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# RIVER BOAT BRIDGE CRUISE: VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THE RICHES OF THE MEKONG DELTA - FEB 6-28, 2011



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**Feb 8: HO CHI MINH CITY.** Morning drive through typical southern Vietnamese countryside to Tay Ninh province. Visit Cao Dai Temple, a fusion of different religions that combines the mixture of elements from other world religions, observe noon service. Later, visit famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence. (B,L)

**Feb 9: HO CHI MINH CITY – DA NANG – HOI AN.** Fly to Da Nang, Vietnam's fourth largest city. Visit ancient trading town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,D)

**Feb 10: HOI AN.** Walking tour of town's most famous landmarks, Hoi An Museum, old Chinese Merchants' houses, Assembly Hall and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Then, travel by sampan on the Thu Bon River or spend leisure time on the beautiful sandy beach of Cua Dai. (B,L)

**Feb 11: HOI AN.** Red Bridge Cooking tour in Hoi An. Visit colorful local village market and herb garden. Learn how to prepare some of Vietnam's best-known dishes in this hands-on experience, and enjoy the lunch you have prepared. Observe the local life along the river, as you take a boat ride on the Hoi An River before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

**Feb 12: HOI AN – DANANG – HUE.** Leaving behind the peaceful atmosphere of Hoi An, travel north to Da Nang and Hue. En route, visit Marble Mountains and enjoy a scenic view from the pagoda located inside the mountain. Visit a stone-cutting craft village nearby before continuing to Da Nang for a tour and visit to the Cham Museum. Continue heading north with stop at scenic Lang Co Beach. Cross the beautiful Hai Van Pass, before arriving in Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam, whose monuments have earned it a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. (B,L)

**Feb 13: HUE.** Boat trip along the serene Perfume River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda, the best known pagoda in central Vietnam. Then, drive to the Tomb of former Emperor Minh Mang, visit the elaborate tomb of Emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh, and the Royal Citadel with its Imperial Purple City. (B,L)

**Feb 14: HUE – Fly to HANOI, VIETNAM.** Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and ancient temples. After your airport greeting, transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city on your own, or perhaps, visit the fabled Old Quarter. (B,D)

**Feb 15: HANOI.** A morning sightseeing tour will take you to Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-pillar Pagoda and The Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride (known as "cyclo")

in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet show.

(B)

**Feb 16: HANOI – HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT JUNK.** After breakfast, depart Hanoi for a scenic motorcoach ride to one of Vietnam’s most renowned locations: Ha Long Bay. Board a traditional wooden Junk that combines classic beauty with modern conveniences, plus luxurious overnight accommodations. Set sail to discover the Bay’s magnificent scenery set amidst stunning limestone cliffs. That evening, you’ll enjoy dinner onboard, and overnight on the Junk.(B,L,D)

**Feb 17: HA LONG BAY – HANOI – SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA.** This morning, your Ha Long Bay Junk continues its scenic cruising while a delightful breakfast is served in the dining lounge. Late morning, disembark for a motorcoach transfer to Hanoi Airport. After a short flight, arrive in Siem Reap, Cambodia, gateway to Angkor, the former capital of the Khmer empire and one of the most renowned archeological sites in all of South East Asia. (B,L,D)

**Feb 18: SIEM REAP – ANGKOR.** After breakfast, begin a guided sightseeing tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include Angkor Thom, Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King, Bayon. This afternoon, visit the most iconic of all Angkorian temples - Angkor Wat. (B,D)

**Feb 19: SIEM REAP – ANGKOR.** This morning, travel through rural countryside to the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. Then visit Ta Prohm, the temple famous for its intertwined trees (showcased in the film Tomb Raider). (B)

**Feb 20: SIEM REAP – TONLE SAP LAKE/EMBARKATION – KAMPONG CHHNANG.** Travel to Tonle Sap Lake to embark the luxurious MS La Marguerite. Enjoy your Welcome Dinner onboard as you cruise to Kampong Chhnang. The ship moors overnight. (B,L,D)

**Feb 21: KAMPONG CHHNANG – KAMPONG CHAM.** After breakfast, enjoy a motor boat excursion into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the Tonle Sap River. Enjoy a stunning variety of birdlife, and observe numerous great fish traps, some over a half-mile long. Later, the ship enters the jungle as the river narrows. Temples abound along the riverbanks and offer a unique opportunity to observe the rich tapestry of Cambodian rural life. Arrive in the capital city of Phnom Penh in the afternoon and enter the Upper Mekong bound for Kampong Cham. The ship makes an afternoon stop, in time for a walk through the quaint silk-weaving village of Chong Kho. Overnight, the ship moors mid-stream in Kampong Cham. (B,L,D)

**Feb 22: KAMPONG CHAM – PHNOM PENH.** This morning, journey upriver to the hilltop pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Over lunch, sail back downstream to explore the Kampong Cham area. Travel by motorcoach to the 12th-century Angkorian temple of Wat Nokor, which has been “fused” with a modern Wat. Continue by motorcoach to the Eco-village of Cheung Kok. The ship departs late in the afternoon from Kampong Cham, arriving at Phnom Penh for an overnight mid-stream mooring. (B,L,D)

**Feb 23: PHNOM PENH.** Early morning, the ship cruises into spectacular Phnom Penh and docks at the passenger port terminal. A morning tour explores the highlights of Cambodia’s capital city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafés, vibrant nightlife and renovated river “corniche.” Visit the Royal Palace and the spectacular Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. After lunch onboard, another excursion leads to the infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge’s grim Tuol Sleng or S21 Detention Center (Genocide Museum) situated in the suburbs of the city. An overnight on the waterfront provides an opportunity to dine in one of many nearby restaurants, and experience Phnom Penh’s vibrant nightlife, should passengers so choose. (B,L,D)

**Feb 24: PHNOM PENH – BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM.** Spend the day cruising the Mekong River, stopping at the jungle village of Preak Dach to visit fruit orchards before continuing to the Cambodian/Vietnamese border. The ship moors overnight mid-stream in Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

**Feb 25 : TAN CHAU – SA DEC.** After breakfast, transfer via small boats to the pier, where a

trishaw awaits to transport you around Tan Chau. Visit a mat-making workshop and silk-coloring workshop. Back at the pier, embark on a local boat for a channel cruise and visit to a fish farm before returning to the ship. Overnight mid-stream on the Mekong near Sa Dec. (B,L,D)

**Feb 26: SA DEC – HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON).** After breakfast, board small local boats for the village of Sa Dec, where you will enjoy a morning stroll. Noteworthy as the town where the French writer (and our ship's namesake) Marguerite Duras spent some of her childhood, Sa Dec is a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta. Visit the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which is now a small museum. After lunch onboard, the ship continues cruising to Cai Be. A local Junk trip in the afternoon will take you to Cai Be's spectacular floating market; then go ashore to see the French Gothic Cathedral and visit delightful flower gardens, ancient Kiet House and local rice paper manufacturers. In the evening, cruise to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, while enjoying a sunset cocktail party and gourmet Farewell Dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

**Feb 27: HO CHI MINH CITY – DISEMBARK.** In the early morning, the ship docks at the Saigon River Frontage. As the capital of the French colony of Cochinchina, Saigon was known as "Paris of the Orient." Today, Vietnam's largest city is an industrial, cultural and educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. After breakfast, disembark for a city tour that explores famous landmarks, such as the former Presidential Palace, Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral; Cho Lon (China Town) and its famous Binh Tay market and Thien Hau pagoda. Overnight at a luxurious hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)

**Feb 28: DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY.** Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. (B)

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### Editor's Note:

Southern Ontario bridge people continue to excel and achieve recognition and honours internationally as well as locally. The latest person to be recognized for the work she has done to improve bridge in North America is Flo Belford, who in San Diego was acclaimed President of the ACBL Educational Foundation. Flo is the first non-American to achieve such a distinction and we wish her the best in her continuing efforts to bring more people, especially children, into the game. Read about Flo on page 14.

