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Editor's Note

Despite rumours of its demise the game of bridge is alive and well and dare I say, flourishing. The Directors at the recently held TO Sectional were overwhelmed at the turnout, especially on Friday morning; perhaps it was because of the switch to the Holiday Inn near Yorkdale Mall. It was also great to see a few tables of youngsters playing (see the photo on page 45).

This Spring issue has an unintentional theme to it. See if you can spot the common denominator amongst all our articles featuring bridge hands. Answer at the back.

Articles, ideas for articles, and anecdotes are always welcome.

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We now have 4 schools in Cambodia that we are sustaining in remote areas of the country at a cost of \$12,000.00 per year. We now have 580 students in our schools. Thank you to so many of you who have generously donated to this cause. We could not have done any of this without you.

We have therefore decided to build a FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC. Our focus for the first few years will be to make sure that villagers have:

1. Access to safe water. This is a fundamental human need and a basic human right.
2. Access to health care.
3. Health Education: Boiling water, good hygiene and the importance of good nutrition. This will help to prevent the transmission of diseases.

The infant death rate is at an unacceptable level. Also, we need to work to ensure the health of mothers during pregnancy and childbirth. One of our goals is to reduce the rate of mortality of children under two years old. Immunization is one of the primary methods of preventing mortality from childhood diseases. Therefore we need to offer immunization to all children under the age of 2 years.

Malaria and tuberculosis continue to plague the remote villages. Our primary goals of access to safe water, access to health care and health education will help to prevent the transmission of diseases.

Our first guesstimate for building this project is approximately \$50,000.00. After that, there will be considerable costs for the sustaining of this project. We need your help. If you have any professional expertise or know of potential corporate or private sponsors, we would love to hear from you. Barbara: bseagram@uniserve.com and Patti: pattilee@sympatico.ca

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For more information, please see our website: unit166.ca

Yours truly,

Andy Risman - Election Chair



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Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator



Welcome to my Nightmare

By Michael Shoenborn
aka 'The Shoe'

My reunion with Fred Lerner, 'Colonel Bulldozer' to his friends, began with our participation in the 2014 Canadian Senior Team Championship in Calgary. We joined forces with Doran Flock and David Smith, a pair who had impressed me in an earlier CSTC final with their play and deportment. We surprised ourselves at least a little by going undefeated all the way to a good-sized win in the final. With the addition of John Rayner and Michael Roche, the guys who had set up our team in the first place, and our excellent NPC, Paul Janicki, we were on our way to Sanya for the world championship. The CBF and our home units (Unit 246 for Fred and Unit 166 for me) helped with the funding and it was a big help that Paul kept after the CBF to get us some coaching from Eric Kokish—coaching that was about as good as coaching can possibly get.

After shopping wisely for airfare and accommodation, and with plans to arrive four days ahead of time to combat the

jetlag, Fred and I arrived in Hong Kong for a two-day layover. We thought we would fly west over Vancouver and were amazed to find ourselves going north up the Quebec side of Hudson Bay, then east over the top of Greenland, Norway and Russia, and finally south over Siberia and China.

The flight took over 14 hours non-stop, and there was a 12-hour time difference, so no need to rest our watches.

Both Hong Kong and Sanya are in the extreme south of China: temperatures were warm to tropical.

We stayed in Mongkok, the most populated area, which happened to have the Hong Kong student demonstrations on. Despite an evening walk, we saw none of that. The next day was a tour scheduled for the morning that took the whole day because of a 3-hour traffic jam. It was impressive to see the massive collection of skyscrapers, but also the open areas with beaches and people living on boats.

We headed on to Sanya for a couple more days' rest. We'd done lots of practice and lots of useful homework with Eric. Since luck is often a byproduct of hard



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work, we were optimistic. We might have been suspicious that not everything was going our way as our airport transit guy presented me with a handwritten note requesting payment of 11,100 RMB, about \$2,000 Canadian. This was especially disturbing as I had prepaid the hotel and the airport transfer. The desk, which purported to speak English, told us to take a taxi to the tournament site, which turned out to be the hotel next door. Then came our room, not ready for us by mid-afternoon, with the room attendant not even pretending to understand English. Our luggage was missing, the electrical plugs did not work, and our wireless internet was censored—so that eliminated using Google and Facebook, among other webpages. This is the first and only time I saw Fred almost lose it.

Waiting for the room gave us a chance to explore our perfect surroundings: big wide beach, sculpted landscapes with palm trees, curved swimming pools, bridges and stone pathways. Meals and refreshment were incredibly expensive at the hotels: \$5 for a coffee or a small beer. The team explored, and after getting burned on the first night's dinner, found a number of great restaurants in the mall at less than half the price. The grocery store offered six-packs of double-sized Tsingtao for the price of one small beer at the hotel, so I was good to go.

We began rested and optimistic, but nothing seems to kill your luck quite as quickly as making a boneheaded play. I obliged almost immediately on our second hand of the event. Whenever we sat East-West, Fred was East, Shoe West. On this hand my RHO opened a weak notrump (12-14) and at unfavourable vulnerability, I contributed an aggressive

2 hearts, showing hearts and a minor. My LHO bid 3NT.

Fred had:

♠ K 9 5 3 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ K 9 7 4
 ♣ 10 8 5

He opted to pass, and I had an automatic queen of diamonds lead on this layout

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

Fred encouraged diamonds and on the avalanche of clubs, contributed an early nine of spades, discouraging. I pitched the setting trick anyway (a diamond at one point), keeping queen and one heart and a singleton queen of spades to prevent the run of 4 additional heart tricks if declarer had A x x of hearts. There were lots of reasons to go right, especially at IMPs. The opponents went right at the other table. No one got to four diamonds, our way. Lose 10 IMPs. Round 2 wasn't any more encouraging. I held:

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ A Q J 7 6 2
 ♣ A Q J

Fred, North here, opened one spade, all vulnerable, and rebid two spades over my game-forcing two diamonds. We play weak two bids up to ten HCP and I basically forced to 6NT. Fred had declined the weak two bid as his texture (spade spots) hadn't been good enough! Plus, he had two outside cards, so one spade would be our correct opening bid. Nobody passes these hands any more. Nevertheless, I was in the best of many possible ugly spots after LHO found the opening ten of spades lead:

♠ A J 6 4 3 2
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ 10 6

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

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ A Q J 7 6 2
 ♣ A Q J

I had been lucky not to get a heart lead, but when RHO won his spade king and returned a club, I was sure the spades were not breaking and so took the club finesse. That was one down by trick two, but better than much of the field, which went two or three down in various contracts. Even four spades might go down on a club lead.

