partner wins the ace, and leads another diamond for us to ruff. We take the first four tricks to defeat the contract. We had to lead our singleton and then had to return a spade after getting our first ruff. Suppose this were the deal:

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

♠ J 7 6 4 3
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ J 8 6 2

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

♠ A K Q
 ♥ A J 8 7
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ K 9 3

Now partner would win the ace of diamonds and return the two, a suit preference signal for the lower-ranking suit, clubs. We lead back a club and partner wins the ace and returns another diamond to give us a second ruff and defeat the contract. If we had led back a spade, declarer would make the contract.

(Continued next issue.)

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

By Ron Bishop

This deal is from the Toronto Sectional Knockout Teams final match on August 31, 2008. It required declarer to exercise a measure of care.

Dealer East. Neither Vul.

♠ 10 5
 ♥ Q 10 8 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ K 10 8 3

♠ J 8 6 3
 ♥ J 9 7 2
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ J 5

♠ Q
 ♥ A K 6 5 4
 ♦ A J 7 6 2
 ♣ A 4

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

Table 1

West	North	East	South
—	—	1 ♥	3 ♣ ¹
Pass	Pass (??)	Double	Pass
3 ♥	4 ♣	4 ♦ (?)	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Clubs and spades; 5-5 or better – a form of Roman jump overcall.

Table 2

West	North	East	South
—	—	1 ♥	1 ♠
3 ♥ ¹ (?)	Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Preemptive raise with 4 trumps. Opening lead: ♥2

The play of this hand is sure to present all sorts of problems for both declarers since the auctions make it

apparent that the suits will, in all likelihood, not be breaking favourably. Even if the loss of two trump tricks can be prevented there is still the club problem to navigate. Five trump winners plus four club tricks – assuming locating the club jack – still adds up to only nine tricks, so declarer must still establish and cash a red trick to bring the total to ten without losing trump control. Three-two trumps would be a blessing but declarer could also work around a couple of the 4-1 splits as long as the queen-jack to four spades are not offside. Care and planning, however, must be taken in attacking trumps if they are jack-eight or queen-eight to four in West.

The good, but non-expert, player will do some planning and proceed to attack the hand without realizing they have swept under the rug the deal's key problem. If trumps are 4-1, then declarer can not afford to get 'tapped' three times (once on the opening lead; once when conceding a trick to the jack or queen of spades as trumps are drawn; and once when the opponents win the club ace).

If the initial heart attack has set up a three-tap scenario, then declarer won't be able to stand trumps to be 4-1 – but how is declarer expected to know what is necessary? Believe it or not, it is declarer's first play from the dummy that is the key one in answering this important question.

With East having almost all of the opponents' high-card assets, perhaps we can use dummy's heart spots to

cause him problems. Clearly, declarer won't be able to survive if East has the ace-king-jack of hearts (or even the unlikely ace-jack or king-jack). Why is this, you say? Because the defenders can sacrifice a heart trick (setting up a non-useful winner in the dummy), if by doing so, they succeed in tapping declarer three times. This tapout will develop an extra trump winner for the defender that started with four trumps (undoubtedly that opponent will be West).

There is, however, one heart position where declarer has control over his own destiny. That is jack-nine fourth with West, the opening leader. But dummy's heart eight – a small fish in a big pond – must be played at trick one or all will be lost (fans of old television sitcoms can probably hear the chorus from *Gilligan's Island* playing in the background – "... or the *Minnow* would be lost").

When the eight forces the ace or king, the expert declarer can start thinking about 4-1 trumps since the triple tap seems to be preventable. Playing low from the dummy is an error as it enables the defence to insert a covering spot card, hence resurrecting the triple-tap scenario.

So, ruff the first trick and cash the trump ace. The appearance of East's queen of spades makes it inadvisable to cash the other high trump as West's original jack-eight to four would then spell sure defeat. East's queen is also more likely to be singleton than it is a

choice of plays from queen-jack doubleton – both the auction and ‘Restricted Choice’ argue for this.

