

# The Kibitzer



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*A newsletter serving ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249  
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CWTC Winners: Linda Lee, Irene Hodgson, Ina Demme, Hazel Wolpert

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complete list  
of CBF  
Bridge  
Week  
winners !!



CNTC Winners: Jim Priebe, Lew Richardson, Steve Mackay,  
Ray Jotcham, Dave Lindop, Mike Cummings

# BRIDGE CRUISE DOWN UNDER

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Dec 31 Fly to LA (eve) Overnight Sheraton (complimentary)  
 Jan 1 Fly to Auckland, New Zealand  
 Jan 3 Arrive Auckland, New Zealand  
 (Breakfast incl. Jan 4,5,6)  
 Stay 3 nights @ Heritage Hotel in Auckland  
 (1 night comped by Vision 2000 Travel)

		<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Jan 6	Embark Sapphire Princess		6.00 pm
Jan 7	At sea		
Jan 8	Wellington, New Zealand	8.00 am	6.00 pm
Jan 9	Christchurch, New Zealand	8.00 am	6.00 pm
Jan 10	Dunedin, New Zealand	8.00 am	6.00 pm
Jan 11	Fjordland National Park Scenic Cruising, N.Z.	8.00 am	6.00 pm
Jan 12	At sea		
Jan 13	At sea		
Jan 14	Tasmania (Hobart)	8.00 am	6.00 pm
Jan 15	At sea		
Jan 16	Melbourne, Australia	8.00 am	6.00 pm
Jan 17	At sea		
Jan 18	Sydney, Australia	6.00 am	



Jan 18 Fly Sydney to Cairns  
 Overnight in Cairns at Hilton Cairns.  
 Jan 19 Buffet Breakfast, then Great Barrier Reef  
 on a high speed Catamaran. Buffet lunch  
 incl. Evening at leisure. Overnight Cairns.  
 Jan 20 Buffet Breakfast. Then fly to Sydney.  
 Afternoon & evening at leisure  
 Overnight at Hotel Inter-Continental Sydney  
 Jan 21 Buffet Breakfast. City Tour of Sydney...  
 Bondi Beach, Watson's Bay, Mrs.  
 Macquarie's Chair and views of the Opera  
 House. Enjoy a luncheon cruise on Sydney  
 Harbour. Afternoon & Evening at leisure.  
 Overnight Sydney.  
 Jan 22 Buffet Breakfast. Transfer to Sydney  
 airport for return flight home.

**Hotels and itinerary subject to change**

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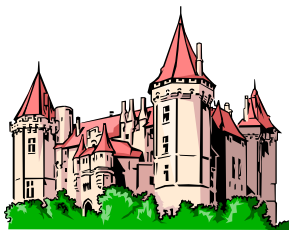
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# COMING EVENTS AT KATE'S: AUG THRU OCTOBER 2004

- Fri Aug 6 7.30 pm NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS Flts A, B, C Stratified. Club qualifying round. If you win at the District level, you win a free trip to the Pittsburgh Nationals in March, 2005. Add \$1.25 per person per entry. WIN RED MASTER POINTS!
- Sat Aug 7 7.30 pm SECTIONALLY RATED CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (ACBL Membership) \$6.00 members & \$8.00 non-members. Wine & cheese served at the game.
- Mon Aug 9 12.30 pm OPEN PAIRS / 0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
- Tue Aug 17 12.30 OPEN PAIRS / 0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. 0-200 EZ OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
- Thu Aug 19 7.30 pm NORTH AMERICAN NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS. RED Master Points & win a trip to Pittsburgh! Regular triple jackpot game upstairs.
- FRI AUG 20, SAT AUG 21, SUN AUG 22: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ALL SESSIONS ALL WEEKEND. REGULAR ENTRY FEES. EXTRA MASTER POINTS**
- Tue Aug 24 7.00 pm LIQUEUR NIGHT!!! Something new & different. Sample lots of different liqueurs and have special refreshments during the evening. Tia Maria, Kahlua, Grand Marnier, Irish Cream and lots more to enjoy! LIQUEURS ARE FREE !
- Wed Aug 25 7.30 OPEN PAIRS / 0-200 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. 0-20 NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP
- Thu Sep 9 7.30 pm ACBL CONTINENT-WIDE MATCHPOINT PAIRS. Formerly ROYAL VIKING PAIRS. ONE GOLD POINT FOR EVERY SECTION TOP. Add \$3.50 extra per person.
- Sun Sep 12 12.30 pm **FREE BRIDGE LESSONS TO REAL BEGINNERS TO BRIDGE. TELL YOUR FRIENDS.**
- Fri Sep 17 7.30 pm NORTH AMERICAN 49ers. For those with 0-50 Master Points. Regular entry fees. Extra points!
- Tue Sep 21 7.00 pm CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP. CLUB QUALIFYING ROUND. EXTRA POINTS.
- Wed Sep 22 7.30 pm NORTH AMERICAN 49ers. For those with 0-50 Master Points. Regular entry fees. Extra points!
- Thu Sep 30 7.30 pm OPEN PAIRS / 0-500 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. 0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
- Tue Oct 12 7.00 pm CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP. CLUB QUALIFYING ROUND. EXTRA POINTS.

**ANNUAL BRIDGE WEEK: SUN OCT. 24-SAT OCT 30. SECTIONALLY RATED CHAMPIONSHIPS ALL WEEK.**

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# **KATE BUCKMAN'S 46TH ANNUAL BRIDGE WEEK**

**OCTOBER 24-30, 2004**

**All sessions are sectionally rated championships (Black Points)**

## **SUNDAY OCTOBER 24**

12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship  
5.00 pm Club Champions Dinner Party  
6.00 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship

## **MONDAY OCTOBER 25**

12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship  
7.00 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship

## **TUESDAY OCTOBER 26**

12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/  
E-Z Open & 0-200 Pairs Championship  
7.00 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/  
0-50 & 0-100 Pairs Championship

## **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27**

12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/  
E-Z Open & 0-200 Pairs Championship  
7.30 pm Open & 0-100 Pairs Championship/  
0-20 Novice Pairs Championship

## **THURSDAY OCTOBER 28**

12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/  
E-Z Open & 0-200 Pairs Championship  
7.30 pm Triple Jackpot Open & 0-500 Pairs Championship/  
0-300 Pairs Championship

## **FRIDAY OCTOBER 29**

11.45 am Bagels & Bridge Tip With Alex  
12.30 pm Open & 0-500 Pairs Championship  
7.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship  
0-20 & 0-50 Pairs Championship

## **SATURDAY OCTOBER 30**

12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship  
7.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship

Prizes for Top Master Point  
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## Editor's Note:

Local players performed exceptionally well at the Canadian Bridge Federation's recent Bridge Week in St. Catharines. The team captained by Ray Jotcham (Lew Richardson, David Lindop, Michael Cummings, Jim Priebe, Steve Mackay) won the Canadian National Team Championship; Ina Demme, Hazel Wolpert, Irene Hodgson and Linda Lee won the Canadian Women's Team Championship; and Darren Wolpert (with Jurek Czynowicz) won the Canadian Open Pairs Championship. The winning teams will represent Canada at the World Team Olympiad in October/November in Istanbul, Turkey.

We continue our 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations by honouring some of the best writers in Kibitzer history. We begin this issue by publishing an original David Silver piece. In coming issues, articles by others will be published.

A warm welcome is extended to Quonta Unit 238 which has joined the Kibitzer 'consortium,' beginning with this issue.

