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Editor's Note:

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of two personal friends, John Armstrong, former editor of The Kibitzer and Gord Chapman, former partner and teammate. They were both true characters and consummate gentlemen. Gord was a very promising young player until he tragically contracted encephalitis some decades ago.

Our Canadian teams did not fare well at the World Championships in Veldhoven, The Netherlands, this fall, none of them reaching the quarterfinal knockout round. The women did best, just missing a qualifying spot.

Canadians did much better in the Seattle NABC, with Nader Hanna (Toronto), Piotr Klimowicz (Edmonton), Gloria Bart (Silverman, ex-Toronto) and Gloria's American husband Les Bart (Bradenton, FL) winning the NA Swiss.

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Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator



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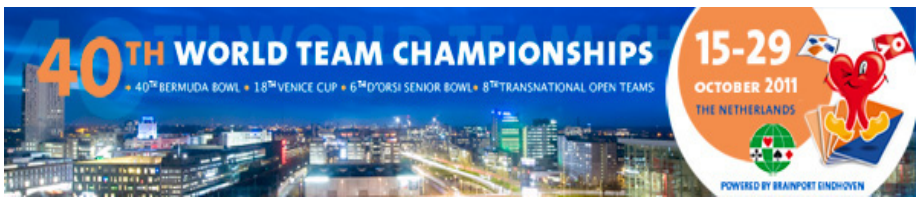
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Thursday	Play of the Hand	9:30am	11:30am
Friday	Improve at Duplicate	9:30am	11:30am

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2011 VENICE CUP

By Nader Hanna

The 40th World Team Championships were held October 15-29, 2011 in Veldhoven, the Netherlands, some 125 km south of Amsterdam.

Twenty-two countries, representing the eight World Bridge Federation zones, competed for the 18th Venice Cup. Canada's team consisted of Diana Gordon, Sharyn Reus, Joan Eaton, Karen Cumpstone, Sandra Fraser, Katrin Litwin and Nader Hanna (NPC).

The format was a seven-day complete round robin of 16-board matches with the top eight teams advancing to the knockout phase of the competition. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals were 96-board affairs. France emerged as the eventual winners having defeated the surprise Indonesian team in the final. The host country, the Netherlands, won the bronze medal after defeating England in the play-off match for 3rd place.

The championships marked the official debut of a new technology called Bridge Card Reader. The product of nearly two years of work by two young Dutch entrepreneurs, the new technology uses cameras

and playing card recognition software, to make a video record of everything that happens at the table including the bidding, the play of each card and how long each action takes. No operators or special cards are needed. This new technology promises to be a great technological advancement for bridge as not only can all the action be viewed live on the Internet, but also the directors can use the recorded play and time to conclusively determine and rule on hesitation and slow play issues.

After 17 rounds Team Canada stood in 7th place with a 9-6-2 record. With only four matches to go in the round robin and a relatively easy draw, prospects of advancing to the knockout phase appeared excellent. However, a tie with a less than average New Zealand team in round 19 and a loss to a weak Venezuela team in round 20 put an end to our hopes of advancing and we finished in 10th place. Canada's successes included convincing wins against the eventual champions France (22-8) and bronze medalists the Netherlands (20-10).

Sharon Reus and Diana Gordon were one of the top pairs in the competition finishing 9th in the Butler scoring (among more than 66 partnerships) with an excellent score of +0.71 IMPs/Board. The pair

exhibited good methods and good judgement to earn their team 11 IMPs on the following board from the 15th round match against USA 1.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stansby</i>	<i>Cumpstone</i>	<i>Z-C-Albu</i>	<i>Eaton</i>
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♠ ¹	Pass
2 NT ²	Pass	3 ♥ ³	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. Limit raise			
2. Inquiry			
3. Shortness			
Closed Room			

West	North	East	South
<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Reus</i>	<i>Deas</i>
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♣ ¹	Pass
2 ♥ ²	Pass	3 ♥ ³	Pass
3 ♠ ⁴	Pass	4 ♦ ⁴	Pass
4 ♥ ⁴	Pass	4 ♠ ⁴	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Inverted raise
2. Artificial game force, usually balanced
3. Shortness and more than a limit raise
4. Cue bids

In the Open Room Stansby made 10 tricks for plus 430 for USA 1. However, with the favourable breaks in the minor suits there wasn't much to the play in the Closed Room, and Gordon made 13 tricks after South ducked her diamond king when declarer led low toward the closed hand. Plus 940 and 11 IMPs for Canada.