In the other room, the opponent with Fred's hand did open a weak two bid, then showed the diamond king in response to a 2NT inquiry. That resulted in a contract of six diamonds played from the short side. Our defender, looking at K x of spades, decided to try to set up a

heart trick. Unfortunately, the heart lead was pretty much the only lead to let the slam make. Vulnerable, of course.

We got to sit out Round 3, so our next nightmare did not come until Round 4. First board of Round 4 to be precise. Board 26, vulnerable again; I held:

♠ K J 6
 ♥ A K Q
 ♦ A K 10 8 5 4
 ♣ 3

I opened one diamond, partner responded one heart and I bid an innocuous two spades. That was it: we were dead. The hand was effectively over. There was now no longer any way not to play spades. Fred had:

♠ A 10 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 8 7
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ 7 5

He raised two spades to three and I did some encouraging noise like 4 hearts. I had to pass the spade preference back to four spades. I got to play it nicely and made five by taking the club tap and floating the jack of spades. Sadly, six diamonds was laydown, not even needing the two-way spade finesse, as the jack of hearts came down doubleton and diamonds split. Naturally, the opponents got to six diamonds, although most of the field missed it.

Could we have avoided this situation? Sure, if I opened two clubs. The option, it was suggested, was that fake jump shifts should always be made in a lower-ranking suit. That meant that on this hand I had to jump shift in CLUBS! On

that auction, we might even reach six hearts, also cold with the heart jack being doubleton.

This was the layout on Board I of Round 5 (hand rotated).

<p>♠ 9 8 5 ♥ Q 10 4 ♦ K J 6 2 ♣ A Q 4</p> <p>♠ 10 6 4 3 ♥ 9 ♦ 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ K 10 9</p> <p>♠ A Q 2 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ Q 10 ♣ J 8 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 7 ♥ A J 8 7 6 5 ♦ A 9 ♣ 7 6</p>
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Fred and I subsided in 2NT after he, (North here), opened one diamond; the next hand overcalled one heart and I bid 2NT showing 11 to 12 or a bad 13. I played sensibly in 2NT, inserting the queen of hearts on the nine of hearts lead and eventually scored eight tricks: two spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

Two notrump was not enough of a challenge for our opponents, who bid three. They received a spade lead (excellent for the defense!) that immediately made them favourites to lose two spades and one trick in every other suit. No problem: duck a spade, win a spade, drive out the ace of diamonds, the eventual club finesse and the king not dropping brought the total to seven tricks. Still no problem, as the heart bidder was out of all suits but hearts, so the lead of the queen of hearts guaranteed two heart tricks to bring the total to nine.

The beautiful lies of the cards continued after we sat out round 6. This was Board 15 of Round 7. South opened one club and I overcalled one spade. After a negative double and a diamond bid by Fred, we stopped in three spades. I had to play three spades on two rounds of hearts on this layout:

<p>♠ K 9 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 5 2 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ A J 10 7 5 2 ♥ J ♦ J 9 ♣ A 9 7 5</p>
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I played safely for nine tricks: ruff the second heart, ace and a club ruff, cash the ace of diamonds, ruff a heart back low, ruff a club with the king of spades. This ensured seven spade tricks and two aces. With the spades 3-2 onside and the diamond king onside and not with the opening bidder, the opponents had no problem making seven after the superior opening club lead, by simply drawing trump and finessing the diamond. Naturally, they had bid the game. We were fortunate not to be vulnerable, this time.

The crowning glory came in Round 8, Hand 6. We reached three notrump on an uncontested auction: 1♣ – 1♦ ; 2NT – 3NT. My LHO was on lead with:

<p>♠ A J 4 ♥ K 8 5 4 3 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 8 7 3</p>
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What's your lead? Hint #1: Does this look like an impossible lead problem? I never bid a major and partner never responded a major or bid checkback Stayman. Hint #2: a black-suit lead lets you make it, and so does a heart. My opponent led the magic doubleton five of diamonds. This was the layout:

<p>♠ 10 9 2 ♥ J 9 7 ♦ A J 8 6 ♣ 9 6 2</p> <p>♠ A J 4 ♥ K 8 5 4 3 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 8 7 3</p> <p>♠ K Q 8 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ A Q 10 4</p>	<p>♠ 7 6 5 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ 10 7 4 2 ♣ K J 5</p>
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It's true that I could make it double dummy by overtaking a high diamond, double hooking the clubs and breaking them out three-three, eventually strip squeezing my LHO. I went one down with a club to the nine, losing, and a shift to the seven of spades, king by me, ducked. They didn't slip up later, and got their four cashing tricks in the majors. The hand is a lot easier on the normal heart lead: unblock the queen and win the third heart in dummy. You can't play for two spade tricks and a club hook because that gives your passed hand RHO the jack of spades, the ace of hearts and the king of clubs, plus he needs the ace of spades so that the hearts won't cash. So you have to fall back on the double club finesse, which works, of course. That results in four tricks in each

minor plus a heart, making three. Eventually, it wasn't all bad. On the second day, Matches 8 to 14, we got back into contention. In Round 10, I thought that the nightmare was continuing. The bidding went one club on my left, one heart on my right, four hearts on my left. I was not delighted to be on lead holding:

♠ A 10 6 2
♥ 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ K J 8 5 3

Presumably, I was getting a big balanced hand with four-card heart support on my left. With the optimism all but gouged out of me, I nevertheless tabled the rebellious two of spades. Declarer could not misguess, but it was the lead to beat the contract. Actually...so would almost anything else have been, as it turns out:

<p>♠ K 9 5 ♥ A K Q J ♦ A 9 5 ♣ Q 9 7</p> <p>♠ A 10 6 2 ♥ 2 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ K J 8 5 3</p> <p>♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ 10 9 5 3 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ A 10</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ 8 7 6 4 ♦ K Q 4 3 ♣ 6 4 2</p>
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Teammates found three notrump, preferring to respond the better major with a weak hand. They made it. By the last round of the second day, our bad fortunes were restored. Opponents opened a club, I passed; one heart by

LHO, one spade by Fred; support double on my right. Holding:

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ A J 8 7 5
♣ 10 6 2

I ventured an innocuous lead-indicating two diamonds, and that was enough to goad my LHO to jump to four hearts, holding:

♠ A
♥ Q 10 9 3 2
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ J 5 3

Sure enough, dummy had ♦Q 3 and Fred's more or less commanded lead of the ten of diamonds set up the tenth trick. Partners stopped perfectly in three hearts, just making.

It continued on this note right to the very end of the three-day qualifier. One last glorious example was the following layout in Round 20, the second-last match—all vulnerable, of course. I've transposed the hands, so Fred appears as West here.