## John Carruthers, Editor

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

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

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario)

## Balance Sheet as at August 31, 2003

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in Bank - Canadian	16,968	32,162
Cash in Bank - U.S.	42,326	37,213
Cash held in trust	200	200
Bonds and Debentures	120,890	117,390
Accounts receivable	21,834	16,335
Prepaid expenses	4,783	--
Equipment	2,932	4,399
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	4,657	8,721
GST payable	330	132
Reserve funds - Associations (Note 2)	12,597	15,349
Reserve for Nationals Fund (Note 3) (Schedule 5 & 6)	53,350	50,660
Members' Equity	138,999	132,837
	<b>209,933</b>	<b>207,699</b>

## Statement of Income and Expenses and Members' Equity for the year ended August 31, 2003

<b>INCOME</b>		
Gross income from tournaments (Schedule 1)	147,357	193,782
Membership fees	11,963	13,155
Kibitzer table fees	12,605	13,120
Kibitzer advertisements and subscriptions	10,089	9,410
STAC Fall	1,117	295
STAC Spring	1,561	650
Interest	4,741	3,676
TAP	-	1,166
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Tournament expenses (Schedule 1)		
Directing	43,956	56,046
A.C.B.L.	17,876	25,738
Unit	7,423	12,798
Site	21,674	37,573
Administration	18,817	29,059
Hospitality	12,484	13,542
Committee	3,417	4,608
Transfer to District 2	5,252	6,018
	130,899	185,382
Directors' meetings	2,853	1,890
Fees		
- Treasurer	1,000	1,200
- Executive Assistant	4,800	4,800
- Auditor	800	1,100
- Various events	1,300	600
- Kibitzer Editor and typesetting	9,200	11,091
Kibitzer printing and mailing	24,980	19,667
Kate Buckman Award	1,131	828
Travel and hospitality grants	--	5,500
Sundry	6,308	8,435
	183,271	240,493
<b>Excess of income over expenditures</b>	<b>6,162</b>	<b>(5,239)</b>
<b>Members' Equity, beginning of period</b>	<b>132,837</b>	<b>138,076</b>
<b>Members' Equity, end of period</b>	<b>138,999</b>	<b>132,837</b>

## Notes to Financial Statements

1. All U.S. amounts are stated in their Canadian dollar equivalents. Varying conversion rates were used during the year.  
2. In 1973, Unit 166 decided to establish a Reserve Fund into which the Associations in the Unit would deposit their excess surplus funds over an agreed amount. These funds are to be invested and held to the credit of the various Associations. The Fund was established in 1974. At August 31, 2003, the Fund was made up as follows:

Niagara District Bridge Association	\$ 5,383
Central Ontario Bridge Association	\$ 6,122
Metropolitan Toronto Bridge Association	\$ 1,092
	<b>\$ 12,597</b>

3. An amount of \$50,000 was invested in 1986 to be used for future Nationals. Schedule summarizes the activities in this reserve fund.



# The Baldwins Resort

\*Windermere \*Lake Rosseau \* Muskoka\*  
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3 Nights Midweek:

September 20-23

September 28-October 1

October 4-7



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- \* Three meals daily
- \* Includes card fees
- \* Prize table
- \* Use of all resort facilities
- \* No smoking in bridge rooms & lounge
- \* Non-smoking accommodations available
- \* 18-Hole golf course adjacent

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- \* Indoor pool, whirlpool & sauna
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- \* Air-conditioned bridge & dining rooms
- \* Hors d'Oeuvres for social hour



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## NEW TOURNAMENT EVENT !!

A motion passed by the ACBL Board in Reno will allow a new event to be held – a *Stratified by Experience Swiss Team* event. In this event, any sponsor (that is, any Unit, District, or Club organizing the tournament or game), can total and then average the master point holdings of all team members, and stratify accordingly.

This will allow spouses with lots of points to play an event with their novice or intermediate partner without having to compete in Flight A. An example might be that John, Susan, and Jane each have about 200 points, but Peter, Susan's husband, has 3000. In the past, they would have had to play Flight A. Now they can play in a Flight B event, as their average is 900 points.

This event is seen as a good opportunity for experienced players to give less experienced players the benefit of their wisdom without subjecting the less experienced players to the pressures of Flight A competition. Local organizers are encouraged to try running a *Stratified by Experience Swiss Team* event. The ACBL is looking for feedback on how it works out.

What is needed now is a **catchy title**, so the event can be marketed at Sectionals and Regionals. If you have an idea for a catchy name, phone Marilyn White at 416-322-5464, or email her at: mpwhite@idirect.com.

## ACBL Board of Governors Announcement

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# Everyone Plays Zelig

David Silver

“Good evening Professor!” I said as I entered the apartment. “I played with a contemporary of yours tonight.”

“Impossible, they’re all dead,” snarled Professor Silver genially.

“Seriously. He also asked me a very strange question,” I replied.

“He asked for your fee to be returned? That could hardly be termed unusual.”

“Of course not,” I responded, vowing to myself not to let the Professor get under my skin yet again. “He asked me if I play Zelig.”

“And you told him everyone plays Zelig!”

“But I don’t even know what Zelig is,” I answered, trying desperately to restrain my mounting exasperation.

“Not what, Cardinal, who! Like most bridge conventions, this one is named after its inventor. Permit me to cite an example. You hold:

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

“After two passes you open two spades, your LHO bids four hearts, and your partner doubles. Everyone passes and he leads an obviously singleton spade which you win with your ace. Which spade do you return for him to ruff?”

“The deuce, obviously,” I said.

“Obviously, the low spade tells partner to return a club after he ruffs the spade. And if you had a diamond entry, you would return the spade jack, right?” sneered Professor Silver.

“But Professor, that’s just a standard suit preference play, not a convention,” I protested.

“Standard?” He leapt to his feet and strode around the room brandishing his walker as if it were a flag. “Standard? Do you imagine that Stayman was always ‘standard?’ That Blackwood was invented on Commodore Vanderbilt’s yacht? Do you think that all the useful tools you use every day were just always there? No, some bridge genius saw the need for a sophisticated tool and worked out a bidding sequence or play of a card to forge another weapon to use in the never-ending bridge wars. We are but pygmies standing on the shoulders of giants, using their inventions as casually as we use utensils at the dinner table. We never stop to remember that even knives and forks had to be invented.”

“Who was Zelig?” I asked. “I’ve never heard of him.”

“No one had heard of him even when he was alive,” Professor Silver replied. “Leonard Zelig was an invisible man. He could come into your home uninvited, sit down at your dinner table, eat dinner with you and your family, and not be noticed. Afterwards, no one who had been at the table could describe him. He was the most nondescript man that ever lived. Leonard Zelig was so dull and boring that his wife left him and ran off with a chartered accountant!”

Professor Silver laboriously lowered himself into his chair, and continued, “But at the bridge table, Zelig was a genius. Only Oswald Jacoby ever came close to his skill in bidding and card play. He impressed all the leading bridge players of the day. Everyone wanted to play with him, but no one could remember his name. If you wrote down his name and phone number, an hour later you could not put a face to the name nor remember why you had it in your diary. But I remember the day when your ‘standard’

suit preference was invented, at the bridge table, by Leonard Zelig.”

He paused to catch his breath and went on.

“It was a couple of days into the Culbertson-Lenz match. I had been kibitzing throughout, mostly admiring Jacoby’s skills and assiduously taking notes of the interesting deals. That evening, Lenz made a disparaging comment about Jacoby’s defence on the previous hand. Furious at the unfair criticism, Oswald stalked out of the room. Ely Culbertson immediately declared the match forfeited, but Lenz protested that Commander Winfield Leggett had been telephoned and was on his way to replace Jacoby, but Ely refused to delay the match. Lenz suggested that a kibitzer play until Leggett arrived. Culbertson agreed on condition

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that he choose the kibitzer. Lenz had no option but to agree. I stood up and waved at Ely, but he passed me by and summoned the man who been sitting beside me. It turned out to be Leonard Zelig. I hadn't noticed him."

"The very next hand, Zelig picked up:

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

Professor Silver became so agitated I feared he would have a stroke. But he composed himself and continued.

"Zelig was not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents. I was sitting directly behind him and could see the hand. I had anticipated a three or four heart opener, but Zelig started the auction with a bid of five hearts! The effect was electrifying. Josephine passed in tempo, Lenz passed quickly and Ely instantaneously bid five no trump. Zelig passed and Josephine bid six diamonds which was passed around to Zelig, who doubled!"