In the 9th round match against China, Joan Eaton had to overcome a 5-0 trump break to make her four-spade contract and gain her team 10 IMPs when Ming Sun, her Chinese world-champion counterpart at the other table, failed in the same contract and with the same lead.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

1. 15-17 HCP
2. Game-forcing Stayman

Opening Lead: Spade two

Eaton won the first trick in hand with the six of spades, cashed the king and ace of clubs, followed by the club queen, and over-ruffed when South ruffed. She then cashed her ace-king of diamonds and ruffed her last club to come to 10 tricks (two clubs, two diamonds, one heart, three spades in hand, and two club ruffs in dummy).

There is always an amusing incident or two at every big tournament. This one took the prize in Veldhoven; it concerned the largest penalty incurred at any world championship and it happened in the 12th round match of the Venice Cup between the host Netherlands and Morocco.

Two Dutch world champions, members of the women's team that won the bronze medal this year, suffered a penalty of 3400 on the following board after going down seven in a freely bid redoubled contract!

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Benchemsi</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Guerraoui</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
—	—	—	1 NT
Pass	2 ♥ ¹	Dbf	Pass ²
Pass	Redbl ³	Pass	3 ♣ ⁴
Pass	3 ♥ ⁵	Dbf	Pass ⁶
Pass	Redbl ⁷	Pass	3 NT ⁸
Pass	4 ♥ ⁹	Dbf	Pass ¹⁰
Pass	Redbl ¹¹	Pass	Pass ¹²
Pass			

1. Transfer to spades
2. I don't have 3 or more spades
3. Please accept the transfer
4. I have good clubs!
5. That's nice, but I want to play in spades
6. I really don't like them
7. Please, please accept the transfer
8. How about 3NT instead?
9. No, I REALLY WANT TO PLAY IN SPADES
10. OK, YOU bid them
11. # \$ % & # @ ACCEPT THE TRANSFER
12. Oh, maybe you really have Hearts!

Opening Lead: Six of clubs

North scored three tricks (two clubs and one heart) for down seven and minus 3400. You be the judge of who deserves more of the blame for this disaster. As the championship daily bulletin put it, "South outdid Saint Peter by a factor of two - Peter only denied Jesus three times."

In the other room, East/West for the Netherlands (Dekkers and Michielsen) were plus 500 defending against four spades doubled to hold the loss to 21 IMPs.



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<u>Wednesday</u>	Open Game 12:30 pm	Open Game 7:15 pm
<u>Thursday</u>	Open Game 12:30 pm	Improving Players 7:00 pm
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By Barbara Seagram
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You can do it! The play we always hear about experts making! It is very satisfying when you successfully execute a squeeze play, so it truly is worth the bother to learn this!

*A hand always contains some cards that are **busy**, and some that are relatively worthless or **idle**. When a player must discard a **busy** card (because he has no other option), he is said to be **squeezed**. A squeeze is a way that declarer can create extra tricks when he is desperate.*

From a defender's viewpoint, a busy card can be thought of as a 'bodyguard', a card that is needed to protect against declarer being able to set up and cash a card of lower rank. An idle card, however, may be discarded with impunity, regardless of rank. For example, if you have the ace of a suit in which dummy holds

the king, your ace is 'busy', while dummy's king can be thought of as a 'threat'.

You get the idea. Now...over to declarer! Supposing you are in a hopeless contract, (or seemingly hopeless); maybe all is not lost. Maybe one of your opponents has to hang on to all her bodyguards, i.e., she only has 'busy' cards in her hand. As you run your long suit, you force her to make a fatal discard. Here's an example:

North
(Dummy)
♦ A J
♣ K

West
(Defender)
♦ K Q
♣ A

South
(Declarer)
♥ A (you lead this now)
♦ 5
♣ 4

You are declarer and you are down to a three-card ending. You have only two good tricks (your aces), but you need all three remaining tricks to make your contract. When you lead the heart ace (this is known as the **squeeze card**), poor West has a huge, insoluble, dilemma. If he discards a diamond, your diamond ace in dummy will fall his other honour and your jack will be high. If West pitches his club ace, dummy's king will now be high.

The diamond jack and the club king in dummy are both threat cards. It is

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important to note that in the above scenario, if East, rather than West, had been holding the diamond king-queen and the club ace, then this attempt to execute a squeeze would not have worked as the dummy (with the threat cards) would be forced to part with one of those threat cards prior to East having to decide what to pitch. Thus, if dummy pitched the diamond jack, then East could safely pitch his queen. If instead dummy pitched the king of clubs, then East could safely pitch his ace.