Therefore declarer’s second trump play should be low toward dummy’s ten. West can do nothing better than to win his jack. Note: losing to the queen-jack doubleton in the East hand wouldn’t be the end of the world as we would still have our five planned-for trump tricks. It might even give us a clearer idea of how to play the club suit for four tricks.

What can the defence do at trick three upon winning their trump trick in the West hand?

Answer: virtually nothing constructive. A heart continuation, with the jack marked outside, will set up a heart winner for declarer (there is the red suit winner that declarer needs to fulfill his contract which we talked about earlier). A diamond switch does the same thing, while a club play just finds the jack for the offence.

The key to the deal is forcing the defence to set up a heart winner, if the defence does that for declarer, after only two taps, not three. Then it is a useful trick. Finally, if the defence refuses to lead more hearts to set up the queen in dummy, declarer will have the time to get a diamond trick.

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DUCK SOUP

By Jack Shinehoft

This deal from the Spingold at the recent Las Vegas Nationals was rather intricate. I don't know what, if anything, you call this play, but it had never happened to me before. You are East...

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

...and see the following auction:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT ¹	Pass	2 ♦ ²
Pass	3 ♠ ³	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Forcing for one round
2. 3+ diamonds
3. 3-card limit raise

Your partner leads the three of clubs, dummy plays low and you insert the king which loses to declarer's ace. Declarer then plays a low spade to the queen, partner showing out with the seven of diamonds. What do you do? How do you defeat this seemingly-impregnable contract?

You'll need a little bit of help from declarer but you have a chance. You have to duck this trick. Declarer then leads the five of spades from dummy and you have to duck again, covering the five with the seven. Declarer wins

this in his hand with the eight, and leads a third spade.

You must duck a third time. Declarer now leads a heart to his king, (the only mistake he made) and a high spade from his hand. You have to win this trick and return the jack of hearts locking declarer in the dummy. He plays a third heart to which you follow and then the fourth heart which you ruff with the nine of spades. Partner has discarded all his clubs save the queen and keeps his diamonds. Declarer now has to lose two diamonds, a club and the ace of trumps. An interesting hand indeed.

The full deal:

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

It is not intuitively obvious, but declarer can make the hand by leading a club from dummy after the third spade is ducked. Then he scores four spades, three hearts as you helplessly follow suit, the ace of diamonds and two club tricks. West can make declarer guess the distribution if he shifts to a diamond upon winning the club queen, declarer ducking once and then continuing trumps, or playing his winners for discards immediately.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

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By Hamish MacGregor

It's Spring and the Yarborough Club of the Toronto area is winding down its 45th season of individual competition in 8-man format. Once again a hand was dealt that tested a variety of skills and gave rise to considerable discussion.

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ 9 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K 9 7 6 4 3
♣ Q

♠ A Q 6
♥ A 8 5
♦ J 5
♣ A K J 10 2

If you are familiar with safety plays, you may win in dummy and lead a low diamond intending to play the jack if East plays low. If so, your contract is almost guaranteed.

So now to the actual situation. Put yourself in East's shoes and consider your defence after West leads the heart queen, dummy wins and leads a small diamond:

♠ 9 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K 9 7 6 4 3
♣ Q

♠ K 8 4 3
♥ Q J 7 5 4
♦ —
♣ 9 6 4 3

♠ J 10 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 10 8 2
♣ 8 7 5

♠ A Q 6
♥ A 8 5
♦ J 5
♣ A K J 10 2

In both rooms the bidding started one diamond-two clubs-two diamonds. In one room South jumped to six no trump and played there. In the other room the bidding went four no trump (1430)-five hearts-five no trump-?

North reasoned that South was interested in a grand slam and if he responded six diamonds it might be passed so he bid seven diamonds and played there. The post-game discussion suggested that South should not have asked for kings since he had no interest in bidding the grand slam.

So let's assume you are the declarer in six no trump. Plan the play after the lead of the heart queen.

It is not too difficult to decide to rise with the queen, and while the next lead may be less obvious to some, you must attack dummy's only possible outside entry by leading a club.

Well bid, well played and well defended for no swing.