"Lenz put the ace of hearts on the table and the dummy appeared:

♠ A K Q 8  
♥ Q 8 3  
♦ A J 3  
♣ A K J

"A low heart was played from the dummy and without a moment's hesitation, Zelig played the king on his partner's ace! When the ace held the trick, Lenz gave his next play some thought, and eventually arrived at the logical conclusion. Partner wanted him to shift to the highest ranking suit. He dutifully continued with a spade and Zelig ruffed. Zelig now returned the heart jack which declarer ruffed with the nine of diamonds, over-ruffed by Lenz with the ten. Another spade ruff followed and Zelig returned yet another heart. Mrs.

Culbertson ruffed this with the diamond queen, over-ruffed by Lenz's king! One more spade ruff concluded the carnage, and the Lenz team had gained 1400 points on the deal."

"The full hand had been:

Ely Culbertson

♠ A K Q 8  
♥ Q 8 3  
♦ A J 3  
♣ A K J

Howard Lenz

♠ 10 9 7 5 3  
♥ A  
♦ K 10  
♣ 9 8 7 5 4

Leonard Zelig

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

Josephine Culbertson

♠ J 6 4 2  
♥ 2  
♦ Q 9 8 4 2  
♣ Q 10 2

"As you can see, Cardinal, with a club switch, Mrs. Culbertson had the rest of the tricks. The felicitous lie of the doubleton king of trumps onside brings that suit home without loss and there are no black suit losers."

"Quite a swing, Professor. Are you saying that Zelig's play was the first instance of a suit preference signal in bridge?"

"Perhaps and perhaps not. But it was certainly the most famous. You can't imagine the media frenzy that was going on over this match. There were scores of reporters present. A radio station was broadcasting a play-by-play description to millions of listeners around the globe. Zelig was instantaneously famous and his name became a household word. However, after a week, everyone was still talking about the play, but no one could remember who made it. Eventually, it was attributed to Oswald Jacoby."

"Interesting," I mused. "But you could hardly call it a convention. I believe my

client wanted to use a convention called Zelig.”

“Of course,” said Professor Silver, with a faraway look in his eyes. “That came later in the evening. I remember it as if it were yesterday. It’s hard to believe that it was more than seventy years ago.”

“Ely dealt and opened one diamond. Zelig held:

♠ 10 7 2  
♥ Q 9 7 3  
♦ K Q 10 8  
♣ J 10

“Zelig passed smoothly and Josephine bid one no trump. Lenz passed and Ely bid three no trump. Zelig doubled, and when the double came back to him, Ely redoubled! Everyone passed. I was astonished but Howard was perplexed since he was on lead. He put his head on the table and closed his eyes. After a few minutes he sat up, shrugged his shoulders and put the diamond seven on the table. Obviously relieved, Ely smiled at his wife and confidently put down the dummy.”

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 ♣ 9

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

Leonard  
 ♠ 10 7 2  
 ♥ Q 9 7 3  
 ♦ K Q 10 8  
 ♣ J 10

Josephine  
 ♠ J 6  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ 9 3 2  
 ♣ K Q 8 7 3 2

“Mrs. Culbertson played the diamond five, won by Zelig’s ten as she followed low. Zelig returned the spade two, declarer played the jack, and Lenz covered with the king. Dummy’s spade ace won the trick and dummy’s sole club was led, Zelig’s ten being covered by the queen, and Howard won the trick with the ace of clubs. Back came the four of diamonds, ducked in dummy and won by Zelig’s king, declarer playing the nine. Zelig played his spade ten which was allowed to hold. Slightly startled, he continued with his last spade which was won by dummy’s queen. Declarer won and exited with dummy’s remaining spade which Lenz won, as Zelig and declarer both discarded clubs.”

“After a moment’s thought, Howard led the heart deuce, Josephine played dummy’s jack and Zelig won his queen. He returned his fourth best heart and Lenz’s ten forced a high honour from dummy. Now Mrs. Culbertson played ace and another heart and when he won his nine, Zelig was finally endplayed and had to play away from his diamond king into dummy’s ace-jack tenace.”

A smile reposed on the Professor’s countenance as recalled the moment. “Think of it, Cardinal, three down, doubled and redoubled, that was 1600 points in

the most important match in the history of bridge.”

“Surely you exaggerate, Professor.” I admonished.

“Well, indisputably the most-publicized match of the last century. You’ll have to admit that. And don’t forget that the Culbertsons were the most famous partnership in the world at that time, so the press really worked the David and Goliath angle. Of course the Culbertson team went on to bury the Lenz team, so this evening, and Zelig, were soon forgotten. But not by bridge experts.”

“What made this deal so memorable?” I asked, knowing full well what the answer was, but Professor Silver does so love to explain things.

“Zelig’s double, of course. Every expert who read the newspapers realized how useful it was to have a convention that demanded the lead of dummy’s first-bid suit. Following the well-established custom, they named it after its inventor and within weeks, every expert pair in the civilized world was playing Zelig.”

“In justice, Professor, they should have named it Lenz. It was he who figured out what the double meant, with no agreement and, as you say, no precedent.”

“Point well taken, Wright,” said Professor Silver approvingly, “but the bridge world is unfair. Lenz was a brilliant bridge player and what’s-his-name could rely on him to work it out. It’s a pity I cannot have the same confidence in you. For years it was called the ...”

“Zelig Double.” I supplied helpfully.

“Thank you. And the next time someone asks you if you play Zelig your answer will be?

“Everyone plays Zelig!”

“Right, Wright.”



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**Thu Compact KO Bracket 1** - Daniel Korbel; William Koski; Kevin Conway; Dale Freeman  
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**0-20 Novice Pairs** - Chris McDonald; Glen Findlay  
**Thu Eve Side Game** - James Gleick; Jeff Meckstroth  
**Thu Open Pairs** - Mickie Chambers; Joan Eaton  
**Thu Women's Pairs** - Leigh Ives; Gloria Orr  
**Thu Eve Novice Pairs** - Niki Coons; Jason Woerner  
**Thu Eve 299er Pairs** - Robert Spencer; Mary Shapcott  
**Thu Eve 199er Pairs** - Ian Sirett; Marcel Villeneuve

**Fri Aft 299er Pairs** - Sharon Pearson; Frank Pearson

**Fri Aft Side Game** - Allan Coyne; Dwight Goden

**Fri Aft Novice Pairs** - Chris McDonald; Glen Findlay

**Fri Senior Pairs** - Ivan Fleischmann; Ron MacDonald

**Fri Eve 199er Pairs** - Robert Orlando; Joan Orlando

**Fri Eve Swiss** - Diana Gordon; Beverley Kraft; Rhoda Habert; Sylvia Fay Caley

**Fri Flight B/C Pairs** - Jane Demers; Catherine Balant

**Flight A/X Pairs** - Saleh Fetouh; Jay Levy

**Fri Eve Side Game** - Paul Thurston; Ed O'Reilly

**Fri Eve 0-20 Pairs** - Frank de Maat; Ken Money

**Morning KO Bracket 1** - Ed White; Jim Linhart; Barry Harper; Dave Schouweiler

**Bracket 2** - Pat Cook; Bunty Williams; Vivienne Whitworth; Christine Hebscher

**Sat Morn Side Game** - John Hart; Marion Hart

**Side Game Series 2** - Ellen Oelsner; Judi Radin

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs** - Carolyn Stevens; Sid Stevens