This squeeze is classified as a “positional squeeze”, as it only works against one opponent rather than both opponents.

Don't get too hung up on terminology though, as you start out in the world of squeezes. When all else looks bleak, try running your long suit and just hope for something good to happen. Sometimes, at the very least, one of your opponents isn't paying enough attention and may simply discard the wrong card. This is called a “pseudo-squeeze”!

Let's have a look at a full hand. It is best if you lay out these cards at

home and see what happens to poor West as declarer (South) plays each card.

♠ A Q 7 4
♥ J 4 3 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 5 4

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

♠ K 6 5
♥ A K Q 6 5
♦ J 5 4
♣ A J

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♥
Double	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads out the diamond ace, king and queen before switching to the king of clubs. It looks to declarer as though the contract hinges on spades breaking 3-3. Odds on the missing six cards dividing 3-3 are about 35%, whereas the chances of them breaking 4-2 are about 48%. Declarer does know that West has to hold the club queen as he led the king at trick four. Odds are high that he also holds four spades in view of

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his takeout double. What if he has to discard one of these precious cards, either a spade or the queen of clubs. That would bring home the contract.

South won the club ace and led all his trumps. Here is the five-card ending:

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

At trick nine, South (declarer) leads the heart five from his hand. This is the **squeeze card**. Poor West is up the creek now. Whatever he discards will help declarer. If he discards a spade, declarer's spades will run. If he discards the club queen, then

declarer's club jack will be good. Note that it was important to not first touch the spade suit or entries would be a problem. It is no good having the spade four high in dummy if you have no way to get there. Note also that even if it had been the East hand who held these cards, the squeeze would still have worked.

This hand is an example of a "simple squeeze".

Nobody likes to feel helpless. It is a very frustrating feeling to be squeezed (at the bridge table anyway!) so now it's your turn to make your opponents feel helpless.

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John Armstrong

“You send, we print. You no send, we no print.” With these words, John Armstrong displayed both his philosophy as Editor of The Kibitzer and his sense of humour. He wanted his contributors to know their responsibilities in submitting material, and yet he wanted to do it humourously. That humour was also evident when he described his address on Kennebec Crescent as “World Headquarters” of The Kibitzer.

For years, John hosted the annual “John Armstrong Individual”, to which were invited 16 of the area’s top players. The players each played with all the others, in a team format, with frequent breaks for John’s gourmet culinary treats. You knew you’d arrived as a bridge player in the Toronto area when the invitation came.

John was both my successor as Editor of the Kibitzer and a predecessor in this, my second

incarnation as Editor. His impact on The Kibitzer was tremendous – it was John who took us from the old-fashioned practices of the 1980s into the computer age. John was Editor of The Kibitzer longer than anyone else, 16 years, from Spring 1984 until Winter 1999. John and I learned a lot from each other. He was one of the first people I turned to to ask for help and advice in running the World Junior Bridge Championship in 1997.

John’s obituary notice was in the Toronto Star and the Kingston Whig-Standard. Here it is:

ARMSTRONG, John G. - born Feb 27/1924, passed away Dec 12/2011. John will be sadly missed by his wife of 30 years, Dee Mclean, son Paul Armstrong, daughter-in-law Cheryl Millett, daughter Cynthia Perrone, grand-daughters Elise, Marlayna, Charlotte, Josephine, his sister Helen Bronskill in Kingston, along with many other family and friends. John was a veteran pilot of WWII, teacher with a B.A./MEd., wine making champion, the founder of Amateur WineMakers of Ontario/Canada, a Master bridge player, past Editor of the Kibitzer and past President of Phi Delta Kappa. As per John’s wishes, there won’t be a viewing nor funeral service.

Danny Schamehorn was a friend of John's for decades and had a few reminiscences to share...

John was a very intelligent man with a quick wit and a great friend. He was my first bridge partner, mentor and teacher. He was an avid bridge player, chess master, and wine maker (winning Canadian Championships in wine making). When he was younger he was a scratch golfer. John's memory was phenomenal - he must have had a photographic memory as his remembering of detail was uncanny. He loved jazz.

John had countless interests in the bridge world - The Kibitzer, the Canadian bridge archives, his yearly competition featuring some of Toronto's greatest players (an individual team of four) which featured a gourmet dinner and his fine selection of wines. He was always interested in and encouraging of young players. He had an extensive library of bridge books and constantly gave help to his fellow players.

In the professional world, John was an elementary school teacher and a professor of English at Lakeshore Teacher's College until his retirement. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto. John was a dapper dresser and a consummate gentleman.