And the last word comes from the two of clubs. "If I had been in the North hand instead of my cousin the two of hearts, the contract would have been unbeatable".

Not quite the last word. If the spade king had been onside, declarer was cold on a non-simultaneous double squeeze anyway, provided he does not take the spade finesse too early. The ending would be:

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

On the final club, West discards a heart, dummy a spade and East must release a spade to guard the diamonds. Declarer then cashes the ace and king of diamonds discarding his heart eight, forcing two spade pitches from West. South will now score all three spades with the aid of the finesse. Note that declarer needs the nine of hearts in the dummy at the end, and both spades, one to discard and one to lead. – Ed.

Correspondence



Hi John:

For a few years now I have been teaching bridge to grade 9 and 10 students at Marc Garneau Collegiate here in Toronto. My students have participated in School Bridge League tournaments, and have done very well, frequently placing in the top ten North America-wide. This year, five of my students did so well that they were invited to the Youth NABC in Atlanta, all expenses paid; and two were able to go. I received the following letter from the father of one of the students, and he has graciously consented to my submitting it to the Kibitzer for possible publication.

Yours truly, Joel Schapiro

Dear Joel,

Thank-you so very much for making it possible for Phil and Ali to attend the Youth NABC in Atlanta last weekend. It was a growth experience for them in many ways. In terms of Bridge, they learned that there is a whole higher level of play to

aspire to. According to Phil, they were in the top third of their Division (one to three years playing experience) in the morning session, and somewhat closer to the bottom in the afternoon session. From a parental point of view, this experience lends itself to several important lessons in life: while natural talent and ability is important, it must be coupled with practice to achieve at higher levels. Also, like any other activity Phil has been involved in - hockey for example - one can be at the top of one league and then not so near the top after moving up a level. At the same time, we know both Phil and Ali really enjoyed the Bridge they played, and weren't dismayed when faced with more experienced players.

Another aspect of the experience that was wonderful for Phil particularly was the opportunity to learn first-hand about another country's culture and traditions. Having never been south of the Canada/ U.S. border, it was great for him to take part in and overhear conversations with everyone we met during our stay. As

Doreen knows, the group of three Canadian chaperone families and charges was able to make the trip Saturday night to Stone Mountain and watch the Independence Day weekend laser show/fireworks display. It was both amazing and educational for kids and parents alike.

Our most heartfelt gratitude for these wonderful experiences for both our kids, and ourselves.

The ACBL and School Bridge League are amazing organizations, and we were thrilled for our family and Ali to be a part of this experience.

Yours truly, Bruce and Deirdre Van-Lane

Following is a letter to Audrey Grant regarding the seminar for teachers reported on by Sally Rewbotham elsewhere in this issue...

Dear Audrey,

Thank you so much for including me in your get together today. I enjoyed it thoroughly and learned and reviewed lots of useful things. My experience in teaching bridge is very limited, certainly compared with some of the participants

there today. It was a privilege to be with them. I am starting to teach a course on Monday evening given by the local Board of Education. The title is Intermediate Bridge which to me means that I can teach whatever I please. I have decided to start with your book and materials called Competitive Bidding and see where that takes us. I am very confident that all the support materials will make this a manageable task.

I particularly admire the way in which you don't pretend you know everything and defer to the experts. You really do that very well. My only previous experience teaching bridge was this past spring in which I did a course called Beginners Bridge and I used Bridge Basics 1 materials. I frequently used the expression "Audrey says..." and I felt that my students appreciated that this meant that I wasn't trying to pretend that I knew it all either. Those students absolutely loved the book, the cards and the way the course was sequenced. I hope the next one goes as well.

Thanks again.

Sincerely, Jean Collins

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www.masteringbridge.com, a new site, is primarily designed for bridge teachers and bridge students. ‘Mastering Bridge’ will support teachers who use MPP books as teaching aids.

www.bridgeblogging.com, a blog site, has been active for about a year, and now has about a dozen contributors. It is a live internet bridge magazine with no fixed publication date.