**Sat Aft Novice Pairs** - Duane Herzig; Jame Burton

**Fri Morn Side Game** - John Wetmiller; Len Mazurkewich

**Sat Seniors** - Paul Cronin; Paul Morrissey

**Sheardown KO** - Gavin Wolpert; Daniel Lavee; David Grainger; Vincent Demuy

**Fri-Sat B/C KO Bracket 1** - Roger Harder; Kudite Kokis; Nancy Stachan; Florence Belford; Roger Marinett

**Sat Compact KO Bracket 1** - Jay Mann; Ken Gee; Shi Yan; Alex Hong

**Bracket 2** - Naveed Ather; Eva Upper; Ivan Popivanov; Junaid Said

**Bracket 3** - Mark Brader; Catherine Brader; Michael Levine; Jackson Chan

**Bracket 4** - Mary Kerr; Christine Phillips; Tim Gibson; Helen Gibson

**Fri-Sat B/C KO 3** - Elke Lesiak; Gertrude Huntingford; J Fleetwood; Aina Martinsons

**Sat Flight A/X IMP Pairs** - Craig Ganzer; Franco Baseggio

**Sat Eve Side Game** - John van Nuland; Melanie Parker

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs** - Alex Brooke; Sandy Howe

**Fri-Sat B/C KO Bracket 2** - Peggy Pearson; Bill Matwchuk; Helmut Serwotka; Connie Pratt

**Side Game Series I** - Louis Laucke

**Side Game Series II** - Gail Jotcham

**Sun AM 299er Swiss Teams** - Suzanne

Siklos; Marc Serraf; Earl Tettelbaum; Raphael Nemni

**Sun Aft 299er Swiss** - Robert Orlando; Joan Orlando; Wallace Graham; Donna Graham

**Sunday B/C Swiss** - Alan Brooks; Daniel Cecchelli; Pieter Geerkens; Anu Goodman

**Sunday A/X Swiss** - Paul Thurston; Rick Delogu; John Rayner; Mike Roche; Eric Shepherd; Abe Paul

**Sunday Senior Swiss** - Molly Silverstein; Gary Zlot; Irene Reingold; George Markarian

## **Grand Valley Sectional, Brantford, April 2-4**

**Grand Valley Pairs** - Larry Woods; John Moser

**Brant County Pairs** - Marlene McFadden; John McFadden

**Saturday Open Pairs** - Ron Sutherland; Abe Paul

**Sunday Swiss Teams** - Gary Whiteman; Bill Koski; Steve McKay; Alan Lee

## **Quonta Sectional, North Bay, April 16-18**

**Fri Aft Open Pairs** - Robert Lamothe; Grey Forget

**Fri Aft 299er Pairs** - Brian Greenway; Joseph Armitage

**Open Pairs** - Colin van Wallegham; Michel Malette

**Fri Eve 299er Pairs** - Brian Greenway; Joseph Armitage

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**Sat Aft 299er Pairs** - Robert Eichenberg; Greg Johnston

**Newcomer Pairs** - Lynn Beauchamp; Michael Beauchamp

**Sat Eve Open Pairs** - Michel Malette; Terry Beange

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs** - Brian Greenway; Joseph Armitage

**Sun Morn 299er Swiss** - Phyllis Chayer; Mary Upper; Robert

Eichenberg; Greg Johnston

**Open Swiss** - Joe Sauro; Brenda Geden; Danny Schamehorn; Rob Avery

**Sun Aft 299er Swiss** - Roy Osberg; Joanne Salmonson; Grace Surphlis; William Hillis

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Tuesday Evening, 7:30 pm.....	Open Bridge Game
Wednesday Morning, 9:30 am.....	Non-Life Master Game
Wednesday Evening, 7:30 pm .....	Open Bridge Game
Thursday Afternoon, 12:30 pm.....	Non-Life Master Game
Thursday Evening, 7:30 pm.....	0-1500 MP Bridge Game
Friday Morning, 9:45 am.....	Supervised Play
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**Sat AM Novice Pairs** - Elizabeth Leclair; Ray Grieg

**Sat Eve Open Pairs** - Mark Lieberman; Daniel Korbel

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs** - Marc Serraf; Mike da Silva

**Sun AM 299er Swiss Teams** - Damaris Robinson; Nicole Formanek; Mark Overweel; Anne Stevens

**Sun Aft 299er Swiss** - Aina Martinsons; J Fleetwood; John Parsonage; Diana Parsonage

**Sun Open Swiss** - Paul Janicki; Ian Findlay; Detlef Ladewig; Rashid Khan

## 56<sup>th</sup> Bluewater Sectional, Sarnia May 1-2

**Open Pairs** - William Boston; Bruce Richmond

**IMP Pairs** - Judi Waters; Marie Wiley

**Flight A Swiss** - Marty Hirschman; Lynne Schaeffer; Susan Parnes; Gordon Parnes

**Flight B Swiss** - Carl Kaltwasser; Mark Pettit; John Duffy; Elmer Kruger

## Markham Sectional, Thornhill, May 1-2

**Compact KO Bracket 1** - Margaret Baykaql; Gurhun Baykal; Dave Cummings; Larry Cara

**Bracket 2** - Jonathan Buss; Edith Ferber; Deaun Moulton; Wladyslw Nowak

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs** - Joanne Greenspoon; Norman Greenspoon

**Sat Eve 199er Pairs** - D Smith; Susan Smith

**Sat Open Pairs** - Malcolm Ewashkiw; Bob Hollow

**Sun Aft 199er Swiss** - Gordon Mori; Ruth Mori; Trevor Jones; Gail Deyell

**Sunday Swiss** - Barry Senensky; David Cohen; Doug Bennion; Tom Buttle

**Sun Eve 199er Swiss** - Barbara Carey; Robert Carey; Holly Lipsett; Judy Bromley

## Peterborough Liftlock, May 28-30

**Josee Monettee Pairs** - Tom Stephenson; Tom Peng

**199er Pairs** - Sally Kellar; Herbert Heller

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs** - Sheila Lindsay; Russell Lindsay

**Liftlock Pairs** - Pamela Nisbet; Norton Moise

**Peterboro BC Pairs** - Dave Munro; Patty Munro

**Sat Eve 199er Pairs** - Gord Wagner; Lorna

Wagner

**Sun Swiss** - Martin Hunter; Brian Johnston; Jonathan Steinberg; David Grainger

## K-W Summerfest, Waterloo, June 12-13

**KO Teams Bracket 1** - David Baker; Fran Chivers; Tom Ramsay; Jacques Cloutier

**Bracket 2** - Jonathan Buss; Deaun Moulton; Edith Ferber; Wladyslaw Nowak

**Sat Aft 1999er Pairs** - Ann O'Loughlin; Janice Upeniaks

**Open Pairs** - Daniel Korbel; William Koski

**Sat Eve 199er Pairs** - James Mahon; Robert Ryckman

**Sun Swiss** - David Baker; Fran Chivers; Tom Ramsay; Jacques Cloutier

## Port Franks Sectional, June 26-27

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs** - James Mahon; Robert Ryckman

**Sat Open Pairs** - Reg Young; Terry Tack

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs** - Jean Lin; Sharon Beneteau

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**Sun Aft 299er Teams** - Georgina Little; Frank Stoffle; Marilyn Wilson; Judy Brown

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**Canadian National Team Championship, Flight B** - Larry Custead, Mark Churchman, Don Shatilla, Derrick Furber, Hash Mohammed, Ilya Kuzkin

**Canadian Open Pairs Championship** - Darren Wolpert, Jurek Czyzowicz

**Canadian IMP Pairs Championship, Flight A** - Judith Gartaganis, Piotr Klimowicz

**Canadian IMP Pairs Championship, Flight B** - Ron Zambonini, Jack Brown

## Canadian Bridge Federation Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

- Will continue with the same format for Bridge Canada, publishing it 3 times a year.
- Confirmed dates for future CBF STACs: Feb. 21 - 27, 2005 and Feb. 20 - 26, 2006.
- Ratified two Junior teams:
  1. 2004 World Schools Team: Erin Anderson, Anton Blagov, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, Samantha Nystrom, David Sabourin; NPC Jonathan Steinberg; Coach, Danny Miles
  2. 2005 World Youth Team: Tim Capes, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, Gavin Wolpert; NPC Jonathan Steinberg
- Confirmed dates and locations for the next two Bridge Weeks: May 28 - June 4, 2005 at the Hotel Sheraton Laval, Montreal. June 3 - June 10, 2006 in Mississauga.
- Beginning in 2005 the CNTC-A National Final will be increased to 22 teams
- The CNTCA semi-finals will be 64 boards beginning in 2005, and the final will be 128 boards. This will make room for more teams to drop in to the CSTC, which will be a four-day event beginning in 2005.
- Will continue to improve the funding given to our International Representatives.
- Claire Jones of Regina was elected CBF President, Doug Fraser of Victoria Vice-President and Jan Anderson Secretary/Treasurer for 2004-2005.