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

I'm going to annotate this auction as we go along. The club hand (South) is dealer and opens one smooth club. Other choices were apparently not considered. In the other room, our guys opened five clubs and got doubled there, unluckily cold for slam, +950.

Fred overcalled one heart. My RHO bid one spade, natural, putting an end to all our spade saves, which would make ten tricks. I raised to two hearts and we were off to the races. LHO bid four clubs. Fred passed and RHO bid 4 diamonds. Later, RHO told us that he had made the wrong response as four clubs was Gerber. I passed and my LHO raised himself to 6 clubs. Later LHO commented that partner's four diamond bid was just the bid he had been waiting to hear.

Fred, with three quick tricks and four clubs, could not find the dive in six spades. Luckily, he did not find the double, either. The 4-1 club break might have set 6 clubs, but my singleton was the jack. The two-way diamond finesse was no great challenge when Fred showed out. Fred stopped the overtrick by failing to underlead the ace of hearts. So, we scored -1370, lose 9 IMPs. And that was how it went.

Sanya was nice. The facilities and organization were excellent. The team was all it could be: everyone played decently and we had dinner together pretty much every night.

Despite our preparation and best efforts, the bridge was amazingly difficult. The overall Sanya bridge experience brings to mind that bad joke about the Lincoln assassination, where someone asks: "Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?"

Some Bits and Pieces

By Ray Jotcham



1. I went down to the Buffalo Regional last month, and upon returning, my wife Gail presented me with the following hand. She said, "Deep Finesse says 6 diamonds is cold, but my partner went down on a trump lead." Can you make 12 tricks on this layout?

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

Solution at the end of the article.

2. You are on lead against 4♥ and you hold ♠ K Q. What do you lead?

You are on lead against 4♥ and you hold ♠ K Q x. What do you lead?

Did you answer the spade king in both cases? Unless partner is psychic, he will never be able to work it out and may not

be able to find the best defence.

In the 1930s, a New York expert tackled the problem and came up with the following solution which is astonishingly simple! With length in the led suit, you lead the **lower of touching honours**. Hence with the first holding you lead the **queen** of spades. With the second holding, you lead the **king**. Partner starts to get a count on the complete hand, and can judge how to continue the defence. These are called **Rusinow Leads**.

There are a couple of caveats. If partner has bid the suit you are leading, you revert back to standard leads, since you don't wish to mislead partner as to the layout of the suit (he may give up a ruff-and-discard, playing declarer for an honour you may have hidden). Also these leads only apply in suit contracts, where the count is important so you know how many tricks are cashing before you have to switch.

3. You are on lead against 3NT, and you hold ♥ J 10 9 8 7. What card do you lead? You are on lead against 3NT, and you hold ♥ K J 10 9 8. What card do you lead?

According to the back of the convention card, in both cases the jack is led. How does partner ever decide how to defend? A team of New York experts, called the **Bridge Journal** (Paul Heitner, Bob Ewen, Ray Brown, Tom and Estee Griffin, Larry Rosler, and Jeff Rubens) came up with the following simple solution: The lead of the **Jack** denies any higher honour, while the lead of the **ten GUARANTEES** the ace, king, or queen. Again, partner knows how the defence should be conducted, and can direct his thinking along productive lines instead of guessing. If partner has to guess what to do, he will guess wrong half the time. If you eliminate guessing on defence, your results should improve in proportion to the number of guesses eliminated.

4. An interesting hand from the club:

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

West	North	East	South
—	1NT	2♣	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

A moment's inspection will show that thirteen tricks are easy in spades, but only twelve tricks in hearts. How do

you get to play in spades? The defence got off to a club lead, and East made a slip by playing the queen. I ruffed, and proceeded to run all but one of my trumps, pitching all of dummy's small diamonds. Now I ran the spades, coming to this 4-card ending.

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

On the lead of the last spade from dummy, East must discard a diamond lest I ruff out his club ace. Now West comes under pressure. If he discards a club, I can lead the king from dummy and smother the jack. If he discards a diamond, I can cash dummy's ace, and my last two cards are high. It's a sort of double squeeze in which both opponents are squeezed in the same two suits, something I had never seen before in 55 years of playing.

The Solution to the problem: Since clubs break so badly, any attempt to ruff two spades in dummy is doomed to failure. Therefore, ruff only one spade, draw trumps, and then give up a spade to East. He will be end-played in both hearts and clubs and will be forced to give you trick twelve in one of these suits.



Down One Is Good Bridge?

By Terry Bradley

My grandmother did not play bridge, but somebody's grandmother must have uttered the phrase, "Down one is good bridge," as her partner went down one at the kitchen table in an easily makeable contract.

How many times have you tried to make an impossible contract and ended up down two or three when going down one would have won all the matchpoints? Here is a recent example:

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K Q
♥ A 10 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ Q 9 8 4

♠ 9 7 4 3
♥ K Q J 9
♦ 7 2
♣ J 6 5

West	North	East	South
1♦	Double	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

The opening lead is the ace of diamonds. West continues with the king of

diamonds, East completing a high-low echo. Next is the queen of diamonds; East follows. As Eddie Kantar would say, "Plan the play."

I decided that I could not afford to get tapped, so I pitched a club at trick 3. LHO switched to the eight of spades. I played a small trump to the 9 in hand, and then a small club toward dummy. LHO played the king and 10 of clubs to RHO's ace. Next came a club from RHO, and I was forced to ruff with the jack as LHO pitched the spade deuce.

I was now to lead from my hand having lost five tricks already with LHO void in spades and clubs. What would be your plan with this 5-card ending?

♠ A K
♥ A 10
♦ —
♣ Q

♠ 9 7 4
♥ K Q
♦ —
♣ —

I tried to make it by playing for an original 3-3 trump split. Sorry, partner; sorry, Granny.

What I didn't do was count LHO's hand: two spades, four hearts, five diamonds, and two clubs. Had I done that I could have played a spade allowing LHO to ruff. At that point he would have exited a trump or a diamond and I could have claimed. If he got out a diamond, I would ruff with the queen in hand, then play the king of hearts and overtake in dummy to draw the last trump. Dummy would be high.

The full deal:

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

And so, Grandma was right! Down one is good bridge. As for down three, well... down three is just bad bridge all around.



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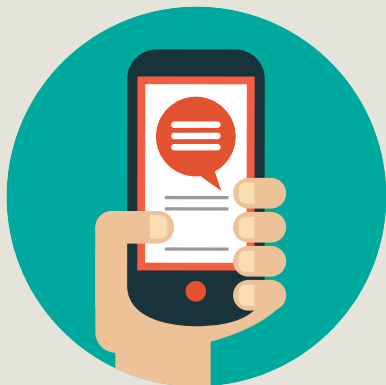
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To Signal or Not to Signal

By John Cunningham



It seems to me that as a matter of general politeness one should write about one's own (rather than partner's) problems given a choice on presenting a hand for discussion. Of course, if you're not thought to be finding fault, that's another story.