Next year will offer a rare opportunity for anyone who wishes to do so to play in a World Championship close by. These championships will be held in Philadelphia in the first two weeks of October - details at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org).

### John Carruthers

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**Flo Belford:** I have been the School Bridge Coordinator for over 10 years and have served on the Board for several years. My focus is to provide a pleasant, enjoyable, and competitive atmosphere for all players, have open communication so I can respond to your concerns, encourage and support our new players, and make wise spending decisions that benefit all our members. I would appreciate your support so I can continue to work for you.

**David Halasi:** I am asking for your vote this year in the election to help me give back to the people of Unit 166, whose generous support over years of experience as a tournament player and director was always appreciated. I hope to help the Unit by making tournaments better, while ensuring that players' interests are represented on the board.



**Suzanne Kosky:** I was first elected to the Board in 2008. My greatest contribution to date has been the introduction of the Toronto I/N Tournament in 2009 - our second I/N Tournament is scheduled for 2010. Opening our own bridge club, Partners, has provided me a unique perspective as a member of the Board. I ask for your support so that I can serve a second term on the Board and help with the work leading up to the Toronto NABC in 2011.

## **CORRECTION !!**

ONTARIO UNIT 166 ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **ADVANCE POLLS**

**Advance polls will NOT be held March 30, 2010**

**Please note the following revised schedule for Advance Polls:**

Monday, March 22, 2010	11:45-1:00 & 6:00-7:00	Bridge Centre of Niagara
Thursday, March 25, 2010	11:30-12:30 & 6:15-7:15	Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre
Friday, March 26, 2010	11:30-12:30 & 6:30-7:30	Partners Bridge Club

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Paul Cronin

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# FLO BELFORD IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ACBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Eve, Mike, Flo, Jeff & Louise Belford

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Flo Belford, former Admin Assistant to the Unit 166 Board of Directors and winner of the 2006 Audrey Grant Award, has been elected President of the ACBL Educational Foundation in the meeting of their Board of Trustees at the San Diego Fall NABC. The Foundation is a charitable trust fund established as a non-profit organization in

1987 – it provides grants to promote the teaching of bridge. Flo is the driving force behind much of the teaching of bridge to young people in southern Ontario and she is also first alternate District Director to the ACBL's Board of Directors.

The goal of the ACBL Educational Foundation is to make bridge a game played by people of all ages and walks of life. Funding for the ACBL Educational Foundation comes in the form of gifts from individuals, families and corporations - anyone who makes a contribution becomes a member - and from special ACBL Educational Foundation games. The business of the Foundation is administered by a nine-member board of trustees who serve without compensation and without reimbursement for food, travel, or lodging. The Foundation's Board of Trustees meets three times a year at the Spring, Summer and Fall North American Bridge Championships. Three of the nine trustees are elected each fall, with one member coming from the ACBL Board of Directors and two from the membership at large.

The ACBL Educational Foundation receives grant applications from individuals requesting financial support to start or continue bridge programmes, often youth initiatives. The applications are analyzed by the Board of Directors and are either approved or not, or set aside for additional information. Successful applicants are required to provide reports to the Foundation either on an ongoing basis or when their programme has finished.

This year, in San Diego, Belford was nominated for the position of President, and as no one ran against her, she was elected by acclamation. She had been asked to run the previous year, but had declined. This year, she says, she feels ready to take a leadership role, and she now has time to put into the position, having retired as Administrative Assistant to the Unit 166 Board of Directors this fall. Belford is in her fourth year on the Educational Foundation – she has just started her second three-year term.

Belford first heard about the ACBL Educational Foundation when she learned that a couple in Ottawa had received a grant. She submitted her own very detailed plan to support an application for a grant in 2005 and it was approved by the Trustees. Each year she submits an update on the progress of the plan, including future goals. Once she learned about the Educational Foundation, Belford thought it was interesting work, and submitted her name to be considered to a Board member; she was elected (by the ACBL Board of Directors) and started her first term in 2006.

Decisions regarding grant applications and other issues are discussed and decided at the three meetings a year of the Board of Trustees. In the interim, the President is the contact person who is available to respond to enquiries, communicate with ACBL personnel, and approve ongoing expenses. The President also chairs the meetings of the Trustees. The President's position is for a one-year term, but you can be re-elected.

Belford has found the Educational Foundation work very interesting. She says she hears about bridge programmes throughout North America, and that there are a lot of very good ideas out there. She has met interesting people from across the continent and has learned a lot about bridge in other communities as a result. She is very excited about being President; her goal as President is to promote the Educational Foundation so that more members are aware of the work they do. By achieving a higher profile, Belford hopes more members will consider developing programmes and applying for grants. Members can contact Belford at 905-876-0267; [fbelford@sympatico.ca](mailto:fbelford@sympatico.ca) for more information, support, and suggestions.



# BRAZIL NUTS

## The Ernesto d'Orsi Senior Bowl in Sao Paulo by John Carruthers

We thought we had a pretty good team (Marty Kirr-Arno Hobart, Boris Baran-Michael Schoenborn, Joey Silver-John Carruthers) in the 2009 d'Orsi Senior Bowl in Brazil; good enough to reach the quarterfinals as we had in Shanghai two years earlier, where we had qualified easily for the knockout stage before losing a tough match to Brazil in the quarterfinals. The event consisted of a complete 22-team round robin with the top eight qualifying for knockout play.

However, we only made a cameo appearance in a qualifying position for the KO's. We were in the running, yes, right until the final match, but it was an uphill struggle. We had many triumphs, but it seemed we always had an equal number of unforced errors leading to disaster. The competition is gaining in strength as well.

Here is a sampling of my favourite deals from the event.

In our first round, against a good Argentina team, the match looked pretty close when the last board appeared...

### RR1. Canada v Argentina. Board 16. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

(See top of next column.) Once I decided not to pass Joey Silver's one-spade opener, his raise to two no trump offered me an opportunity. I

reasoned that to make even two no trump, I'd need the clubs to come in, and if that happened, why not three no trump? How wrong I was! At least about the clubs...

♠ A K Q 10 5

♥ A 5 2

♦ K J 8

♣ 7 6

♠ 9 7 2

♥ Q J 9 8 3

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ A

♠ J 8 4

♥ 7 6

♦ A 7 4 3

♣ K Q 10 4

♠ 6 3

♥ K 10 4

♦ 10 2

♣ J 9 8 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
Monsegar	J.S.	Gueglio	J.C.
—	1 ♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
End			

The heart queen was led and the appearance of the dummy heralded good news and bad news: the good news was that spades could (indeed, would need to) play for five tricks; the bad news was that clubs were going to play for zero tricks. Assuming that I had five spade tricks (otherwise I had no play), I also needed two diamond tricks to go along with my two heart tricks to make the contract. For that to happen I needed either the ace-queen or the queen-nine of diamonds onside, and I might need to guess which. Oh yes, I also needed to lead diamonds twice toward the dummy – unfortunately, I had only one entry to my hand. Maybe the defenders would be kind enough to provide the other.

The first order of business was to get diamonds going – spades would have to wait. I won the heart queen with the king and played the diamond ten, covered by the queen, king and ace. East returned a heart and I won the ace in dummy, retaining the ten. I crossed my fingers, said my prayers, raised my eyes to the heavens, and played on spades.