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### WED. MAR 17 EVE

Open Bala Iyer, Marise Mitchell  
0-100 S. Leach, P. Lay  
0-20 Andrea Dunn, Tabitha Chinniah

### TUE. MAR 23 AFT

Open Rhoda Kirshin, Hettie Lofchy  
0-500 Rhoda Kirshin, Hettie Lofchy  
0-200 Chay Kho, Penny Robinson

### FRI. MAR 26 PRO-AM GAME

Karen Lane, Steve Mackay

### WED. APR 14 AFT

Open Brian Balsdon, Ted Telford  
0-300 Arlene Dick, Viv Whitworth  
0-200 Judi Libman, Morley Rosenberg  
0-50 Janet & Rod Roblin

### THU. APR 15 EVE

Open Brent Gibbs, Walter Galloway  
0-300 Noreen Cabott, Fran Petersiel  
0-200 Reta Abrams, Joanne Moffat  
0-20 Judy Williams, Harvey Fryer

### SPRING FLING SECTIONALLY RATED TOURNAMENT

### SAT. APR 17 AFT

Open Andrew Hidi, Robin Stephens  
0-300 Judi Libman, Ron Tillotson

### SAT. APR 17 EVE

Open Mark Liberman, Jacques Lassonde

### SUN. APR 18 AFT

Open Liz Gallagher, Shelly Pearlman  
0-300 Jim DeBoer, Frank Shostack

### SUN. APR 18 EVE SWISS TEAMS

Open Mike Cummings, Alan Lee,  
Lou Richardson, Steve Mackay  
0-500 Arlene Dick, Leila Bessada,  
Ratna Omidvar, Chu Phan

### MON. APR 19 AFT

Open Jan Galloway, Despina Georgas  
0-500 Anita Shore, Adrienne Young

### THU. APR 29 EVE CANADA-WIDE ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

Jan Stewart, Mark Liberman \*  
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### TUE. MAY 11 EVE

Open Ron Child, Bert Connolly  
0-300 Paul Roth, Tom Keating  
0-100 Pauline Milrad, Joan Parsonson  
0-20 Suzanne & Michael Gourley

### WED. MAY 26 EVE

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0-100 Evelyn Himel, Lee Fingold  
0-20 Jan & Davis Stewart

### FRI. JUN 4 EVE WORLDWIDE BRIDGE CONTEST

NS Helen Brockman, Mike Cummings  
EW Roisin & Paul O'Hara

### SAT. JUN 5 AFT WORLDWIDE BRIDGE CONTEST

NS Joan Stephens, Prent Glazier  
EW Roisin O'Hara, Sharon Berghaus

### MON. JUN 7 EVE

Open Helen Brockman, Lynda Wynston  
0-300 Lee Woods, Wayne Beach

## The Rules & Proprieties

Debbie Bennett

Our new opponents are friends of ours with whom we have played in team events at local tournaments. We know they will be creating lots of action, but that makes the game a lot of fun.

On the first board, at equal vulnerability, I open the bidding in fourth chair with one no trump (15-17 announced). As I expected, the auction does not go uncontested. My Left Hand Opponent bids two hearts (alerted), my partner asks and is told that this bid shows hearts and a minor. Partner bids two no trump (alerted by me). We play Lebensohl, so this bid is a puppet to clubs and partner will clarify his intentions at his next turn. Right Hand Opponent passes, with no enquiry, three clubs by me (dutifully), pass, three hearts (Stayman with a heart stopper) by partner, pass, four spades by me (since I have a maximum), all pass.

Partner puts down a dummy with minimum values but has four reasonable spades and a six card side suit so he took the push to bid aggressively. I'm off three cashing tricks and trumps break 5-0 but since we have all of the top trumps, I'm able to bring the contract home. Our opponents defended well but got a poor result as most people went down in the



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contract. They both congratulate me on playing the hand well.

The second board is very distributional and it couldn't have come up at a better time. There's going to be a lot of bidding. I pick up:

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♦
1 ♠	Double	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♠	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You can't be perfect over pre-empts, and in highly competitive auctions, it's difficult to ascertain how high your side should bid. In this instance, we have bid too much. The opponents have done their job. I'm in seven hearts off the ace of trumps!!!

I trump the opening lead of the ace of spades and play a trump. LHO discards the spade three. RHO ducks. I play another trump and encourage my opponent to take his ace. He does and returns a trump. I play the last round of hearts to extract his last trump only to see a spade come out of his hand. Is it true? Has there been a revoke? I play the hand out as partner has a fit. "She's still not claiming," he chuckles. I'm trying to discover where that missing heart has disappeared to. Finally, at the conclusion of the hand, I ask my LHO if I could see his hand. There it is, the five of hearts. We have an established revoke.

We summon the director. RHO agrees that his partner played a spade on the first round of hearts. Since a trick was won after the revoke, one trick is transferred to the non-offending side. I just made seven hearts off the ace of

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trumps. When you hear the expression "the ace of trumps can't go away," don't believe it. This is a true story. As for my opponents, the operation was a success but the patient died. We all have a laugh and my partner is thrilled to have his story for the night (and probably the year).

Revokes are among the most common of irregularities. Almost everybody has revoked at least once in their bridge career. Sometimes a card will be hidden behind another, sometimes you get ahead of yourself. Nevertheless, don't fret. But make sure that the director is called. That's what they get paid for, to restore equity. *(There has always been debate about whether the revoke rule does restore equity in a case such as this. – Ed.)*

There are several different rulings concerning revokes, more than I can get into in such a short space. Some revokes involve penalty cards, some involve transferring one or two tricks to the non-offending side. PLEASE CALL THE DIRECTOR and let him/her give the ruling and proceed accordingly. There's a lesson to be learned here. WHENEVER partner fails to follow suit, ask whether they have a card of the suit led. It sure saves a lot of headaches later. As I expected, this was a wild round.

## Wolpert-Demuy-Grainger-Lavee Win Junior Trials



Gavin Wolpert, Daniel Lavee and David Grainger of the Toronto area and Vincent Demuy of Montreal won the Junior Team Trials, held at the Kingston Regional, May 22-24. The winners will be joined by Charles Halasi and Tim Capes of Toronto in forming Canada's Junior Team for the World Championship, to be held in Sydney, Australia August 8-17, 2005. Jonathan Steinberg will be the Non-Playing Captain of the team. Halasi and Capes were on the second-place team in the Trials.

### More Junior News

The WBF is planning to change the way they will be running World Junior Team Championships (WJTC). Currently there is an open WJTC every odd year and the CBF runs the junior trials in even years. The WBF is planning to change the cycle and after 2005, the World Championships will be in even numbered years (2006, 2008, 2010, etc).

This means that there will be back-to-back World Junior Championships in 2005 and 2006. But there are more changes in the works! Starting in 2006 the World Junior Championships will

be in two divisions: "Schools" and "Junior". There will be an open WJTC as always but simultaneously there will be a World Schools Team Championship (WSTC) restricted to players born in 1985 or later. Canada will be invited to send a team for each division.

This summer is the first World Schools Team Championship (WSTC) restricted to players born in 1983 or later. Canada is sending a team to NYC. The event will return in 2006 opposite the open WJTC.

# Lessons Learned

Paul Thurston

## To Bid or Not to Bid

Recent discussions in our Wednesday morning lesson sessions at the Bridge Centre have focused on the pros and cons of overcalling with good hands and bad suits.