I recently held:

♠ 10 9
♥ K 7 2
♦ 10 8 7 5 2
♣ A J 4

to find myself on lead for the penultimate hand of the day.

RHO, dealer, had opened one diamond and bounced to 3NT over her partner's one heart response. Now, many play that as showing a decent long diamond suit in a good hand. It had been a long afternoon, however, and I neglected to ask for clarification.



After thinking briefly about this and that, I tabled the spade ten to this dummy:

♠ K J 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ 10 9 5 2

Declarer played the ace, queen, and a small spade, partner following up the line. What do I discard? We're playing UDCA and Roman Discards, whereby the FIRST discard usually carries a suit preference connotation if the spot is even, (reverse) attitude if odd. Usually.

It looks like declarer may well have that diamond length and, from the play, short hearts: I think a heart is called for now. Which one? The deuce points to clubs; the seven is ambiguous - if low, encouraging; if high, not encouraging. Well, this isn't dogma - the seven is the proper count card, at least. And partner can see the hearts in dummy in conjunction with declarer's reluctance to play them. The seven it is.

Now, what to pitch on the next spade? Partner continued following suit up the line and declarer pitched a small diamond. I guessed a diamond. Does it matter which? Roman is now off. I think

the somewhat discouraging,
(probable count) diamond 8 is best but
in practice the five was played leaving:

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♠ —
♥ Q 8 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ 10 9 5 2

♠ —
♥ K 2
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ A J 4

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Declarer now tried a club to the queen,
which I ducked (!), and a small club out
- won with the jack as partner followed
up the line. Hmm. I might as well cash
the club Ace. Partner pitched the heart
jack, as declarer followed low, leaving:

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♠ —
♥ Q 8 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ 10

♠ —
♥ K 2
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ —

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Partner's play in spades (following suit
up the line) suggests a lack of interest
in hearts, particularly now that he's
dumped the jack, presumably showing
three. That leaves declarer with the
doubleton ace of hearts, the club king,
and diamonds.

So, what to play now? Answer: a diamond.
Might as well be the eight -- hopefully
discouraging. Nope: partner won the ace
and returned the suit.

Unsuccessfully I might add, as the
position was:

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♠ —
♥ Q 8 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ 10

♠ —
♥ K 2
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ —

♠ —
♥ 10 9 3
♦ (A) Q 4
♣ —

♠ —
♥ A
♦ K J 9 (3)
♣ K

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A lot of people shy away from Roman
Discards—they find them too restrictive.
One should remember that while
informative, discards are not commands.
What went wrong here? Sometimes
it's useful to speculate as to declarer's
holding and line of play: here, she clearly
did not hold more than one of the high
hearts.

Thus from partner a low (count) heart,
or a heart switch when in with the
diamond ace, was warranted. But again,
it was the end of a long day.

Andy Altay, playing with Ian McKinnon
many years ago indicated in his system
notes that they signalled religiously if, and
only if, they felt the opponents weren't
likely to be watching. That's something
to think about.

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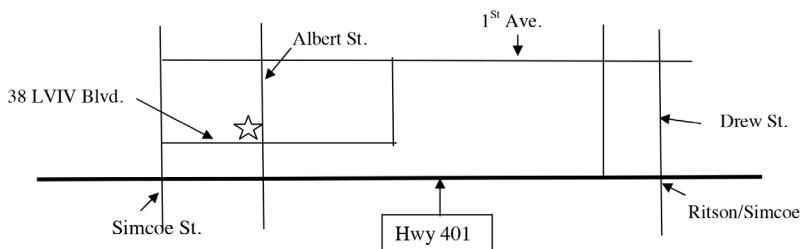
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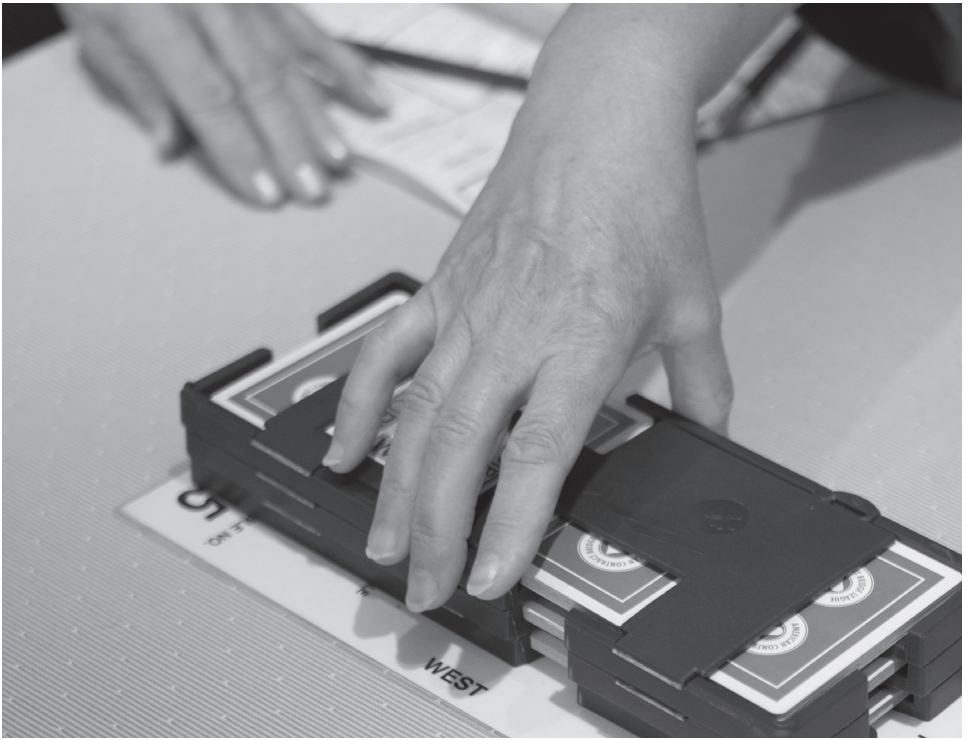
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SATURDAY APRIL 25

Stratified Pairs

2-Session playthrough - A=2000+; B=750–2000; C=0-750

Stratified 299er pairs

2 Single sessions - 1/2 price for players with 0-5 MPs.

Stratified 49er pairs

2 Single sessions - 1/2 price for players with 0-5 MPs.
 (if attendance warrants)

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

***** Homemade food served on site *****

SUNDAY APRIL 26

0–199 Swiss Teams

Game times: 11:00 am & 3:15

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

A/X, B/C/D

Playthru – 45 minute break at midpoint

A=2500+; X=0-2500; B=0–1500; C=0–750; D=0–300

Game time: 11:00 am

Flight eligibility will be determined by average master points of team members.