My prayers were answered when East played the spade jack on the third round of the suit. I cashed the two good spades - what could poor West do? He discarded a heart and a diamond, but he was finished. I exited with a club and he could take his winners but eventually had to lead a diamond from the nine to dummy's jack-eight tenace. That was an extremely fortunate nine tricks and a 6-IMP win against the spade partial at the other table. The Argentines were perfect gentlemen despite this horror. We won the match narrowly.

West could have discarded two diamonds, baring the nine, hoping I'd play him for 3=5=5=0. But that would have left East with the ace-king-queen-ten-four of clubs. Could he have resisted cashing one or two of them with that holding when he won the diamond ace? I don't think so. If West had had the singleton king or queen instead of the ace, East could not effectively win the trick since I still had the guarded jack. We won't mention what would have happened if East had ducked the diamond ace.

On the next board, we were the victims of excellent declarer play by

Danny Gerstman of Buffalo, playing with Mike Passell for USA2.

**RR19. Canada v USA2. Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Lair	Hobart	Berkowitz	Kirr
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
J.C.	Passell	J.S.	Dan G.
2♠	3♥	Pass	3NT
End			

Both Wests took slight liberties with the vulnerability to open a weak two spades and both Norths overcalled their shoddy suit. Marty Kirr left Arno Hobart to his own devices in three hearts where, somewhat unusually, the five tricks he lost were all trump tricks – minus 100.

At our table, Danny Gerstman figured three no trump would be no worse than three hearts and could be lots better. On the spade king lead, Joey Silver discarded the club four (discouraging) and Gerstman won with the ace and started diamonds, leading one to the ace and another to the jack, fetching the spade five

from West. What looked initially like a claimer had suddenly become a problem.

Declarer exited with a spade. West took the trick with the jack, East discarding a heart, and shifted to the heart nine, dummy's ten losing to East's queen. Silver shifted also, to the club eight. Gerstman won the king, played a club to dummy's queen, and cashed the club ace. Now the ace and a careful jack of hearts left Silver with another heart to cash, but he then had to lead from his queen-nine of diamonds into South's king-ten. Plus 600 meant 12 IMPs to USA2.

East has a counter to any discards by North. Well played.

**Quarterfinals. Russia v Italy. Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.**

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

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

♠ A 10  
♥ Q 6 2  
♦ A Q 9 8 2  
♣ J 9 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Khomolev</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Khiup-penen</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
—	—	1 ♣ <sup>1</sup>	1 ♦
1 ♥ <sup>2</sup>	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	End

1. Clubs or a balanced 11-14/18-19
2. Spades

In the other room, Versace/Lauria had stopped in four clubs, making five, so more was at stake here.

Claudio Nunes led the heart two (showing an odd number) and declarer won the heart lead and cashed the other heart honour. He crossed to hand with a trump and ruffed the third heart, then finished drawing trumps ending in hand. This was the position:

♠ 7 6 5 2  
♥ —  
♦ J 4 3  
♣ —

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

♠ A 10  
♥ —  
♦ A Q 9 8 2  
♣ —

South was known to be 1=3=6=3 or 2=3=5=3 and likely had the spade ace for the overcall. Declarer thus led the nine of spades from his hand. South could see the writing on the wall: either win the ace, giving declarer the three needed spade tricks, or duck it and allow himself to be endplayed at the next trick to lead a diamond away from the ace. Plus 400 and 6 IMPs to Russia.

The next board illustrates why Gunnar Hallberg, a Swede who has lived in London for many years, is a tough opponent in any game, rubber bridge or tournament bridge.

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**Quarterfinals. England v. Egypt.  
Board 65. Dealer North. None  
Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Price</i>	<i>Kamel</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
—	1♣	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
End			

Colin Simpson's two-diamond bid did not inconvenience Wattar/Kamel too much as South was able to bid his spades three times and North was able to get the nature and strength of his hand over to his partner below the game level. On normal play, Wattar lost three trump tricks, one of them on a diamond ruff.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghamravi</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Askalani</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>
—	1♣	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Double	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
End			

Askalani's three-diamond bid did inconvenience Hallberg/Holland. At his third turn, Holland felt he'd not done enough with his five quick tricks in the

face of partner's bidding. All he needed for slam was seven solid or eight semi-solid spades opposite. Hallberg disabused him of that fantasy notion soon enough, but the five level was perilously high.

Ghamravi led his diamond and Hallberg could see that it must be a singleton given the jump to three diamonds. He could make five spades legitimately only if spades were 3-3 with the jack falling after the impending ruff, or if the preemptor did not have the ace. Ace-jack third in East would be no good.

Hallberg felt that Askalani would have the spade ace or something good in clubs for his three-diamond bid since he had such poor diamonds. If he had the spade ace, he'd have to have at least three of them without the jack to make five spades if declarer played the spade king from hand. Could anything be done if East held ace-low and West the jack to four? Not double dummy, but single dummy, the lead of the ten might flummox West into ducking. Backing his judgement, Hallberg led the spade ten from hand! West ducked! Plus 450.

To think of such a non-technical play, then to have the courage to execute it, then to have the lie of the cards exactly as you envisioned...that is the essence of table presence.

England went on to win this match by 1 IMP and two more matches as well, the semifinal against Indonesia and the final versus Poland, neither one as closely, to win the d'Orsi Senior Bowl.



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Intermediate/Novice Corner...

## PLANNING AHEAD

By Eddie Kantar

**Dealer South. Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	End	

**Opening lead:** ♣ J

**Bidding commentary:** South, with stoppers in the un bids, decides three no trump is a more descriptive rebid than three spades. After all, how can partner be expected to rebid three no trump lacking a minor-suit stopper? North clearly has enough to raise to six no trump facing a likely 17-18 high-card points (or more). The six near-solid spades make up for the

lack of HCP. In any case, that is what South is planning to tell North if anything goes wrong!

**Play commentary:** As South, count your tricks! You have six likely spades, at least three hearts and three clubs for a grand total of 12. Am I good to you or what? Any problems? Yes, spades are blocked! A good declarer (you!) notices blocked suits. A suit is considered blocked if it cannot be run uninterrupted. In this case, spades cannot be run uninterrupted unless the jack is overtaken and the suit breaks 3-3 (36%). Don't hold your breath. What South needs is an outside entry to the spades. That entry is the king of clubs. The first club must be won in dummy (key play), the jack of spades cashed, the closed hand entered via the club king and the spades, hearts and the remaining club are all high for at least 12 tricks.

When a suit is blocked, conserving an outside entry to that suit is critical. If no side suit entry exists, a risky overtake is the default solution.

**Dealer. South. Neither Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
End			

**Opening lead:** ♠7

**Bidding commentary:** South is not strong enough to open, but is strong enough to accept North's invitational raise. Note: North does not count the jack of spades as a point. Unsupported jacks in suits bid by the opponents are usually worthless – unless partner bids no trump.

**Defensive commentary:** After East cashes three spades, West must find a discard. As West, before discarding, ask yourself which suit you want partner to lead. If you said a diamond, think again. You want a spade! Look at your

hearts. If partner leads a spade and declarer discards, your heart eight drives out the ace and the heart king is the setting trick. If declarer ruffs with an honour (likely), discard, and your king-nine-eight becomes a trick! At times you may want partner to give declarer a ruff and a sluff!

So how do you get partner to lead a spade? You make a discouraging discard in the suit partner will be tempted to lead, a diamond. If you discard the the three of diamonds, discouraging, it doesn't take an Einstein to figure out you want a spade. After all, how could you want a club?

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# MAURICE PAUL TROPHY RETURNS TO TORONTO

By Jonathan Steinberg

The Montréal and Toronto Team-of-Four Leagues stage a match annually for the prestigious Maurice Paul Trophy. The 2009 match was held in Dorval, Québec, November 14-15. The Montréal hosts provided wonderful hospitality, including a dinner party Saturday evening. Toronto's Irving Litvack has been involved in the event since the inaugural match 42 years ago!