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Monk - Sandra Monk, Orillia ON; **Sat. Evening Strat. Pairs** - Linda Lord, Schomberg ON; Charles Arthur, North York ON; **Sat. Eve. 299er Pairs** - Rita Rocys - Enza Bifulchi, Toronto ON; **Stratified 299er Swiss** - Frank De Maat - Dagmar Champagne, Brampton ON; Phil Dawson, Toronto ON; Ken Money, North York ON; **Stratified 299er Swiss** - Mircea Ungureanu, North York ON; Selva Bastian, Scarborough ON; Michael Miranda, Toronto ON; Emile Macedo, Markham ON; **Stratified Swiss** - John Gowdy, Markham ON; John Mooshie, Crawfordville FL; J Lang - Bill Kertes, Toronto ON; Randal Davidson, North York ON; Susan Cooper, Thornhill ON

Sun Parlour Sectional Windsor, Ontario July 25 - 27, 2008

Friday Aft Open Pairs - Bonnie Durocher, Windsor ON; David Nagy, Tecumseh ON; **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Allan Thomas, Wallaceberg ON; Dennis Kerr, Wallaceburg ON; **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - David Boley, Grosse Pointe MI; Kathryn Schwartzentrube, CD; **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Julie Morrone - Catherine Curran, Windsor ON; **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Margaret Davis, Rochester Hills MI; Gretchen Dietz, Oakland MI;

Saturday Aft Open Pairs - Richard Becher, Bloomfield MI; Charlotte Kartsonis, New Port Richey FL; **Saturday Compact Teams** - Phil St. Pierre - Jean Lin - Ranbir Gugneja - Meena Gugneja, Windsor ON; **Saturday Eve Open Pairs** - Dianne Aves, Kitchener ON; Moira Hollingsworth, Waterloo ON; **Saturday Eve 299er Pairs** - J Robert Garrioch - Mark Moore, Windsor ON; **Compact KOs Consolation** - Charles Dalmas - Stephen Massicotte - Ed Seguin - John Duffy, Sarnia ON; **Sunday AM 299er Teams** - Dorothy Arksey - Eileen Greguol - Rosita Truant - Catherine Curran, Windsor ON; **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Myles Maddox - Marilyn Maddox, Pleasant Ridge MI; Sheldon Kirsch, West Bloomfield MI; Mary Smith, Detroit MI; **Sunday Aft 299er Teams** - Chris Balyo - Jackie Marie Lesperance, Tecumseh ON; Bonnie Durocher - Catherine Feldmann, Windsor ON

**29th Golden Leaf
Tillsonburg ON
August 8-10, 2008**

Fri Aft Int/Novice Pairs - Allan Thomas - Dennis Kerr, Wallaceburg ON; **Fri Aft Open Pairs** - Robert Colton, Brantford ON; John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN; **Fri Eve Open Pairs** - John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN; Robert Colton, Brantford ON; **Fri Eve**

Int/Novice Pairs - Harold McKnight, Tillsonburg ON; Michael Choma, Simcoe ON; **Friday Senior Pairs** - Joanne Marden - Kenneth Marden, Oshawa ON; **Sat Aft Int/Novice Pairs** - Dennis Kerr - Allan Thomas, Wallaceburg ON; **Saturday A/X Pairs** - John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN; Robert Colton, Brantford ON; **Saturday B/C Pairs** - Jeannette McLuhan - Barry McLuhan, Tillsonburg ON; **Sat Eve Int/Novice Pairs** - Gheorghe Beres - Dorina Beres, Windsor ON; **Sunday Open Swiss** - John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington, Cambridge ON; David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON

**Niagara 199^{er} Sectional
St Catharines
August 16 - 17, 2008**

Sat Morn 199er Pairs - Sharon Stevens, Vineland STN ON; John Cullen, Fort Erie ON; **Sat Morn 49er Pairs** - Hardev Bains - Patricia Lutman, Pickering ON; **Sat Aft 199er Pairs** - Janet Nazar, St Catharines ON; Violi Whitmee, Niagara-On-Lake ON; **Sat Aft 49er Pairs** - Bonnie Bond, Dundas ON; Anne Ferguson, Hamilton ON; **Sunday Morn 199er Teams** - Liz Illes - Jozsef Gyorgy, Tillsonburg ON; Douglas Cote, Woodstock ON; Adrian Barna, Burlington ON; **Sunday Aft 199er Teams** - Christine Pentesco - Dennis