While almost everyone seems to prefer bidding to passing when in doubt, the perils of entering the auction with a shabby suit were aptly demonstrated when today's deal was contested during a recent European team match.

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Had South bothered to pay attention, all the warning signs were there – his suit was decidedly moth-eaten and the vulnerability was unfavourable – but he waded in anyway and soon found the water he was in was hot and very, very deep!

In the context of playing negative doubles, an immediate double by West would have been for takeout so that player patiently passed and was well rewarded when his partner reopened the auction with a takeout double that West passed to embark on a penalty-seeking exercise.

Note that West's fine spade holding was the main ingredient in making this decision to try for a penalty, a spade holding that more sensibly should have been held by the overcaller.

West's opening lead went to the nine and South won his ace to go right after a possible diamond trick and/or ruff by leading low to dummy's king. East won the ace and accurately returned a trump lest declarer make any use of dummy's admittedly limited ruffing potential.

In order to both stop that possible diamond ruff and keep control of the trump suit, West topped South's trick-two play of the Jack with the King and returned the ten, blotting out North's eight in the process.

Regardless of what declarer did from that juncture, he was destined to lose four spades and one heart and four tricks in the minors (either one club and three diamonds or four diamonds) subject to whether or not the defenders ever played clubs and turn over the not inconsequential score of 800 points to the defense – at the one-level, no less!

To be sure, the defenders had been skillful in their play and adroit in the bidding to combine East's takeout double with West's penalty pass but these are the kind of opportunities that winning players take advantage of – but maybe shouldn't have the chance to do so.

At the other table of the match, South didn't see any compelling need to overcall – yes, he had some points and a five-card suit but he heeded the warning signs discussed above and passed to await further developments. Imagine his glow of satisfaction at having passed when he heard his left-hand opponent introduce spades!

Eventually, the second East-West came to rest in two-hearts, a contract that East played very skillfully to make with one

overtrick. Unfortunately for his team, East would have had to make several dozen overtricks to compensate for the 800 points his team's intrepid overcaller had turned over!

### The Danger Hand

From itinerant correspondent Andy Stark – Mississauga, Ecuador, Lethbridge, a man of many addresses to be sure – comes this deal as an object lesson in the perils of “skipping tricks.”

#### Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

In a team match of average calibre, both Wests led a low spade against the identically bid three no trump contracts. Both declarers won in dummy to lead a low diamond to the nine and West's jack. While the ensuing club shift did give up a cheap trick, the contract was soon sunk as East could win the next round of diamonds and return a club for three more defensive winners.

Were the declarers simply unlucky to find this relatively unfriendly lie of the minor suits? No, they had each made a fundamental error in the timing of their trick assembly. They were too intent about keeping the 'danger' hand off lead.

With seven top tricks ready to go, declarer's first assignment should be to

produce the eighth winner, a task easily accomplished by playing the king of diamonds on the trick-two lead from dummy (or initiating the suit by playing the queen from dummy).

Whether or not that high diamond wins the trick, the eighth trick will be safely in the bank and South can then continue playing on diamonds in search of his ninth. If a defender wins the first round of diamonds and shifts to clubs, that will simplify matters in the form of an easy ninth trick.

You can play around with hypothetically different locations of the missing minor-suit honour cards and you will find declarer will ultimately have no problem finding a ninth trick as long as he's produced his eighth first!

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# Schools Bridge

Florence Belford

After months of teaching and planning, numerous e-mails and phone calls, getting buses booked, permission forms signed and chaperones arranged - the big day had finally arrived!

All was quiet at the Royal York Hotel on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> as the Toronto Regional Bridge Tournament was well underway. Then, at 10:00 a.m., yellow school buses started to arrive. Students from a number of schools descended on the tournament to compete in the annual student game. The Concert Hall quickly became abuzz with activity, as the students, teachers, and chaperones filled the room.

The students were excited and chatty. The bridge teachers were anxious to see how their students would do. When they were organized and ready to play there were 35 tables - 140 students aged 10 to 13, all eager to compete in their first bridge tournament.

The students had learned to play bridge at their schools. The lessons were provided by ACBL members who had volunteered their time throughout the year to teach the students during lunch hours. The goal was to be ready to play at the Toronto tournament - and now the big day had arrived.

The Tournament Director gave the final instructions, the boards (which were already duplicated thanks to the tournament organizers) were distributed and play began. To keep the game moving at a good pace, Eric Platt, the director, used a one board movement. That way no table could fall too far behind playing just one deal per round. The students used only one bidding box per table - it was passed around to each person as it was his/her turn to bid. That way, no one could

bid out of turn or make an insufficient bid. It worked like a charm. When the director was told we wanted to stop for a lunch break, he took it all in stride - after all you can't expect young people to go too long without eating!

The students managed to get 8 boards played in the time allotted. The scores were totalled and the trophies given out. What excitement! Imagine being first out of 140!

There are always some funny remarks made by the students. One pair thought when they were doubled that meant they had to take twice as many tricks. Another student, observing the seniors' game going on in the same room, remarked that it looked like only old people played bridge. Another student remembered that you should lead top of a sequence, and selected his four of spades from the four, three, two. (*How times have changed - that used to be the standard lead from that holding. - Ed.*)

The students had a wonderful time - playing bridge, meeting and competing against students from other schools, all while having a day off from school.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make this a very successful event: the school staff and chaperones who supported the program; the volunteers who helped score the game; Marion Watson, the tournament organizer, who was so accommodating - letting the game start at 10:30 a.m. so the students could get back to school for the buses home, having the boards duplicated, and providing lots of trophies; and the directing staff under Henry Cukoff, especially Eric Platt, who did such a terrific job as game director.

Special thanks to the bridge teachers who worked so hard at teaching their classes and preparing them for the tournament. You could see how proud they were of

their students. Finally, let's not forget the students – their enthusiasm made it all worthwhile.

Anyone interested in joining the schools teaching program or starting a school bridge club, please call or e-mail me.

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## **Fahrenheit 7321**

**(A Bridge Documentary by John Carruthers)**

*(This is a bridge problem. Due to its nature, it is more convenient to present it as a series of questions. Answer each question before reading on.)*

In a team game at the Canadian Championships, you are dealt the following hand:

**IMPs. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

♠ 8 3 2  
♥ A 10 8 5 4 2  
♦ K 8  
♣ 6 4

Partner (North) opens one diamond (five card majors) and your right-hand-opponent overcalls two clubs.

### **I. What is your bidding plan and what do you bid now?**

There are three main choices: pass, double and two hearts. Pass should be your last choice as you have the values for a bid, but which should it be? Two hearts and double both have flaws. Double could lead to trouble if Partner bids spades as you have no safety at any level. Two hearts runs the risk of Partner playing you for more than you have.

You decide to try two hearts as a least of evils, hoping that Partner does not play you for too much, and the auction continues...

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	1 ♦	2 ♣	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Oops. Expecting to go down, you await the opening lead and the appearance of the dummy with some trepidation. West duly leads the queen of clubs and Partner tables:

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

It's not as bad as it might have been. East encourages with the club nine, West continues with the club ten to the jack and king, and East switches to the diamond three (low from an odd number).

### **2. What is your play plan? What is your construction of the unseen hands? Assuming you win the diamond king, what do you lead to trick four?**

It appears as though clubs are seven-two and diamonds three-three (five-one will not help you). If West has five hearts, nothing you can do will succeed. So assume he has only four. If East has the singleton nine or seven, you may be able to work some magic.

You continue with the ten of hearts. West covers with the jack and you win the king, anxiously awaiting East's card. It is the seven! You still need a bit of luck and some card reading, but you try the ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff low, as all follow, East with the queen.

Weird as it may seem, assuming that East has two-one-three-seven distribution (thus West will be four-four-three-two), four hearts is now cold whoever holds the queen of spades!