There were two teams from each city. Mike Cafferata, Dave Colbert, Michael Kenny and Jonathan Steinberg were Toronto's "A" team while Peter Kline, Alan Lee, Irving Litvack and Steve

Mackay were the "B" team. There were four sets of 24 boards each. The winners are decided by the total score from the matches of both teams. The Maurice Paul trophy resides in the city that wins until the following year.

## Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Kenny		Steinberg	
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♠
End			

Michael Kenny found an excellent defence against two spades. First, he found the only opening lead to defeat the contract, a diamond. I won the diamond ace and returned the two. Mike knew from the count and his spade holding that there was no future in diamonds, so he won the king over the queen and shifted to a low heart, won in dummy with the queen.

Declarer played a spade to his king and a spade out. I won the jack and returned a heart to Mike's ace. He played a third heart which I ruffed with the trump ace and Mike's queen

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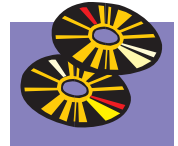
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became the setting trick. Down one. At the other table Mike Cafferata and Dave Colbert were in two spades making three.

**Note:** Ben Zeidenberg pointed out, "That was a good heart shift by Mike. However, YOU gave declarer a chance to make it when you didn't fly with the ace of spades! Declarer could (should?) have made it by playing four rounds of clubs (pitching his two remaining hearts) rather than another trump. Loser on loser, and no more heart ruff for you!"

Playing low from ace-jack-small is such an 'auto' play generally, but it's just another example of how thinking at the table can pay off.

Many experts play that in a forcing pass situation, passing and then pulling partner's double is a slam try. Have you ever seen it happen in real life?

**Dealer West. EW Vul.**

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

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

West	North	East	South
Kenny		Steinberg	
1 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass!
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	End

Mike passed in a clear Forcing Pass situation, then pulled my double to five clubs, showing slam interest. Given that I held everything else, I trusted that he must have a spade control so I bid six clubs. As you can see, six clubs was cold. At the other table, our opponents' auction went off the rails somewhere to end up in six no trump, so we won 17 IMPs. Irrespective of the result, I thought we had an excellent auction where the rare pass-and-pull of partner's double to show slam interest arose.

Montréal had been victorious in 2006-7-8. This year, Toronto's "A" team won all four sets (total score 249-152) while the "B" team split their four matches, resulting in a small net IMP loss. I am very happy to report that Toronto has brought the Maurice Paul Trophy back home where you can see it at the Regal Bridge Club.

You may be wondering if, after 42 years of competition, we know which city has the best bridge players. After this year's match, both cities have won the trophy 21 times. A dead tie! May the friendly rivalry continue for another forty-two years.

Photos from the weekend can be found at: <http://imageevent.com/jon911/impleagueintercitymatch>.



## TOURNAMENT WINNERS

### Heart of the North Sectional Temiskaming Shores, ON October 2-4, 2009

**Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON. **Friday Aft 199'er Pairs** - Leo Provencher - Michel Piche, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Friday Evening Open Pairs** - Robert Lamothe, New Liskeard ON; John Biondi, North Bay ON. **Friday Eve 199'er Pairs** - Nicole Aubin, New Liskeard ON; Gilberte Spooner, Gatineau QC. **Saturday Aft Strat Pairs** - Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON. **Saturday Aft 199'er Pairs** - Leo Provencher - Michel Piche, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Saturday Eve Open Pairs** - Marc Langevin, North Bay ON; Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON. **Saturday Eve 199'er Pairs** - Patrick Coulombe - Clermont Pageau, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Sunday Morn 199'er Swiss** - Leo Provencher - Michel Piche - Suzanne Bisson - Laurielle Bastien, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Sunday Stratified Swiss** - Marc Langevin - Martin Newland, North Bay ON; Peter Minogue, Callander ON; Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON. **Sunday Aft 199'er Swiss** - Leo Provencher - Michel Piche - Suzanne

Bisson - Laurielle Bastien, Rouyn-Noranda QC

### Bay of Quinte Sectional Trenton, ON October 2-4, 2009

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### Collingwood Blue Mountain Collingwood, ON October 16-18, 2009

**Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Bill Anderson - Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Anne Bennett - Christine Blake, Collingwood ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Joanne Scala - Sam Scala, Collingwood ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Susan Scott - Lynne Dunsmuir, Toronto ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Randa Saket, Woodbridge

ON; Leonid Bossis, Thornhill ON. **Saturday Eve 299er Pairs** - Mary Firman, Collingwood ON; Dave Pal, Thornbury. **Sunday Morn 299er Teams** - Arlene Wright - Georgina McKelvie - Roma Taylor - Verla Forbes, Owen Sound ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Teams** - Marilyn Maher - Marilyn Brown, Washago ON; Betty Marshall, Orillia ON; Robert Hobbs, Severn Bridge ON. **Sunday Open Teams** - Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Bill Kertes, Toronto ON; Ina Demme, Maple ON.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Caledon Fall Sectional Caledon East, ON October 31-November 1, 2009**

**Sat AM 99er Pairs** - Pamela Kay - Hilary Scott, Oakville ON. **Compact KO - Bracket 1** - Murray Shapcott, Burlington ON; Ned Bosanac, Ancaster ON; David Duff, Oakville ON; Robert Spencer, Freelon ON. **Sat Aft 99er Pairs** - David Bodnaryk, Toronto ON; Elaine Faye, Brampton ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Dimitar Cvetkov, Milton ON; Ilko Dossev, Pickering ON. **Sun Morn 199er Swiss** - Rosemary Miller - Mary Hogan - Evelyn Newbould - Linda Reid, Brampton ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss** - Ian Coats, Ajax ON; Kenneth Marden, Oshawa ON; David Hutton, Courtice ON; Jim Colvin, Schomberg ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss** - Anne Richards, Bond Head ON; Paula Gretsinger - Barbara Lamb - Beverley Nettleton, Toronto ON. **Sun Aft 199er Swiss** - Rosemary Miller - Mary Hogan - Evelyn Newbould - Linda Reid, Brampton ON.

### **Oshawa And District Oshawa ON November 7-8, 2009**

**Strat A/X Pairs** - Eiji Kujirai, Toronto ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON.

**Strat B/C/D Pairs** - Nora Mundy - Joe Mundy, West Hill ON. **A/X Swiss Teams** - Mike Xiao-Fang Xue, Markham ON; Terry Du - Peter Wong, Toronto ON; Zuwei Shan, Mississauga ON. **B/C/D Swiss** - Yuan Chen, Toronto ON; Laiqing Luo - Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga ON; Kaiyu Qian, Markham ON

### **29th Festival Of Bridge Stratford, ON November 13-15, 2009**

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- 6 22.88 Don McGill, Toronto ON
- 7 21.66 Terry Tack, London ON
- 8 20.39 C. St Amant, Trenton ON
- 9 19.59 Andy Firko, Oakville ON
- 10 19.20 Betty Kay, Barrie ON
- 11 18.91 S. M. Treble, Winnipeg MB
- 12 18.33 Reg Young, London ON
- 13 18.16 Carol Perlberg, Belleville ON
- 14 17.22 Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON
- 15 17.04 George Popper, Toronto ON
- 16 17.03 Mike O'Rourke, Baden ON
- 17 16.73 Norma Ingram, Kitchener ON
- 18 16.73 Noreen Bramsen, Toronto ON
- 19 16.48 H. Kirkpatrick, Burlington ON
- 20 16.48 Brenda Martin, Belleville ON



## Top 10s

### Open Board-a-Match Teams

7<sup>th</sup> - David Grainger, Etobicoke

### Women's Board-a-Match Teams

7<sup>th</sup> - Joan Eaton, North York

### Senior Knockout Teams

2<sup>nd</sup> - George Mittelman, Toronto

## Jacques Lafrance



It is with true regret and great sadness that we heard of the sudden and unexpected passing in late October of long-time ACBL Tournament Director Jacques Lafrance of Montréal, who began his directing career during the 1970s and served as

Director-in-Chief for a number of events in eastern Canada. During recent years, his good humour and bilingual skills required him to lead tournaments in both English- and French-speaking Canada.