Glazebrook, St Catharines ON;
Teresa Picton - Brian Picton,
Welland ON

**2nd Bridge by the Bay
Owen Sound, ON
August 22-24, 2008**

Friday Aft Open Pairs - Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON;
Friday Aft 299'er Pairs - Robert Pilger - Mark Isber, Port Elgin ON; **Friday Eve 299'er Pairs** - Elaine Gill - Norman Gill, Wellandport ON; **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON;
Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs - Barbara Peters - Sandy Goodwin, Collingwood ON;
Saturday Open Pairs - Wendy Dooley, Mississauga ON; Don Brock, Brampton ON;
Saturday Eve 299'er Pairs - Kelly Pope - Michael Pope, Hamilton ON; **Sunday Morn 299'er Swiss** - Kelly Pope - Michael Pope - Eugene Fitzpatrick - Christine Fitzpatrick, Hamilton ON;
Sunday Aft 299'er Swiss - Verla Forbe - Roma Taylor - Isabelle Love - Georgina Mckelvie, Owen Sound ON;
Sunday Open Swiss - Robert Schives - Karen Schives, Chatham ON; Bill Anderson - Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON

**Labour Day
Toronto, ON
August 30-31, 2008**

I/N PAIRS - Maxine Fremont, Woodbridge ON; Catherine Wang, Toronto ON; **Saturday KO A** - Hazel Wolpert - Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Gavin Wolpert, New York NY; Jenny Wolpert, New York City NY;
Saturday KO C - Don McNiven, Fergus ON; William Barbour, Milton ON; Kees Schipper, Mississauga ON; Ron Reynolds, Mount Forest ON; **Saturday KO B** - Andrew Russell, Whitby ON; Trevor Dundas - Nancy Dundas, Oshawa ON; Anna Dosseva, Pickering ON; **Sat Eve A/X** - Sigitas Keras - Danny Miles, Toronto ON; **Sat Eve BC** - Michael Moore, Oakville ON; Adele Pick, Etobicoke ON;
Sat.even 199er - Elizabeth Stewart, Whitby ON; Ilene Samuels, Toronto ON; **Sun Aft 199er Pairs** - Marilyn Bowers, Etobicoke ON; Mary Thomson, North York ON; **Sunday Bracketed KO's - A** - Roger Snowling, Hamilton ON; Gary Westfall, Brampton ON; Roman Klein, Oakville ON; Jack Shinehoft, Dundas ON; **Sunday Bracketed KO's - B** - Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Ambrose Ng, Thornhill ON; Akbar Husain, Markham ON; Wendy Liu, Toronto ON; **Sunday Bracketed**

KO's - C - Dave Malen - Jill Thompson - Leonard Wells, Toronto ON; Henry Schmidt, Etobicoke ON; **FLIGHT B/C PAIRS** - Rick Jenkins, Toronto ON; Clay Dahl, Etobicoke ON; **FLIGHT A/X IMP PAIRS** - Nancy Strachan - Gail Lambacher, Oakville ON



**2nd Caledon Fall Sectional
Caledon East, ON
Sept 20-21, 2008**

Sat Morn 199'er Pairs - Janet Armstrong, Georgetown ON; Loretta White, Milton ON; **Saturday KO - Consolation** - Karen Lane - Phil Dowd - Jan Stewart - Louise Morel, Toronto ON; **Saturday KO's** - William Liu, North York ON; Weidong Shen, Scarborough ON; Peter Wong, Toronto ON; Wenbo Zhang, Mississauga ON; **Saturday Open Pairs** - Nancy Strachan, Oakville ON; Judite Kokis, Mississauga ON; **Sat Aft 199'er Pairs** - Mark Isber - Robert Pilger, Port Elgin ON; **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - Bing Le - Peter Wang - Jeff Luo, North York ON; Richard Chan, Richmond Hill ON; **Sunday B/C Swiss Teams** - Doug Barnes - Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON; Peter Deluca - John Barnes, Woodbridge ON; Douglas Morrison, Caledon East ON