### 3. How can you make the hand in either case?

If West has the queen of spades fourth, a spade to the ten and three more rounds of spades, ruffing the fourth in your hand, will eliminate all side cards from West's hand. He will be left with the queen-nine-three of hearts and you will have the ace-eight-five. The play of either the eight or the five will see you home. On the other hand, if he has four small spades and East the doubleton queen, you need to drop the queen before playing the third spade and ruffing the fourth. If you guess wrong, you'll go down two by finessing the spade and one by playing for the drop of the queen (you can play a good diamond, discarding the third spade from your hand and conceding West his two trump tricks if the queen does not fall doubleton).

Before you choose which to do, you look at the opponents' convention card and discover that they play intermediate jump overcalls at this vulnerability.

### 4. Which line of play in spades do you choose?

With spades four-two, the odds are two to one that West holds the spade queen.

Whether East has two small or doubleton queen would not make a difference to his bidding.

Even though it will mean an extra trick down if you are wrong, you decide that you could not live with yourself if you played the ace and king of spades and it were wrong, you finesse the spade ten and are rewarded when the full deal turns out to be:

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

Perhaps West will be more judicious with his doubles in the future. This was certainly a case where you'd have gone a quiet one off without his help. Instead you score a spectacular plus 590 and plaudits from partner and teammates.

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## Book Reviews

**Better Signalling Now:** Mark Horton; Better Bridge Now, London, 2004 (paper, 128 pp, \$19.95 CDN)

This is a well-written book with a clear exposition of the basics of signalling. It covers the expected ground (count, attitude, suit preference, and other signalling situations) and has good examples with a ‘guiding principle’ for many of them to help clarify the general rule for that type of situation.

This is a general introduction, and does not delve too deeply into why you might want to choose one approach over another. The focus is more “here is a set of methods and how to use them,” rather than “here is a summary of all the different possible methods and how they differ.” The discussions of when and why you want to use the signals is very useful. There is also a short chapter at the end that briefly mentions other methods (upside-down carding, odd-even discards, and a few other cases).

Interestingly, one of the biggest impacts for me was in the introductory chapter (“Laying the Foundations”) where the author makes the case for leading Ace or Queen for attitude and King for count. At the very least, this clarifies some constantly recurring situations and gives you a better chance to get them right!

In short, an easy read and a simple approach with clear explanations that you can agree on with partner.

Reviewed by Ian Totman

**Hocus Pocus - A Bridge Book with a Difference:** Erwin Brecher; Panacea Press, London, 2001 (paper, 202 pp, \$19.95 CAD)

For the player who enjoys double dummy problems, as well as logic puzzles, here’s a book with 96 play problems accompanied by an equal number of logic puzzles.

The puzzles are mixed – some deduction, some scientific or mathematical and some a trifle obscure. Try this one:

The following number is the only one of its kind: 8,549,176,320. Can you figure out what is so special about it? (See p. 14 for the answer.)

The deals are, for the most part, both interesting and instructional. Although a few deals have the goal of finding the line that makes on this layout, most require you to find the best theoretical and/or safest line.

For me, the best deals are the last 16, originally (mis)played by unnamed noted players, where there is a better, more successful line. The mistakes made, which are often seemingly innocent, provide valuable lessons in thinking more deeply.

Here’s an example (cover the East-West cards):

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

The contract is six diamonds by South. West leads the heart king, and you ruff in dummy. What is your next move? ANSWER: Lead the diamond nine and run it unless East covers with the jack. This ensures the contract even if trumps are four-one.

Reviewed by Katie Thorpe



# 19th Hockley Harvest Sectional



# MONO CENTRE



September 25 & 26, 2004

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Bracketed KO Teams (1st) . 10:00 AM  
 Stratified Pairs (playthru) ..... 1:30  
 A: 300+; B: 50-300; C: 0-50  
 Bracketed KO Teams (2nd) ..... 1:30  
 Bracketed KO Teams (3rd) ..... 7:00  
 Stratified Pairs (2nd session) ..... 7:00

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Stratified Swiss Teams ..... 11:00 AM

### PLAYTHROUGH WITH ON-SITE BREAK

A: 300+; B: 50-300; C: 0-50

## LOCATION:

### MONO TOWNSHIP HALL

**Entry fees:** \$10 per player / session

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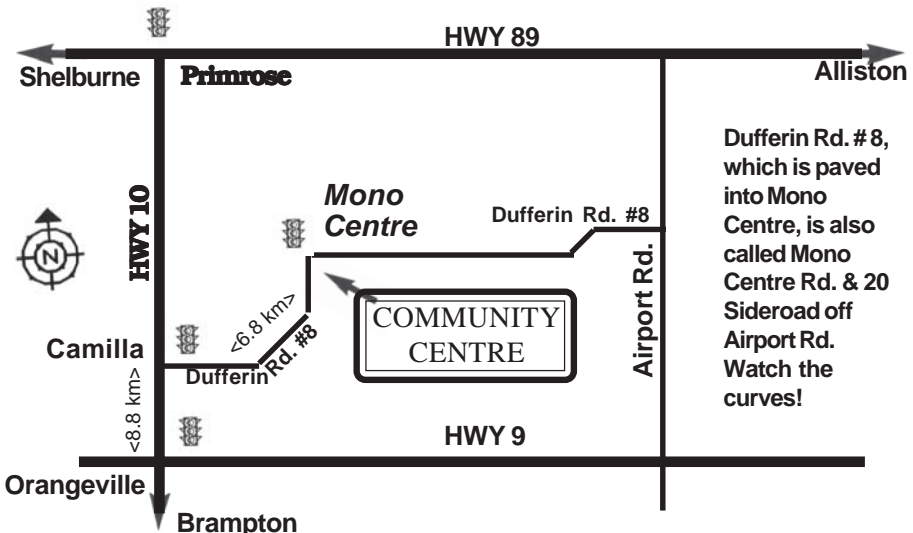
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OCTOBER 16 – 17, 2004

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## Saturday, October 16

Stratified Pairs..... 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

- Single sessions
- Evening entries always welcome

## Sunday, October 17

Stratified Swiss Teams..... 11:00 a.m.

- Playthrough with half hour break

### Stratification:

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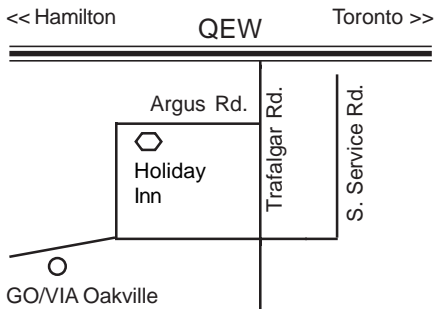
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October 22 – 24, 2003



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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Stratified Pairs ----- 1:30 & 7:30 PM  
A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Open Swiss Teams ----- 11:00 AM  
PLAYTHROUGH WITH BREAK ON-SITE  
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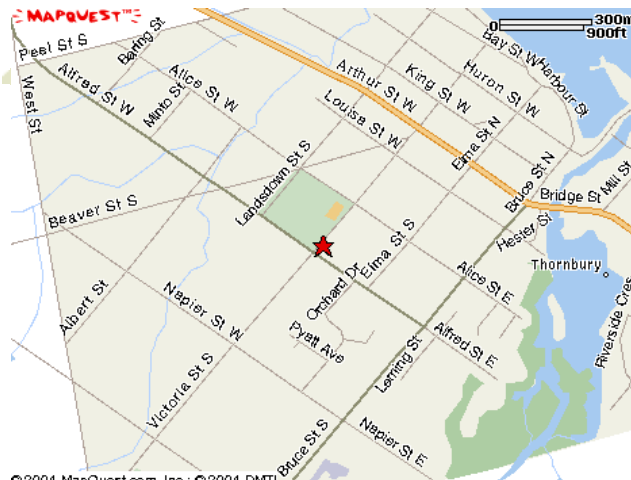
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November 6-7, 2004



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Flight D Pairs ..... 1:00 & 7:00  
Separate single sessions, if  
numbers permit