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# DEFEND THIS HAND WITH ME

By Ross Taylor

Playing in a knockout team final, as South you pick up ♠Q72, ♥73, ♦Q1085, ♣AQ54, and soon find yourself defending four spades doubled, declared by West, your LHO.

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

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

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♣	1 ♥	Dble
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
End			

The bidding was fast and furious and you soon doubled four spades by West without any clear reason for doing so (your initial double of one heart denied holding four spades).

Partner led the diamond six (you play third from even and lowest from odd), dummy played low, and your ten forced declarer's ace. Declarer played a heart towards dummy at trick two, partner flying with the ace, as you gave count with the three. Partner exited with a low club to your ace, which alas was ruffed by declarer with the spade five.

Declarer now played the spade four from hand, partner playing the three, and dummy's eight forced your queen. Now what? The position is as follows,

with your side having scored two tricks so far:

♠ —  
♥ K J 9 5  
♦ K J 7  
♣ J 7

♠ 7 2  
♥ 7  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ Q 5 4

The winning defence can be found by process of elimination. To have any chance your side must take one more trump trick, so partner needs Ax or, less likely, Axx or Ajx. Declarer's shape must be one of 7=2=4=0 or 7=3=3=0 or in the extreme, 6=3=4=0. Partner must have begun with either a singleton or a doubleton diamond. You can also tell from the spots. This gives declarer either A9x or A9xx of diamonds. So there is a slow diamond trick to earn.

But the hearts are a threat to that. If declarer has only two hearts you must play back a heart now into the dragon's teeth. See what happens. Declarer wins the Jack, and will need two diamond pitches from his hand to make the contract. If he leaves the hearts alone, they don't break, and after drawing trumps he will be a trick short.

If he ruffs a heart back to his hand to establish the long heart, then when partner gets in with the ace of trumps he will play the fourth round of hearts immediately. You will ruff, declarer will be forced to overruff and will now be a trick short. You will eventually score a late diamond trick.



If declarer has three hearts, a heart return from you now will more readily sink the contract. Partner will win the second round of spades and give you a heart ruff for down one.

<p>♠ A 3 ♥ A Q 10 8 ♦ 6 ♣ K 10 9 8 6 2</p> <p>♠ K J 10 9 6 5 4 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A 9 4 2 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ K J 9 5 2 ♦ K J 7 3 ♣ J 7 3</p>
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<p>♠ Q 7 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q 10 8 5 ♣ A Q 5 4</p>	
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Well done if you found the heart return.

## PLAY THIS HAND WITH ME

**By John Cunningham**

A friend has random hand records strewn throughout her house, in no particular order of filing. I used to look askance at that compulsive squirreling away of things, but now find I am guilty of the same thing. An annotated record of several hands played a few weeks ago with Tom Buttle springs out at me.

Tom is an inventive player who, being a sensible person, has spent the better part of the past year camping across North America rather than compulsively playing bridge. Anyway, Tom had not been thinking about bridge for some time: his rhythm was

out of harmonization. Me, I have no such excuse.

Looking at my hand record, I see we had half a dozen diamond slams in the session. On one of them, Tom held: ♠A762, ♥8, ♦Q108643, ♣76. Our auction...

West	North	East	South
	Me		Tom
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2 ♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2 ♠ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	2 NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	?

1. Waiting, shows some values
2. Hearts / Balanced 24+ HCP
3. Forced response
4. 24+ balanced

On this auction, we play that three clubs is Stayman and three spades is a puppet to three no trump for a minor-suit slam try. Tom could bid Stayman, then four diamonds natural; or he could bid three spades, then four diamonds over the forced three no trump response, ignoring the spades. What should Tom have bid?

After six months in the bush Tom did neither of these things; he punted six diamonds, and bought:

♠ J 4 3
♥ A K Q 6 4
♦ A K 7
♣ A J

♠ A 7 6 2
♥ 8
♦ Q 10 8 6 4 3
♣ 7 6

The opening lead was the peculiar queen of spades. If diamonds and hearts behave there are a straight-

forward 12 tricks. Perhaps this lead is from the king-queen, so that he could win the ace, draw trumps, then later lead towards the jack. Is there a way to make this if the hearts don't behave? If the spade queen is a singleton, LHO will likely have the heart length. So, ace-king of hearts, pitching a club, heart ruff, as RHO shows out. Eliminate clubs. When both follow to two rounds of diamonds cash the heart queen then throw LHO in with the last heart, discarding a spade.

The full deal:

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

Anyway, Tom is back to camping in the Everglades with the alligators. Bidding is more sedate, now. Pity.

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# Correspondence



Hi John,

I believe this is suitable news for the Kibitzer. I have also sent it to the editor of the ACBL Bulletin.

On August 16, 2009, John Ledoux turned 100. This by itself is not amazing, but what this man is doing



John Ledoux at 100

quite likely is. He lives in Oakville, ON and plays regularly at Lou Doody's bridge club and Barbara Wood's bridge club, not winning much (any more) but always placing respectably.

John goes for a walk outside every day. His mind is sharp. He organized his own birthday party in August, with 120

guests. He made a very lively speech thanking everyone for coming.

John plays every evening from 8 to 10 on BBO. He enjoys the company of many friends, all younger than him (surprise!). One friend had a special hat made for him, which he is wearing in the photo. He really didn't want to wear it, but we made him.

I do believe bridge is what is keeping him going. And we all hope it will continue to do so.

Bruce Elder

John,

I would appreciate your putting this in the next Kibitzer:

**A THANK YOU TO THE TORONTO BRIDGE COMMUNITY**

Many of us know that bridge is not only a wonderful game but can play a key role in a crisis. Over one year ago, I was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. This led to two operations, chemotherapy and radiation. I have just finished my treatment regimen and am preparing to return to work, but family, friends and bridge have been my saviours this year.

We all know that good bridge takes concentration and brings you into a new world, one where you cannot be distracted. When I look back over the past year, I know that the game carried

me away from my illness and got me through the worst times with ease. I am one of the minority of patients who experienced no fatigue with either chemotherapy or radiation - in fact, they put me on temporary "highs" - and when I look back, I must have been "flying" at the table many times, yet my partners were patient, supportive and loving. There were times I had to cancel at the last minute, and they were all understanding and generous, even though I knew it might be too late for them to find a game. A number of my partners and bridge friends visited me in hospital and at home throughout the year, cheering me up and telling me funny bridge stories. And even many players whom I didn't know beyond greeting them at the table boosted my spirits with kind words and encouragement, as well as laughing at my corny humour ("You can't double me, I have cancer!").

To top that off, seven of my bridge buddies joined me, along with my family and other friends, to form the Stew Crew team for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer Walk in September. This took significant training - we completed a 35 kilometre walk in one day alone - as well as raising approximately \$70,000. And, unbelievably, all of the bridge club owners stepped in of their own volition: both Hazel Wolpert and David Halasi held multiple charity games for the cause, Barbara Seagram/ Alex Kornel, Bonny Norris and Joel Shapiro/Suzanne Kosky gave

generously, and Rob Drummond actually joined our team for the Walk.