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- 9th Andrew Firko, Oakville;
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WERNHER OPEN PAIRS

- 2nd Don Piafsky, Toronto

NABC FAST PAIRS

- 4th David Lindop, Toronto
- 5th Leslie Amoils, Toronto;
Daniel Korbel, Waterloo

MINI-SPINGOLD KO TEAMS

- 1st David Grainger,
Etobicoke
- 5th/8th Gary Westfall, Brampton;
Jack Shinehoft, Dundas;
Ringo Chung,
Mississauga; Roger
Snowling, Hamilton

**TRUSCOTT SENIOR
SWISS TEAMS**

- 1st John Carruthers,
Toronto

City of Toronto

Sectional

January 2 – 4, 2009

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Friday, January 2

Open Pairs (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

0-5 Newcomers FREE! 1 pm

0-299er Pairs (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Saturday, January 3

KO Teams (3 sessions) 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Stratiflighted A/X Pairs (2 sessions) 1 & 7 pm

B/C/D Pairs (2 sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Side Games (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

0-299er Pairs (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Sunday, January 4

Open Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

0-299er Swiss Teams (Single sessions)
10:30 am & TBA

Unit 166

Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 3 - 12:00 pm

Tournament Chair:

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Flighting

Stratiflighted 2-session events

A/X Stratiflighted:

X=0-3000

A=3000+

B/C/D:

D=0-500

C=500-1000

B=1000-1500

Stratiflighted 1-session events,

Swiss Team events &

Open Side Games:

C=0-750

B=750-1500

A=1500+

0-299er Pairs=TBA

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January 23, 24, and 25, 2009

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Friday, January 23, 1:00 PM

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

Friday, January 23, 7:00 PM

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

Saturday, January 24, 11:00 AM

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)**

**Note
time
change !**

Saturday, January 24 TBA

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)
Novice Pairs: 0-199 (1 Session)
Light meal between sessions
Entry fee includes meal

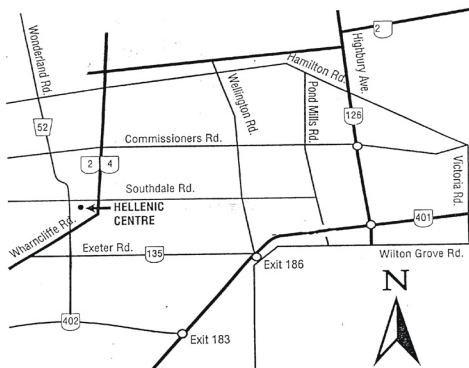
Free Snacks Friday and Saturday Nights

Sunday January 25, 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
A light meal will be served
between sessions
Team entry includes meal

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



Directions:

...from Toronto
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Hellenic Community Centre
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55th NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Niagara District Bridge Association

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

(All Single Sessions Today)

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

299 ^{er} Swiss Teams	11:00 am
Swiss Teams	11:00 am

* Bracketed & split by average master points of each team

* 7 Rounds of 7 Boards

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27th OSHAWA & DISTRICT SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL

OSHAWA

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2009



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Stratflighted Swiss Teams A/X
 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
 Stratflighted Swiss Teams B/C/D
 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
 Separate 299er Swiss Team events on
 Saturday if numbers warrant