Enjoy the hospitality and finish early!

Entry Fees:

\$12/player/session for ACBL members

\$15 for non-ACBL members

Tournament Chair

Lee Daugharty calendar@interlog.com

Do The Charleston 2014/15



Martin Hunter, Barry Senensky, Barbara Shnier, Bill Koski won the Tues/Wed KO.



Daniel Korbel and Shan Huang finished #2 and #1 in the 2014 Richmond Trophy Race.



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The Peterborough Sectional 2015



Sat, May 2nd – Sun, May 3rd



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Saturday May 2, 11am & TBA (Approximately 2:45)

(Playthrough – lunch for sale on site)

Open Pairs - Stratified A/X & B/C/D – single sessions welcome
199 pairs (Single Sessions)

Sunday May 3, 11am & TBA

(Playthrough – Swiss Chalet dinner for sale on site)

A/X Swiss Teams (A=3000+, X= 0–3000)

B/C/D Swiss Teams (B=750-1500, C=300–750, D=0–300)

199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)

Entry Fees

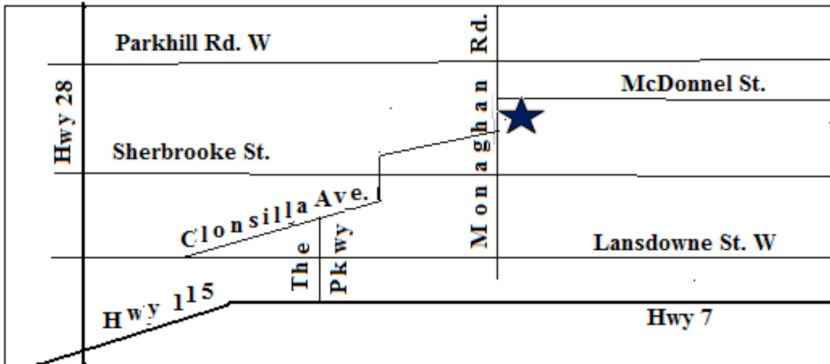
\$12 per session for ACBL members

(\$3.00 additional fee for non-members),

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SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE

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Announcing the KW Summerfest Sectional May 30 and 31, 2015

Featuring:

- ♣ Newcomer friendly tournament: Reduced prices for 199-ers. Bargain prices for 19-ers.
- ◇ New Open event in 2015: Saturday night speedball.
- ♡ Located in the Beehive Lounge of the Hespeler Arena, close to the 401. Free and copious parking is available.
- ♠ Coffee, tea and homemade goodies will be available throughout the tournament. Lunch is available on site both days, and there is easy access to a variety of local restaurants for the Saturday Speedball-ers.



Schedule Of Events

Saturday May 30 (10:00 am start)

Stratified Open Pairs (playthrough)	10:00 am and 2:30 pm
199er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00 am and 2:30 pm
19er Pairs	10:00 am

Lunch is available on site between sessions.

Speedball Open Pairs (one session) 7:30 pm to ????

Sunday May 31 (11:00 am start)

Stratified Open Swiss Teams (playthrough)
199er Swiss Teams (single sessions)
Swiss Chalet dinner will be served between sessions, tickets \$8.00 per meal

Stratification:

A: 1500+ B: 750 - 1500 C: 0 - 750
Stratifications by average of pair and team

Game fees including HST (*)

\$11.00 per ACBL member per Open game. \$88.00/ team for Sunday Swiss teams.
\$9.00 per player for each 199-er game. \$72/ team for Sunday Swiss teams.
\$5.00 per player for each 19-er game.

(*) For non or unpaid ACBL members, add \$3 for Open games, \$1 for 199er games; no added fee for 19er games



Tournament Coordinator: Ted Boyd 519-740-9614 boyds@conestoga.net
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Location:

Hespeler Arena, Beehive Lounge
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Directions:

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Tuesday July 21st

Northern Bracketed KO (rounds 1 & 2)

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

0 - 300 (single sessions)

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Wednesday July 22nd

Northern Bracketed KO (rounds 3 & 4)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Stratiflighted Pairs A/X (separate), B/C (separate)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified Swiss (double session)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

0 - 300 Pairs (single sessions)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Soo Stratified Swiss (1st session)

7:30 pm

Thursday July 23rd

Stratiflighted Swiss - A/X (separate), B/C (separate)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

0 - 300 Pairs (single sessions)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Soo Stratified Swiss (2nd session)

7:30 pm

Friday July 24th

Algoma Bracketed KOs (rounds 1 & 2)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

0 - 300 Pairs (single sessions)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Hiawatha Stratified Swiss (1st session)

7:30 pm

Saturday July 25th

Algoma Bracketed KOs (rounds 3 & 4)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday Stratified Swiss (double session)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

0 - 300 Pairs (single sessions)

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

Hiawatha Stratified Swiss (2nd session)

7:30 pm

Sunday July 26th

Stratified Swiss Team

9:30 am (play-through)

KO events handicapped if only one bracket. Team and Pair games stratified by MP average. Side games and additional KO games added as warranted. 149er events stratified as warranted.

Stratifications: A = 2000+, B = 750 - 2000, C = 0 - 750

Stratiflighted: A = 3000+, X = 0 - 3000, B = 1000 - 2000, C = 500 - 1000, D = 0 - 500

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Demme-Kertes Get the Blues in Providence



We've known for a long time that American professionals tend to avoid playing in Ontario as it is known to be a hotbed of bridge talent. Masterpoints are highly contested in these parts so the pros, when they have a choice, attend US Regionals instead. We have had our fair share of national champions emerge from not only Ontario but other regions of Canada as well. Our latest North American champs are Ina Demme and Bill Kertes. In early December they won the Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs (restricted to players with fewer than 5,000 masterpoints) at the ACBL Fall Nationals held in Providence, Rhode Island.

Usually when national champions are asked for story hands they provide deals where they achieved great results. This then may be a first—a deal where our intrepid heroes received a bad matchpoint score. Perhaps it is the teacher in them that recognizes an interesting point. On this board, down one in 2NT did not score well.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ A 10
♥ K J 10 7 5
♦ 9 4 3
♣ A J 4

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Double	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♥
2NT	All Pass		

Over to Bill: "East had a decision to make. Partner's 2 notrump bid was intended as "pick a minor" with longer clubs (already shown with the natural club bid). Although it is tempting to pass at matchpoints, with two probable heart stoppers and spades well covered, it is the wrong decision, particularly when your hand is rich in quick tricks and a 4-4 diamond fit is assured. The problem is with only ten-spot in partner's first



bid suit, it is hard to visualize a source of tricks. In fact, with both minor suit queens inside, plus the heart king, you still only have 7 tricks in notrump while ten tricks are available in a contract of 3 Diamonds.”