Bridge has become not only my passion but my second family. This past year will be memorable for me in a number of ways, not the least of which is the wonderful Toronto bridge community. It is often said that bridge brings out both the best and worst in people. I can assure you, in my case at least, it only brought out the best. Thank you.

Warmly, Jan Stewart

Dear Sally (Rewbotham),

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your committee for the fine job you did in organizing the Toronto Regional this year. Although I am a traditionalist, I believe that the move away from the Royal York to the Doubletree was necessary for the ongoing success of the tournament. Everyone I have talked to appreciated the location and the considerable saving in costs for food and parking. Best wishes for the continued success in the new location.

Yours truly, Robert J. Pezzack

Helen Sobel Smith, the greatest female player of all time, and a former chorus girl, reportedly never misguessed a queen against two men. She merely pulled her skirt up above her knees and crossed her legs. The one who was too nervous to look had the queen!

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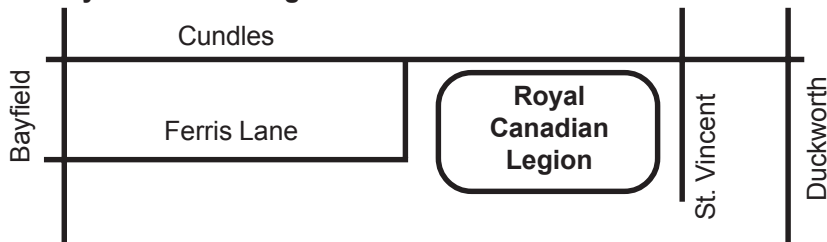
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#### Friday, MARCH 5

Stratified Open Pairs ..... 1:00 & 7:00 PM  
 Single Sessions; A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500  
**Intermediate & Newcomer Game - Single Sessions**  
 Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 ..... 1:00 & 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, MARCH 6

Bracketed KO Teams 1<sup>st</sup> ..... 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 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... 1:00 PM  
 Bracketed KO Teams 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... 7:00 PM  
**Intermediate & Newcomer Games**  
 Bracketed KO Teams 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... 1:00 PM  
  
 Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5 ..... 1:00 PM  
 Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 ..... 1:00 PM  
 Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 ..... 7:00 PM

#### Sunday, MARCH 7

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams ..... 11:00 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  
 0-50/100/200

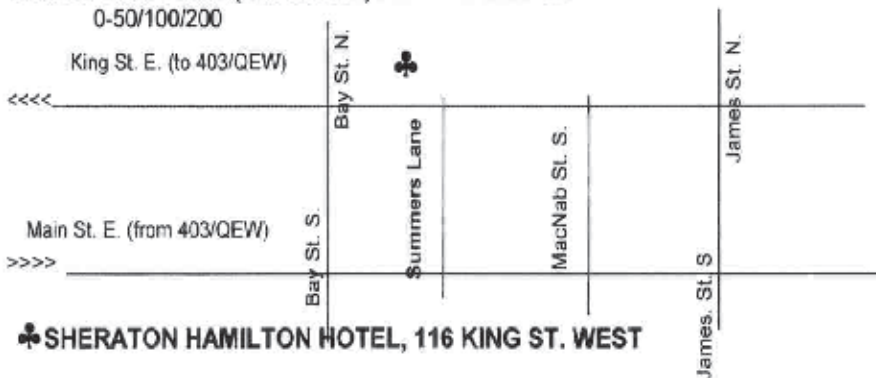
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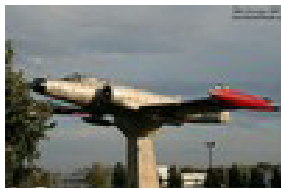
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# NORTH BAY SECTIONAL

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 2010



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

## Friday, April 23, 2010

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)  
1:00 pm Stratified 199<sup>er</sup> Pairs (0-50, 50-100, 100-200)  
1:00 pm Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20) if numbers warrant.  
Fewer boards, more relaxed.
- 7:00 pm Open Pairs, Stratified by Expertise  
(A=both over 1000, B=1 over 1000, C=both under 1000)  
7:00 pm Stratified 199<sup>er</sup> Pairs (0-50, 50-100, 100-200)  
7:00 pm Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20) if numbers warrant  
Fewer boards, more relaxed.

## Saturday, April 24, 2010

- 1:00 pm Stratiflighted Pairs (A=3000+, X=0-3000); (B=750-1500, C=0-750)  
1:00 pm Stratified 199<sup>er</sup> Pairs (0-50, 50-100, 100-200)  
1:00 pm Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20) if numbers warrant.  
Fewer boards, more relaxed.
- 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500+)  
7:00 pm Stratified 199<sup>er</sup> Pairs (0-50, 50-100, 100-200)  
7:00 pm Novice/Newcomer Pairs (0-20) if numbers warrant.  
Fewer boards, more relaxed.

## Sunday, April 25, 2010

- 10:00 am Stratified Open Swiss Teams: 2 sessions.  
Based on avg MPs (A=1500+, B=750-1500, C=0-750).  
10:00 am Intermediate 199<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams.  
Based on highest MP (A=100-200, B=50-100, C=0-50).  
Lunch is included.

Chairperson & Partnerships      Cost per session: \$10, \$6 for Newcomers  
Dennis Gardner                              Swiss Teams: \$100 per team  
dhg95@sympatico.ca      Extra \$2/session for non or unpaid ACBL members



# Toronto Easter Regional

March 30 – April 4, 2010

Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport  
655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario M9W 1J3

Phone: 416-244-1711 or 1-800-668-3656  
or 1-800-222-8733

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Please reserve before February 26, 2010; Rate: \$139/night

QUOTE: “REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT”

## Programme

### Tuesday, March 30

Bracketed KO 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Swiss Teams.....	7:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 31

Morning Bracketed KO (1 <sup>st</sup> session) .....	9:30 am
Senior Swiss Teams .....	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Bracketed KO 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> sessions).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> sessions).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratiflighted* Swiss Teams.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 1

Morning Bracketed KO (2 <sup>nd</sup> session).....	9:30 am
Bracketed KO 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> sessions).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified* Senior Pairs.....	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified* Open Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Percy Sheardown KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> ).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0 – 1000 KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> ).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Friday, April 2

Morn. Bracketed KO (3 <sup>rd</sup> session).....	9:30 am
Morn. Compact KOs (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ).....	9:30 am
Stratified* Senior Pairs.....	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratiflighted* Open Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Sheardown KOs (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0 – 1000 KOs (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> ).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Saturday, April 3

Morn. Bracketed KO (4 <sup>th</sup> session).....	9:30 am
Morn. Compact KOs (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ).....	9:30 am
Compact KOs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratiflighted* Open Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Sunday, April 4

Stratiflighted* Swiss Teams (7 matches x 8 boards).....	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
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Morn. Side Game Series ...9:30 am ..... Wed-Sat  
 Afternoon Side Game Series ... 1:00 pm .....Tue-Sat  
 Evening Side Game Series .. 7:00 pm ..... Tue-Sat  
 Evening Swiss Teams ..... 7:00 pm ..... Tue-Sat  
 \*\*Stratified Strats: A:Open, B: 0 -2000, C: 0 – 1000, D: 0 – 500\*\* X=0-3000, B=0-2000, C=0-1000, D=0-500)  
 \*\*\*NOTE: Stratiflighted Events: A/X separate A=3000+,  
 Friday Stratiflighted Open Pairs .... A/X IMP scoring\*  
 NOTE: Sunday Flights: A=5000+,X=2000+,B=500+,C=0-500(Non Life Masters)(to match GNT flights)



*Join us for cash BINGO after the evening sessions on Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri.*

## 0 – 299er Programme

**Tuesday, March 30 – Saturday, April 4**

Stratified 299er Pairs (separate sessions).....1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
 0 – 49er Pairs (separate sessions).....1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
 FREE!! Thursday’s Newcomer Pairs (0 – 5).....1:00 pm  
 FREE!! Saturday’s Newcomer Pairs (0 – 5).....1:00 pm

**Sunday, April 5**

299er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions).....10:00 am & 3:00 pm

## Teaching Programme

**Teachers**

**Monday, March 29 - Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation Program with Audrey Grant\***

Learn to teach bridge from one of the world’s best-known bridge teachers. Learn techniques, attitudes, approaches and styles. Learn how Audrey approaches the teaching of bridge. Fee: \$125 (includes all materials) 10–12; 1–3; 3:30–5:30; 6:30–7:30. NOTE: Proceeds will help support the Intermediate/Novice learning program at the 2011 North American Bridge Championships in Toronto.