Please note the early start time

**Separate single 299er sessions, if
 numbers permit**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

**Flights: A=3000+ X=0-3000
 B= 0-1500 C= 0-750 D= 0-300**

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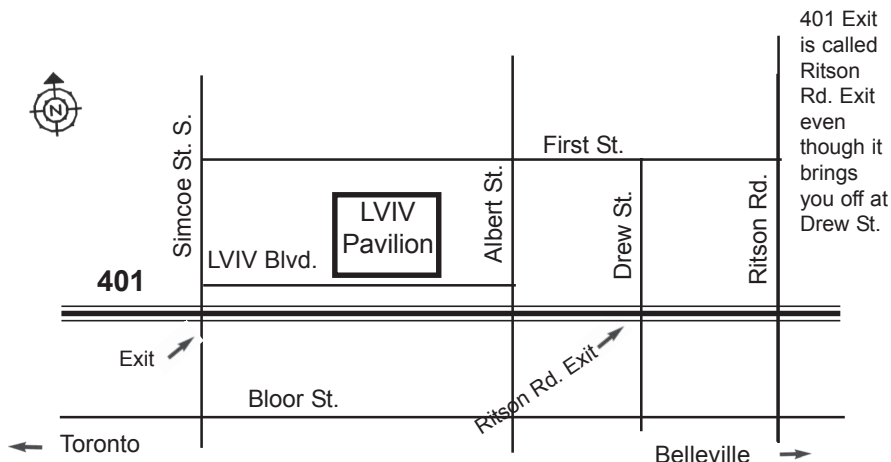
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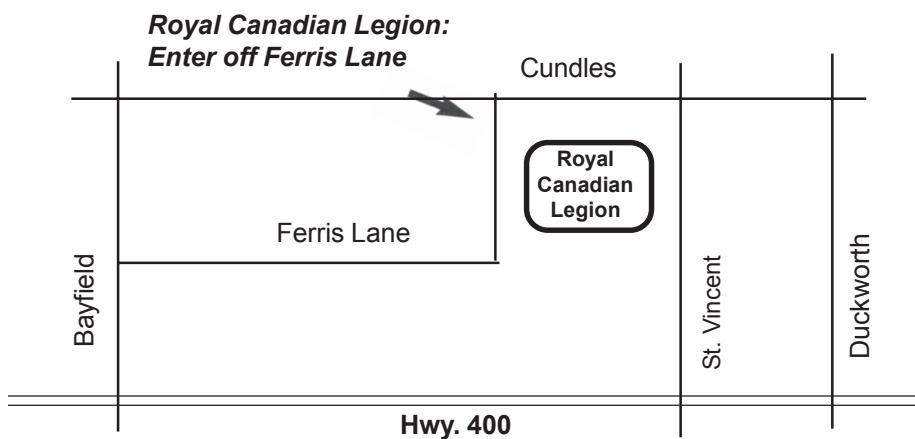


SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22nd 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BARRIE, ON
Presented by Barrie Bridge Association

Silver Point Swiss Teams
Open Teams A 1000+ & B 0-1000
I/N Teams 0-200

Entry fee: \$100 per team
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Tournament Manager: Marc Fournier marc146@sympatico.ca
Partnerships: Elizabeth Leclair (705)739-4027 zonx1809@yahoo.ca
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Schedule of Events

Friday, February 27th

1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

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

99er game where numbers warrant

Saturday, February 28th

1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

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

99er game where numbers warrant

Sunday, March 1st

10:30 A.M. Stratified Swiss Teams

Play through (ending at approximately 6:30 P.M.)

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

Prices: \$10 per player per session, \$100 per team on Sunday

Tournament Co-Chairpersons:

Jennifer O'Hara - ohara.bridge@gmail.com (705) 675-5339

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City of Hamilton Sectional

March 6– 8, 2009

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel

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

Friday, March 6

Stratified Open Pairs.....1:00 & 7:30 pm

Single Sessions; A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

Intermediate & Newcomer Games *Single Sessions*

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200.....1:00 & 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 7

Bracketed KO Teams 1st.....9:00 am sharp

Stratiflighted Open Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 pm

All Flights are Playthrough

Single Session Entries Welcomed

A (Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd... ..1:00 pm

Bracketed KO Teams 3rd... ..7:00 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd... ..1:00 pm

Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5.....1:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/2001:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200.....7:00 pm

Sunday, March 8

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams11:00 am & TBA

A (Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C:0-500

ALL flights scored by Victory Points

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session).....11:00 am

0-50/100/200

Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session).....TBA



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2008/2009 Grand National Teams—District 2 Finals