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Ina writes, “We happened to arrive at the best contract on this particular layout of cards. Even though 4 Spades can make on a strip-endplay, if you know spades are 4-0, it is unlikely that it will be made at most tables. As it happens 3 Notrump is a much simpler contract since you know where all the high cards are located. On best defence the queen of clubs is ducked and the second club is won. While you run 5 diamond tricks, South is squeezed and must discard 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 club. Now after you cash the last club in dummy, you play a spade to the ten and South is endplayed into giving you a ninth trick.” Here is the

position after the fifth diamond is cashed:

<p>♠ — ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ — ♣ 9 8 3</p> <p>♠ 7 6 4 3 ♠ A J 10 5 ♥ 2 ♥ K J ♦ — ♦ — ♣ K ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ K Q 9 ♥ A Q ♦ — ♣ 5</p>
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After extracting South’s last club with the king, South is endplayed.

There are times when a score of +240 is not likely to be a good result as it means you have missed a game, or possibly a slam, but on this board Ina and Bill were thrilled with 1NT making 6, especially with a total of 24 HCPs and five losers off the top.

<p>♠ Q J 5 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A Q 7</p> <p>♠ 8 6 4 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ K 9 4 3 ♣ J 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 ♥ A 4 3 2 ♦ A J 8 6 ♣ 10 2</p> <p>♠ A 9 3 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ K 9 8 5 4</p>
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Bill was North and opened 1NT which became the final contract. East led a heart. Bill won and fired back a heart. East won her ace and led the diamond

six at trick three. West inserted his nine so Bill won his queen. Exclamation mark. Bill cashed two hearts pitching both diamonds from dummy. The queen of spades was led, covered by East, and won in dummy with the ace. Then, five rounds of clubs were played. North and South each came down to two spades. East inexplicably bared her ten of spades to hold onto the ace of diamonds. So the nine of spades was the 12th trick.

Two maxims would have helped West find the correct defence: “Third hand high” and “Don’t finesse your partner.”

The last exhibit features Ina and Bill getting to a contract of 4 Spades – and making it – on a combined 23 HCPs for 23.5 matchpoints on a 25-top.

♠ Q 10 9 8 7

♥ A

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 10 9 6 3

♠ 6 4

♥ Q 5 2

♦ A 7 5

♣ A Q 8 5 2

♠ K 5

♥ 10 9 8 6 4

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ 7 4

♠ A J 3 2

♥ K J 7 3

♦ K J 4

♣ K J

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Many duplicate players in the South seat would not be able to make a 1NT bid because they play something called Sandwich Notrump which would indicate a two-suiter in the unbid suits. However many others, such as Ina and Bill, play 1NT as natural: strong (15-18 HCPs), balanced, and with stoppers in the opponents’ suits.

Bill transferred to spades, Ina super-accepted by cuebidding clubs, and Bill had enough to bid the game. So far so good but nobody had actually bid spades. Therefore, 4♥ was a re-transfer: to allow the strong hand to declare. Ina’s only losers were a diamond and two clubs.

Funny ending: when the results of the championship were first posted Ina and Bill were crestfallen because they had finished second by a matchpoint. One matchpoint. Do you know how easy it is to find one matchpoint? In a big event like a 4-session national final, it’s one trick here or there. So Ina and Bill headed towards the exit and probably for the bar when a Director called them over. He was printing out the final final results because a score correction had been reported. Ina and Bill were now in first place, ahead of second place by less than half a matchpoint. And you know how easy it is to find half a matchpoint... Congrats, ID & BK.



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Tournament Winners

**Heart Of The North Sectional
Haileybury, ON
Oct. 3-5, 2014**

Friday Aft Open Pairs (Flt. A + B) Jack Campbell - Jean Harris, North Bay; (Flt. C) Sheila LaPerriere, New Liskeard - Jim Hotrum, Kenabeek

Friday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B + C) Diane Aquino - Larry Aquino, New Liskeard

Friday Eve Open Pairs (Flt. A + B) Paul Roth – Tom Keating, Toronto; (Flt. C) Raymond Lendt – Bob Smith, Sudbury

Friday Eve 299er Pairs (Flt. B + C) Daisy Worth - Barbara Gordon, Haileybury

Saturday Morn Open Pairs (Flt.A + B + C) Diane Aquino - Larry Aquino, New Liskeard

Saturday Aft Open Pairs (Flt.A + B) Jean Harris - Jack Campbell, North Bay

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt.A) Margaret Dittmann - Blanche Wilson, North Bay; (Flt. B + C) Diane Aquino - Larry Aquino, New Liskeard

Saturday Eve Fast Pairs (Flt. A + B) Dorthe Robinson, New Liskeard; John Bishop, Haileybury; (Flt. C) Wilma Castonguay, Chelmsford; Margaret Corbett, Sudbury

Sunday Open Swiss Teams (Flt.A) Marc Langevin - Brian Thomas - Martin Newland, North Bay, Peter Minogue, Callander

**Bay Of Quinte
Trenton, ON
Oct. 3-5, 2014**

Friday Eve Open Pairs Gail McIntyre, Stirling - Harold Werkhoven, Belleville; (Flt. B + C) Ernie Berndt, Denbigh - Douglas Drewry, Belleville

Fri Eve 299er Pairs (Flt.A + B) Percy Lau, Carrying Place – Ralph Aldrich, Trenton

Sat Morn 299er Pairs (Flt.A + B) Shirley Lyons, Belleville – Janet Palmer, Stirling

Open Pairs (Flt. A) Paul Thurston, Wellington – Keith Balcombe, Whitby; (Flt. B + C) Mike Cormier, CD – Ted Perlberg, Belleville

Sat Aft 299er Pairs (Flt.A + B + C) Guy Murray, Orillia – Sheila Murray, Kincardine

Open Swiss Teams (Flt.A) Gary Westfall, Brampton; David Hutton, Oshawa; Jim Colvin, Schomberg; Ian Coats, Ajax (Flt. B) Robert Linnett, Brighton - Lynne Hunter, Trenton; Niki Mitz – Lew Mitz, Picton (Flt. C) Melanie Robinson, Keene; D. Lovegrove, Terri Wyllie, Nancy Murphy, Peterborough

**Blue Mountain Sectional
Collingwood, ON
Oct. 17-19, 2014**

Friday Aft Open Pairs (Flt. A) David Colbert, Etobicoke – Martin Hunter, Mississauga; (Flt. B) J Mark Wolfe, Angus – Jan Gilewicz, Minesing; (Flt. C) Edie Brenner