**Tuesday, March 30 (FREE for Teachers) - Learn to Teach 2/1 with Audrey Grant\***

Reveals commonly-made mistakes in standard bidding. Eric Rodwell won the 2008 Player of the Year Award in record-breaking fashion. Many times world champion, Eric is considered the world’s best theorist. In this workshop, you’ll receive a text on 2/1 Game Force, written by Eric and Audrey Grant with David Lindop. 2/1 Eric’s way and now your way! 9:30–11:30 am.

\*Space is limited. Please reserve early with SallyRewbotham [salrew@rogers.com](mailto:salrew@rogers.com) 905-274-1903

### Students - Free Lesson Program

**Wednesday, March 31 - Pre-empt or Pass**

Hmmm? Should I pre-empt with this hand? Should I pass? Maybe bid later? Come and join Muriel and Claude Tremblay as they examine hands that puzzle us.

**Thursday, April 1 - Director, Please!**

Join one of our Tournament Directors as he explains the role of the director and why he is your ally and should be called.

**Friday, April 2 - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Seat Openers**

John Rayner entertains and educates as he looks at why 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seat openers are different and why extra caution may be advised.

**Saturday, April 3 - Cues and Clues**

Learn how a cue bid helps you bid better, play better and defend better. Sally Rewbotham looks at this very interesting topic.

The Credit Valley Bridge Association  
**BRAMPTON SECTIONAL**

24-25 April 2010

**BRAMPTON  
FAIRGROUNDS**

**From the east, west or south:** Go north from Hwy 401 on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. (10<sup>th</sup> exit). Go west (left) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately 5 km north.

**From the north:** Take Hwy 10 south until it merges with Hwy 410. Stay on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. Go west (right) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately 5 km north.



Enjoy the hospitality *and*  
finish early!

Entry Fees: \$12/player/session for  
ACBL members  
\$14 for non-ACBL members

**Tournament Co-Chairs**

Mike Da Silva

[gogetr@rogers.com](mailto:gogetr@rogers.com)

Lee Daugharty

[calendar@interlog.com](mailto:calendar@interlog.com)

**SATURDAY APRIL 24**

**Compact Knockouts**

(Handicapped depending on turnout)

**Stratified 99er pairs**

2 Single sessions

½ price for players with 0-5 MPs.

**Stratified Pairs**

2 Session playthrough

A=1501+; B=500-1500; C=0-499

**Game times:** 11:00 am & 3:30 pm

*Homemade food served on site*

**SUNDAY APRIL 25**

**0-199 Swiss Teams**

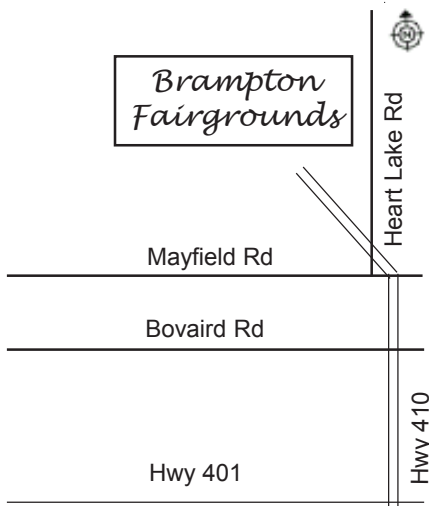
**Stratified Swiss Teams**

A=3001+; X=0-3000; B=0-1500;

C=0-750; D=0-300

Playthru – ½ hour break for food

**Game time:** 11:00 am





# Cobourg Sectional May 1 & 2, 2010



## Saturday May 1st

### Stratified Pairs

11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Flights A/X & B/C/D (separate)

Single session pairs welcome

*Lunch offered onsite*

## Sunday May 2nd

### Stratified Teams

10:30 a.m. Playthrough

Flights A/X & B/C/D (separate)

One session teams welcome

*Lunch offered onsite*

### Tournament Director:

Nancy Hart

### Tournament Chair:

Joseph Sherman (905) 372-1938

[joesherman@sympatico.ca](mailto:joesherman@sympatico.ca)

### Partnerships:

Bev Howard (905) 372 4187

[jan&bevhoward@sympatico.ca](mailto:jan&bevhoward@sympatico.ca)

(Please call early)

### Strats:

**A** = 3000+

**X** = 0 -3000

**B** = 0 -1500

**C** = 0 - 750

**D** = 0 - 300

### Location:

Columbus Centre

232 Spencer St.

Cobourg, Ontario



### Extras:

Coffee, water, cookies, fruit all free

Draws for restaurant certificates

Novelty giveaways

Comfort Inn rate \$84.99 (401 Exit

474 - Mention Cobourg Bridge)

# SARNIA BLUEWATER TOURNAMENT

May 1 & 2, 2010

Sarnia Legion  
Branch 62  
286 Front Street North  
519-336-2841

## Saturday, May 1

1:00 pm - Flighted Open Pairs

7:00 pm - Statified Open Pairs

**Free Coffee**

## Sunday, May 2

11:00 am & TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams

For information  
or partnerships  
contact Pat Simpson

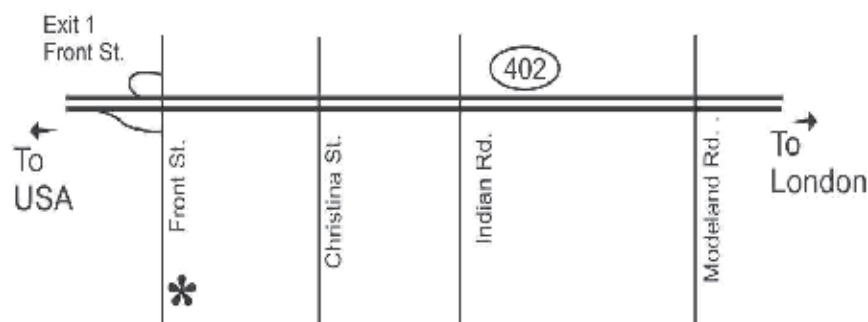
519 542 9469

ptsimpson@cogeco.ca

## Upper Master Point Limit

**A - Unlimited, B- 1000, C - 300**

Master point averaging can be used in any event



From Highway 402, take Exit 1, Front Street, south. Travel 2 km (1.2 miles).  
Legion is located on east side of the street. Ample free parking in their lot.