GNT Schedule



Flight A (0-5000) and Flight C (0-500/Non Life Master)		Open Flight (0-∞) and Flight B (0-2000)	
Saturday April 18th, 2009	1pm and 7:00pm	Friday April 24th, 2009	7:30pm
Sunday April 19th, 2009	10am & 2pm	Saturday April 25th, 2009	10am and 2pm
Saturday will be a round robin qualification Sunday will be the SemiFinal and Finals in a KO format For players that do not qualify for the Sunday KO's, you are invited to play free (max of 4 people per GNT entry) in the District 2 Sunday GNT Fund IMP Pairs This event will be stratified A=0-∞, B=0-2000 and C=0-500. Or, you can exchange your entries to the IMP pairs for entries in the 2009 Winnipeg Regional. Speak to Jerry Cohen for details. Come for the GNT, Stay for the Regional April 21st-26th		Sunday April 26th, 2009 10am and 2pm Friday and Saturday will be a round robin qualification Sunday will be the SemiFinal and Finals in a KO format The events will be held during the Winnipeg Regional. For teams that do not qualify for the Sunday KO's, you are invited to play free in the Winnipeg Regional Sunday Swiss	

Contact **Jerry Cohen** for hotel and housing information. Home billeting is available.
Tel (204) 339-6040 or email: jhcohen@shaw.ca

See the Winnipeg Regional flyer for hotel discounts.

Flight A/C Location:

The Tuxedo Bridge Studio, 1460 Chevrier Blvd,
Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1Y6, 204-453-0708

Open/B Flight Location:

Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Ave,
Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1Y6, 204-786-4801

- There will be 4 separate events, one for each flight. This is not a stratified event. Flight C is restricted to players that have less than 500 Masterpoints and are also Non Life Masters. Flight B is restricted to players with less than 2000 MP's. Flight A is restricted to players with less than 5000MP's and the Open flight is open to all players. A team may also choose to play in a higher flight (ie, a B team may play in B, A or Open, an A team may play in A or Open etc). 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 defenses.
- Advance reservations are recommended 2 weeks before your event.
- Full Conditions of Contest can be found on the District 2 website at <http://www3.sympatico.ca/jonathan.st>

SECOND CHANCE! Any Flight A team that does not qualify for the national final during the April 18th weekend may try again on the April 24th weekend, in the Open Flight (or Flight B, if eligible) event. Normal Entry Fees apply.

SECOND CHANCE! Any Flight C team that does not qualify for the national final during the April 18th weekend may try again on the April 24th weekend in the Flight B event. Normal Entry Fees apply.

Tournament Reservations and Information—David Cohen, (905)889-0711, david@deaknet.com
Winnipeg Contact for hotel and home billeting information—Jerry Cohen, (204) 339-6040, jhcohen@shaw.ca

“I had not seen my dear friend for two and a half years,” the bridge player said after receiving a terrible result from his ‘dear friend’, “and with any luck, I won’t see him for another two and a half years!”

NORTH BAY SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

April 24th, 25th, 26th 2009



North Bay Granite Club
2624 Trout Lake Road
North Bay, ON

Friday, April 24th 2009

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (A=1000+, B=500-1000, C =0-500)
- 1:00 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)
- 7:00 pm Stratified By Experience (A=2 players over 1000, B=1 player under 1000, C=2 players under 1000)
- 7:00 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)
- 7:00 pm Newcomer Pairs (A=20-50, B=5-20, C=0-5)
Relaxed pace, fewer boards

Saturday, April 25th 2009

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (A=1000+, B=500-1000, C=0-500)
- 1:00 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)
- 1:00 pm Newcomer Pairs (A=20-50, B=5-20, C=0-5)
Relaxed pace, fewer boards
- 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (A=1000+, B=500-1000, C=0-500)
- 7:00 pm Stratified Intermediate Pairs (A=100-300, B=50-100, C=0-50)

Sunday, April 26th 2009

- 10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams (A=1000+, B=300-1000, C=0-300)

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

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