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

Stratflighted Swiss Teams ..... 11AM  
Flight A/X (separate); Strat B/C/D  
Playthrough  
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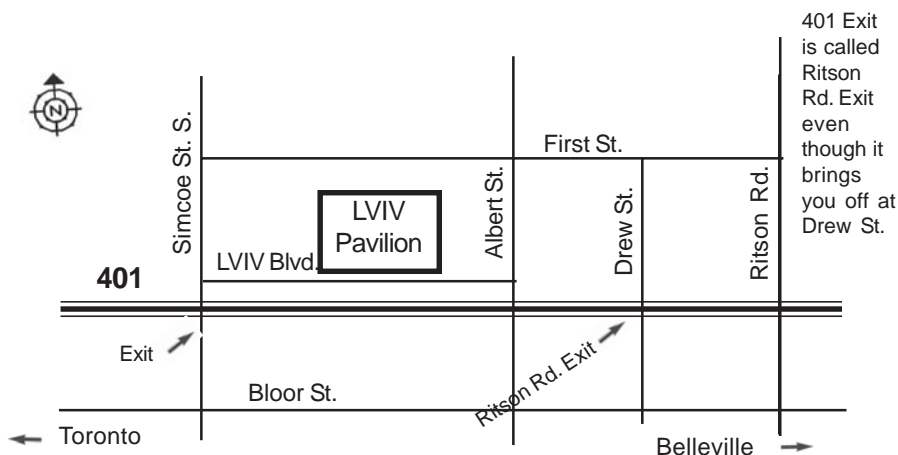
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**November 9-14, 2004**

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Bracketed KO Teams 7:00 pm  
Charity Open Pairs Game 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday, November 10**

Open KO Teams 9:00 am 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Senior Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Side Game Series (1<sup>st</sup> session) 1:00 pm  
Side Game Series (2<sup>nd</sup> session) 7:00 pm

## **Thursday, November 11**

Bracketed Morning KO (1<sup>st</sup> session) 9:00 am  
Senior Swiss Teams 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Open Swiss Teams 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Side Game Series (3<sup>rd</sup> session) 1:00 pm  
Side Game Series (4<sup>th</sup> session) 7:00 pm

## **Friday, November 12**

Bracketed Morning KO (2<sup>nd</sup> sess.) 9:00 am  
Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> session) 9:00 am  
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Senior Pairs 10:00 & 3:00 pm  
Bracketed KO (1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> sess.) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Side Game Series (1<sup>st</sup> session) 1:00 pm  
Side Game Series (2<sup>nd</sup> session) 7:00 pm  
Night Owl KO Teams 11:00 pm

## **Saturday, November 13**

Bracketed Morning KO (3<sup>rd</sup> sess.) 9:00 am  
Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> session) 9:00 am  
Bracketed KO (3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup> sess.) 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Senior Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stati-Flighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Night Owl KO Teams 11:00 pm  
Side Game Series (3<sup>rd</sup> session) 1:00 pm  
Side Game Series (4<sup>th</sup> session) 7:00 pm

## **Sunday, November 14**

Bracketed Morning KO (Final) 8:00 am  
Senior Swiss Teams 11:00 am  
Flight A/X Swiss Teams 11:00 am  
Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams 11:00 am  
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 Swiss Teams (Playthrough) ..... 11:00 AM  
 Stratified 299er Pairs  
 (1 session) ..... 11:00 AM  
 Refreshments during the half hour break

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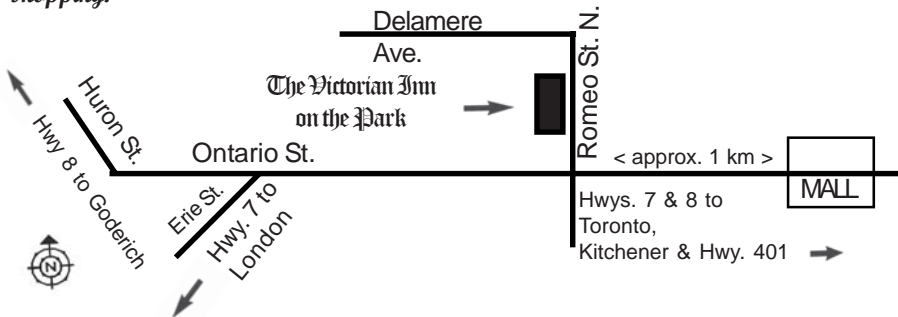
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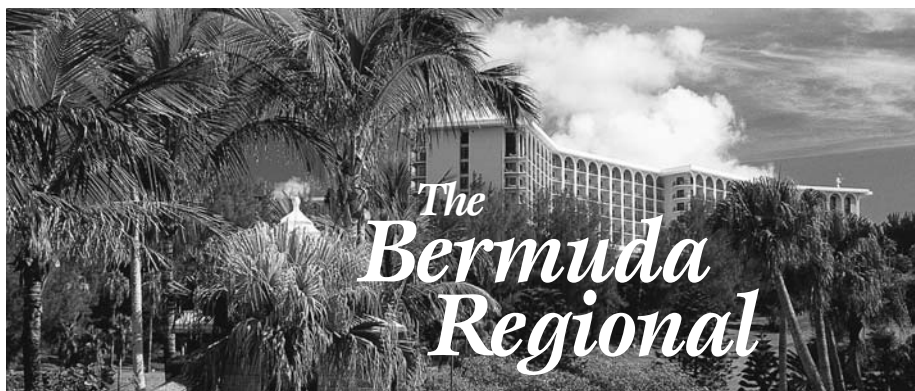
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## Correspondence



To the Editor:

Not unlike a majestic oak, it took years to grow the Knock Out event in the Toronto Regional. For years, players from across North America came to play in what many considered to be the best event outside national championships. The event was renamed the Sheardown in honour of one of Canada's greatest players, and red jackets were given to the winners. For a number of years those jackets were worn by players who had won one of the toughest events in bridge.

Well, like the great oak, this tree has been chopped down by administrators who have no respect for the past and do not care to carry tradition into the future. The players in the 2004 event actually booed the bureaucrats responsible (surely a first in the annals of bridge) and asked (to no avail) why they had ruined the Sheardown. Many vowed never to play in this event again.

I remember directors announcing the scores during the Saturday pairs events and we all dared to dream of

one day having our names called. Oh well, I guess I'm just an old fogey dreaming about how good it used to be. It's too bad for the kids today because they have lost another great event.

John Gowdy

*(The administrators have responded to the players' criticism by forming a committee consisting of Paul Thurston, Michael Roche and John Carruthers to make recommendations regarding the Sheardown Teams, with a view to returning it to its previous lustre. – Ed.)*



### Correction!!

The ad for the Kempenfelt Bay (Barrie) Regional on pages 42-43 of the Summer 2004 issue had an error in one of the host hotel's telephone numbers. The no.for the Travelodge should have been:

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# Tournament Trail

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## 2004

### August

- 6-8 Tillsonburg \*  
9-15 **Montreal Regional** \*  
17-22 **North Bay Regional** \*  
27-29 Batawa \*

### September

- 1-30 NA 49er Pairs  
4-6 Toronto \*  
9 ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game  
10-12 St. Thomas \*  
14-19 **Kempfenfelt Bay (Barrie) Regional** \*  
17-19 Windsor \*  
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### October

- 6-11 **Ottawa Regional, p.39**  
13 Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game (CBF)  
16-17 Unit 166 0-299, Oakville, p. 40  
18 District-wide Charity Game  
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18-24 **Detroit Regional**  
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### November

- 6-7 Oshawa, p.42  
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22 ACBL-wide Charity Game  
22-28 ACBL-wide Charity Week  
29-5 District 2 STAC

### December

No Listings

## 2005

### January

- 7-9 Toronto  
21-23 London  
22-30 **Bermuda Regional, p.45**

### February

- 4-6 Niagara  
13 Barrie Friendship Day  
19-20 Oshawa Teams

### March

- 4-6 Hart House, Univ of Toronto  
10-20 **Spring NABC, Pittsburgh PA**  
22-28 **Toronto Regional**

### April

- 22-24 Brampton

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