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- 2-session **STRATIFIED** or **STRATIFLIGHTE** PAIRS games daily
- **NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE GAMES** every afternoon and evening.  
Preceded by **CELEBRITY SPEAKER PAUL THURSTON** 45 minutes prior to Wednesday through Sunday afternoon and evening sessions. Topics will appear on [www.kingstonbridge.com](http://www.kingstonbridge.com) by early Feb 2010.
- **SINGLE-SESSION SWISS TEAMS** every evening Wednesday through Saturday
- **GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS DISTRICT 1 FINALS: Super, A, B, C Flights**
- **UNSURPASSED HOSPITALITY** - daily and every evening
- **DETAILED SCHEDULE:** [www.bridgekingston.com](http://www.bridgekingston.com)
- **INFORMATION:** 1-866-466-2336 Ed & Moira O'Reilly  
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- **PARTNERS:** Frank Pataky 613-541-0034 [bridge@kos.net](mailto:bridge@kos.net)

### COME & HEAR AUDREY GRANT IN KINGSTON

**Thu. May 20 - BRIDGE FESTIVAL** with Audrey Grant - "At A Glance" 9-11 am \$35 - TAP registrants FREE

**Thu. May 20 - Better Bridge TEACHER ACCREDITATION PROGRAM** with Audrey Grant\* 9 am - noon

**Fri. May 21 - Better Bridge TEACHER ACCREDITATION PROGRAM** with Audrey Grant\* 9 am - noon. Learn from one of the world's best-known bridge teachers: techniques, attitudes, approaches and styles; to use practical teaching tools including Bridge Brush Up courses for players with a wide range of experience and skill; plus marketing strategies to teach bridge and to conduct bridge festivals. Fee \$125\*\* (Includes 5 Student Texts, Color-coded cards, Bridge At A Glance, Sample Lesson Plans, Workshop Notebook, etc.)

**Saturday May 22 - WORKSHOP- Learn to Teach 2/1** with Audrey Grant\* 9-11 am Reveals commonly-made mistakes in standard bidding. In this workshop, you'll receive a text on 2/1 Game Force, written by Eric Rodwell, Audrey Grant and David Lindop 9:00-11:00 am. \$35 - TAP Registrants FREE

\*Limited space. Please reserve early with Ed O'Reilly: [bridgekingston@sympatico.ca](mailto:bridgekingston@sympatico.ca) 1-866-466-2336

\*\*Unit 192 members eligible for up to \$75 unit TAP subsidy





# Toronto "Silver Point" 299er Sectional



**Saturday and Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Play with your peers! All players have less than 300 masterpoints  
Earn Silverpoints needed for your LM!  
Dazzle your friends by winning prizes and lots of Masterpoints!  
Refreshments before and during sessions

## Guest Speakers

between sessions at 2:15  
Saturday, **Enid Roitman**  
Sunday, **Hazel Wolpert**

## Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Single Session Pairs 10 am and 3 pm

## Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>

Single Session Pairs at 10 am  
Single Session Swiss Teams at 3 pm

Stratifications will be determined by TD  
Bev Ross at game time

## Game Fees \$12

Non & Unpaid ACBL Members +\$2  
Join the ACBL at the tourney  
for only \$35

## Tournament Chairs:

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suzanne.kosky@sympatico.ca  
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carol\_bongard@hotmail.com

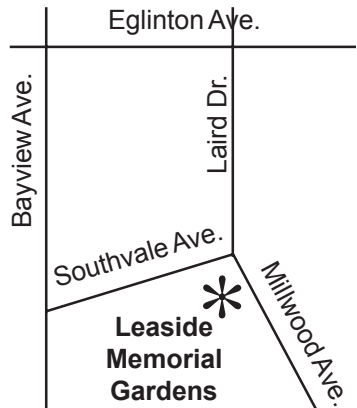
## Partnerships:

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wayne.ruttan063@sympatico.ca

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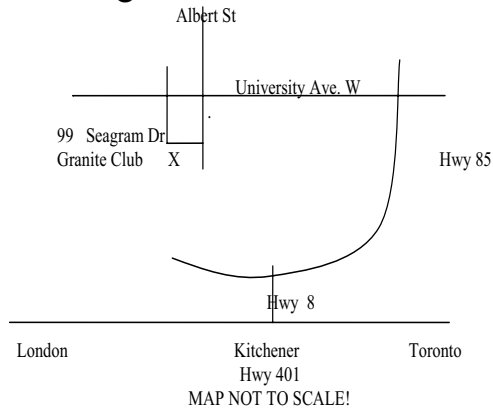
# K-W SUMMERFEST

June 12 & 13, 2010

\*\*\*\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\*\*\*\*

**Granite Club**

**99 Seagram Avenue, Waterloo**



## **Saturday, June 12**

### **OPEN PAIRS AND COMPACT KOS**

1:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
A: 1250+ B: 500-1250 C: 0-500  
Single Session 199er games

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER  
EVENING SESSION**

## **Sunday, June 13**

### **SWISS TEAMS**

11:00 and TBA  
A: 3000+ X: 0-3000  
B: 750-1500 C: 0-500  
Using average team masterpoints

**LUNCH INCLUDED IN  
ENTRY FEE**

### **TOURNAMENT CHAIR**

**CINDY MAHN  
519 7454356**

[threekittens@rogers.com](mailto:threekittens@rogers.com)

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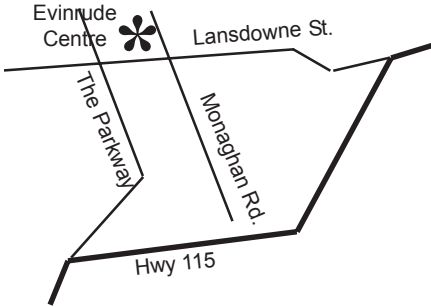
# *The Peterborough Sectional 2010*

*“A New Weekend & A New Location”*

*Fri, Jun 18<sup>th</sup> – Sun, Jun 20<sup>th</sup>*

## *The Evinrude Centre*

*911 Monaghan Rd*



Exit Hwy 115 at The Parkway. Take The Parkway North to Lansdowne St. Turn right/east on Lansdowne St. Take Lansdowne St. East for 4 lights. Turn left on Monaghan Rd. Turn left into the “Evinrude Centre”. We are in the Multi-Purpose Rooms on the right (lots of parking & no stairs)

### **Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Open Pairs (Single Sessions) (A: 1500+ B: 500–1500 C: 0-500) 7:00 pm

199 pairs (Single Sessions) 7:00 pm

### **Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Open Pairs (2 Session) (Stratiflighted A/X & B/C) 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

(A: 2500+ X: 0-2500) (B: 501–1500 C: 0-500)

199 pairs (Single Sessions) 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Compact KOs 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

### **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> (Note earlier start time – Don’t be late)**

Open Swiss Teams (7 Rounds of 8 Boards) 10:00 am & TBA

(A: 1250+ B: 500–1250 C: 0-500)

199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions) 10:00 am & TBA

### **Tournament Coordinators**

Marja Hutchinson (705) 745-2127 & Cindy Forth (705) 876-1782

For help with partnerships please call Marja





# HAZEL'S BRIDGE CLUB



## New for 2010

Novice game - Monday Nights - 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Pre-dealt hands. ACBL sanctioned and supervised. (You can ask questions after you play the hand.)

A new ACBL-sanctioned game on Thursday mornings. Bagels and coffee. Bridge starts at 9.15 am and finishes at 12 noon. If you have played Tuesday morning of the same week there is a \$2 reduction on the fee.

Membership for the year is \$85. What do you get for being a member?

- A minimum of \$2 savings on all ACBL games
- Free plays for winning
- Play free on your birthday.

Feb. 6th Saturday afternoon - ACBL-wide International Fund Game with Hand Analysis.

Silverpoint Week Canada Wide -15th Feb. to 21st Feb.

The charity of the month for January was ovarian cancer in memory of our friend and player Linda Tarabelli.

All evening games and Sun. Aft. games in February (except in STAC week) are Junior Fund games to support junior bridge.

### **Schedule, Lessons & Team League Information**

See our website or phone for details

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# *Tournament Trail*

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