– Jutta Reed, Toronto, tied with Anne Munn,
Toronto – Ruth Eidt, Collingwood

Friday Aft 299ers (Flt. A) Judy Aluin,
Collingwood – Jennifer Aluin, Thornhill; (Flt.
B) Anita Greenberg – Louise Kremeris,
Toronto; (Flt. C) Flemming Jorgensen – Joyce
Ballagh, Collingwood

Friday Eve Open Pairs (Flt.A) Greg Coles,
Victoria Harbour – Anna Janssen, Midland;
(Flt. B + C) David Bull, Creemore – Will
Sutherland, North York

Friday Eve 299ers (Flt.A) Barbara Sinclair
– Dirk Van Raalte, Guelph; (Flt. B) Neeltje
Hostetler – Wendy Egers, Woodstock

Saturday Aft 299ers (Flt. A + B + C)
Kenneth Brown – Lillian Brown, Blue
Mountain

Saturday Open Pairs (Flt. A + B) Ken
Collins – Casey Vandeputte, CD; (Flt. C) Alan
Wilson – Lesley Wilson, Port Elgin

Saturday Eve 299ers (Flt.A) Paul Parent
– Joyce Parent, Tiny; (Flt. B) Donna Lordon
– Paul Lordon, Ottawa; (Flt. C) Nathan
Rowlandson – Lise Rowlandson, Orillia

Sunday Morn 299er Swiss (Flt.A) Stephen
Carpenter, Conestogo; Manfred Young,
Kitchener; Bernice Muma, Guelph; Ron Ellis,
Fergus (Flt. B + C) Joyce Parent - Paul Parent,
Tiny ON; Kenneth Brown - Lillian Brown,
Blue Mountain

Sunday Open Swiss Teams (Flt. A)
Lloyd Harris, Sudbury; Joseph Sauro,
Oakville; David Colbert, Etobicoke; Stephen
Mackay, Markham (Flt. B) Dave Hammill,
Singhampton; James McGregor - Judy Aluin,

Collingwood; Janice Hebbert - Michael
Hebbert, Clarksburg (Flt. C) Lynn Janssen,
CD; Ian Walker - Alan Wilson - Lesley Wilson,
Port Elgin

Sunday Aft 299er Swiss Teams (Flt. A +
B) Stephen Carpenter, Conestogo; Manfred
Young, Kitchener; Bernice Muma, Guelph;
Ron Ellis, Fergus; (Flt. C) Joyce Parent - Paul
Parent, Tiny ON; Kenneth Brown - Lillian
Brown, Blue Mountain

Oshawa Sectional Nov. 1-2, 2014

A/X Pairs (Flt. A + X) Saad Dahdouh –
Diana Dahdouh, Toronto

BCD Pairs (Flt. B) Vincent F C Sun,
Thornhill – Peter Tien, Markham (Flt. C)
Robert Fukunaga, Thornhill – Bill Haehnel,
Stouffville (Flt. D) Ian Towner – Sandy Towner,
Deep River

BCD Swiss Teams (Flt. B + C) Mircea
Ungureanu, Richmond Hill; Sellamutto
Jeyanathan - Thuraiappah Ramachandran,
Scarborough; Martin Jaeger, North York;
(Flt. D) Anil Luthra, Markham; Arun Luthra,
Richmond Hill; Bina Anand - Madan Bhayana,
Thornhill

A/X Swiss Teams Peter Lipscomb, Oshawa;
Paul Thurston, Wellington; Dianne Balcombe
- Keith Balcombe, Whitby; (Flt. X) Casey
Vandeputte - Ken Collins, CD; Tony Viidik -
Joan Viidik, Waterloo

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Friday Aft Open Pairs (Flt. A + B + C)

Sharon King, Oakville – Robert Horton, Waterloo

Friday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Susan Lawton, Waterloo – Carolyn Baechler, Elmira; (Flt. C) Calvin Scotchmer, Bayfield – Valerie Thompson, Goderich

Friday Eve Open Pairs (Flt. A) Lee Daugharty, Brampton – Joseph Sauro, Oakville (Flt. B) Adrian Record, Fergus – Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge (Flt. C) Scott Wilson, Mitchell – Jenny Nicholson, Stratford

Friday Eve 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B + C) Sara Hamilton, Stratford – Antony Stuart, Etobicoke

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B + C) Karen Whitworth, Guelph – Pam Servos, Puslinch

Saturday Open Pairs (Flt. A) Lewis Richardson, Toronto – John Stevens, St. Catherines (Flt. B) Adrian Record, Fergus – Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge (Flt. C) Dorin Toma, Mississauga – Gabriel Tatar, Toronto

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) William Carroll – Arnold Hagel, Burlington (Flt. C) Barb Bell – Lucille Myers, Ripley

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Gary Robertson, Blenheim; Lee Easterbrook, Chatham; Deanna Tomas - William Woodcock, Sarnia; (Flt. X) Peter Tuttle, London; John McWhinnie, Hillsburgh; Lee Daugharty, Brampton; Doug Barnes, Caledon

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams (Flt. B + C) Barbara Kains, Kitchener; Pat McMillan - Jonathan Buss - Lin Murong, Waterloo; (Flt.

C + D) Lynn Janssen, CD; Ian Walker - Alan Wilson - Lesley Wilson, Port Elgin

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams (Flt. A + B) Bernice Muma, Guelph; Ron Ellis, Fergus; Peter Grimwood - Marlene Grimwood, Rockwood; (Flt. C) Betty Wendling - Sheri Barker - Bill Cunningham - Neil Jeffrey, Waterloo

**District 2 North American Pairs
(NAP) Final
Nov. 23, 2014**

Flight A Gabriel Tatar - Dorin Toma

Flight B Ross Driedger, London - David Wilson, Stratford

Flight C Penny Robinson - Debra Kestenbergh, Toronto

**City of Toronto Sectional
Jan. 2-Jan. 4 2015**

Friday Morn Open Pairs (Flt. A) John Rayner – Werdna Krats, Toronto; (Flt. B) Mike Peng – David Longstaff, Waterloo; (Flt. C) Ravi Girdhar – Thomas Revesz, Scarborough

Friday Morn 299er Pairs (Flt. A) Bernie Poplack – Jackie Poplack, Toronto; (Flt. B + C) Rod Adams – Marie Adams, Richmond Hill

Friday Morn 49er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Marie McRorie, Toronto – S. Jane Lockley, Don Mills; (Flt. C) James Xu, Aurora – Murray Bai, Scarborough

Friday Morn 0 – 5 Pairs Jasmine Xiang, Markham – John Dong, Richmond Hill (with an 81.1% game)

Compact KO Bracket 1 Daniel Miles, Toronto – Jeff Smith, Ottawa; Stephen Cooper, Toronto – David Colbert, Etobicoke

Compact Bracket KO 2 Margot Stockie - Dianne Aves - Moira Hollingsworth, Waterloo; Thea Davis, Eden Mills

Compact Bracket KO 3 Charles Smith, Bolton - Gaye Villa, Caledon East; Anne Manning - Robert Manning, Egbert

Friday Aft Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Craig MacIntosh, Scarborough - John Cook - Jan Stewart - Paul Selick, Toronto; (Flt. B) Stephen Goldin, North York, Avinash Saxena, Sarnia, Andrzej Niewiadomski - Andrew Kita, Scarborough; (Flt. C) Steve Overholt - Graham Howes, Etobicoke, Paul Pointet, Mississauga, Ray Mitchell

Friday Aft Open Pairs (Flt. A) Ken Collins – David Cohen, Toronto; (Flt. B) Terry Du, North York – Kole Meng, Richmond Hill; (Flt. C) Albenia-Maria Vassileva – Tzvetalin Vassilev, North Bay

Friday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B + C) Luci McEachern – Lucia McCurdy, Toronto

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Susan Sillery – Alexander Peck, Toronto; (Flt. C) Paul Pointet, Mississauga – Jane McNamee, Etobicoke

Saturday Morn 49er Pairs (Flt. A) Sandra Sarner, Toronto – Antony Stuart, Etobicoke; (Flt. B) Sarah Giacomelli – Jane Devlin, Toronto

Saturday Open Pairs (Flt. A + B + C) John Norwood, Toronto – James Sharples, Markham

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B + C) Barry Spinner – Raymond Procwat, Hamilton

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 1 Daniel Miles - Lewis Richardson, Toronto, Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa, Stephen Mackay, Markham

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 2 Lee Chalmers, Pickering, Dianne Morrison, Willowdale, Juta Reed, Toronto, Evril Grant, Ajax

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Ina Demme, Maple, Bill Kertes, York, Gur Baykal - Margaret Baykal, Markham; (Flt. X) Debbie Feldman - Christopher Cowan, Oakville, John McWhinnie, Hillsburgh, Doug Barnes, Caledon

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams (Flt. B + C + D) Michelle Dalos - Daniel Boon - Marianna Wright, Toronto, Chay Eng Kho, North York

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Phil Dawson - Henry Makuch - Robert Marshall, Toronto, Dagmar Champagne, Brampton; (Flt. B) Alexandra Peck - Susan Sillery, Toronto, Robert Brown - Matt Brown, Cambridge; (Flt. C) Mariann Glynn – C. Lee Dunlop - Lezlie Cullen, Toronto, Graham Howes, Etobicoke



Players in the 0-5 Game at the TO Sectional, Jan. 2-4

left to right: Baofen Yang, Catherine Eileen Zhu, Mei Zhu, Katherine Yang

In Memoriam

Charlotte Dawson, formerly of Toronto, died on December 4 in Hobart, Tasmania, her home for the past 20 years after a lengthy series of illnesses. You may remember her as she was affectionately known hereabouts: "Charlotte the Kibitzer." Charlotte attended most of the local tournaments, but mostly kibitized - her favourite subject was Eric Murray.

Charlotte married an Australian, Martin Doran, 20 years ago and left Toronto for Hobart (no, not Arno). Charlotte was a very quiet person but had a wicked sense of humour and was a pretty quick analyst. She took no one seriously, let alone herself.

Although slight of stature, Charlotte could hold her own in a physical confrontation, once foiling a would-be mugger twice her size - she was a black-belt karate expert.

I still remember with affection the first time Katie and I got together with Charlotte and her then-husband, John Adams. We were at their place for dinner and Charlotte warned me that Gus, her 175-pound Great Dane, did not like men with beards - she thought Gus might have been abused by a bearded man when Gus was a puppy, before Charlotte and John adopted him. After dinner, we retired to the living room, where Gus promptly climbed up onto my lap and went to sleep. Gus outweighed me by 25 pounds at the time. It did not occur to me until years later that Charlotte may have been gently pulling my leg and that the opposite may have been true - Gus loved men with beards.

John Carruthers

The Canadian Bridge federation wishes to thank the West Hill Bridge Club for their generous donation to the Canadian Junior Program in memory of Pat Normandeau. Pat was a retired elementary principal who loved bridge almost as much as she loved kids. May she rest in peace.



The January, 1975 Kibitzer was Al Lando's final issue—he was Kibitzer Editor for 13 years. Forty years ago the Kibitzer, along with the Canadian Bridge Federation's Bridge Digest, was included in the ACBL Bulletin—kind of a 3-for-1 package deal.

This may take you back but do you recall the hot-button issue in bridge circa 1975? Hint: today it is not an issue at all. If you think it was the alert procedure you would be incorrect. But if you guessed smoking then you are right on. Smoking? Yes, smoking. Bridge players used to smoke at the table. The horror; the horror.

Sometimes the smokers mixed it up with the non-smokers but you could only smoke at every other table. As Bulletin Editor Henry Francis wrote in Jan., 1975, "In this way, smokers would have to take only an occasional 15-minute respite from lighting up." If I recall, in Ontario smokers could light up in some clubs up to the early 1990s. (But only at the odd-numbered tables, of course.)

Robin Wigdor wrote a lengthy article, something called 'Part II: David Stories' where every hand featured his partnership

with David Bryce. Playing in an imp league match, Robin, West, dealt and picked up:

♠ 10
 ♥ K x x x x
 ♦ A x x x
 ♣ A x x

The uncontested auction went: 1♥-2♣; 2♦-2♠; 3♣-4♥; 6♥. As Wigdor-Bryce had agreed, fourth suit followed by a jump preference showed a very strong hand. Robin was afraid of missing a grand slam until David put down the dummy.

♠ 10	♠ Q x x
♥ K x x x x	♥ A Q x
♦ A x x x	♦ x x
♣ A x x	♣ Q J 10 9 8

North led a spade and South won the king and tried to cash the ace. Robin ruffed and thought he might even make "this silly slam." He played king-ace of hearts, trumps dividing 3-2. Robin abandoned trump extraction to play on clubs. It went queen-low-low-king. Down one.

Robin wrote, "About an hour later, we compared scores. 'Passed out,' said our teammate. 'Lose two,' said David. When you gamble, make sure the odds are right."

Did you notice that every contributor in this issue's Kib described at least one hand where declarer did not optimally declare or defender did not optimally defend? Isn't that just the way it is? If you, too, have a story to tell please send in a hand you played well ... or even not so well.

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