Ed O'Reilly from Kingston recalls John as well...

John Armstrong was a wonderful supporter of Kingston tournaments. His interest in and enthusiasm for bridge history was remarkable. When we (the late Doug Clark, Richard Gamble, Bob Zeller and I) won the Toronto Easter Sunday Swiss Open Teams, John made us feel as though we had won a Vanderbilt or Spingold as he showed us the trophy and recounted the names whose ours would be joining. John almost made us forget how lucky we had been that day in an important match or two!

Audrey Grant knew John well. When Audrey was presenting one of many ACBL Teacher Accreditation Programs here in Kingston some years ago, a volunteer came to assist Audrey. To determine this person's suitability, Audrey turned to John for help in evaluating that person's potential to be a TAP trainer. That was a measure of the respect he engendered.

John truly enjoyed playing bridge and enjoyed equally, or even more so, working FOR bridge.

Danny Schamehorn,
Ed O'Reilly,
John Carruthers

Lucky in the d'Orsi

By Michael Schoenborn
(the Shoe)

The 40th World Bridge Championships in Veldhoven, the Netherlands, was going to be our turn to be lucky. Our team was strong and we were enjoying ourselves. By then, Boris Baran had gotten accustomed to his assignment of carrying me, only stringing me up occasionally if I forgot part of the system. Our other two pairs were both playing well: Dan Jacob with Jurek Czyzowicz and Fred Hoffer with Don Piafsky. The preliminaries had been impeccably organized by our NPC, Kamel Fergani, with convention cards filed, hotel booked at half the going rate, and a rental van to get us to and from the playing site.

It is amazing how quickly such feelings of well-being can dissipate. In addition to jet lag, I came down with a mystery ailment on the flight to Amsterdam. The cards weren't exactly helping, either. We reached a number of pushy games on 4-3 fits which never once made. The worst came on the following (see *top of next column*):

After a one club opening, one diamond overcall (looks like West mis-sorted his hand to me!) and a negative double by partner, I stumbled into four spades, probably a phantom against four hearts. The punch in hearts reduced me to the necessity of a 3-3 spade break for a possible plus 450. That was not to

be, but three rounds of clubs cashed, so I escaped for down three, minus 150.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

This did not seem too bad, as the 4-2 spade break should doom five clubs, the "save" they took at the other table. However, with three trumps in the hand with the long spades, five clubs could not be defeated. That was minus 550, lose 12 IMPs. At most tables West bid two notrump for the red suits, alerting the opponents not to play in the 4-3 spade fit.

The qualifying round consisted of 21 matches, three per day for seven days. On day two, I obviously had a massive infection with symptoms too gruesome to recount. Our opponents seemed to sense this, as the weak teams were bidding cold slams not reached at most tables. By halfway through day three, I was preparing a trip to the emergency department, but not before France, the eventual gold medalists, took the time to massacre us on this deal:

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Board 27. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

I didn't stop for the post mortem on my way to the hospital. Their auction went:

West	North	East	South
Shoe		BB	
—	—	—	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Heaven forbid North should have had the club ace instead of the trump ace. I led the king of diamonds; the play was easy for declarer. After

two ruffs successfully took care of the diamond suit, all he needed was a 3-2 heart break and the spades to behave. That was minus 1510 for us, minus 11 IMPs. If the slam goes down, we'd have won 14 IMPs, a total swing of 25 IMPs. We lost by 32.

The trip to the emergency department of the Veldhoven hospital is worth mentioning. I was seen without any wait as soon as my insurance cards had been photocopied. The nurse assured me she knew what would be required, but that I looked so bad, I'd have to wait to see the doctor. I tried to tell her I always looked this bad which, though true, was hard to believe. The nurse took the samples and apologized that I'd have to wait half an hour. When I told her I was diabetic and needed to eat something, they brought me a full lunch, no charge! The doctor arrived in 20 minutes, test results in hand. He gave me a prescription but said I should come back to see a specialist.

Waiting time for specialist: 24 hours. The specialist saw me right on time, sent me for a CAT scan (waiting time: TWO MINUTES), had the results in half an hour and pronounced me fit for action. Physically, at any rate.

Things did take a turn for the better at the bridge table, too. We went the last four days of the round robin without losing a match, but we were too far behind to make the playoffs. My favourite hand of the tournament came against Bulgaria.

Board 5. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

My screenmate (South) opened one notrump (15 to 17). We were silent throughout and the auction proceeded two clubs, two hearts, three clubs (forcing). RHO took quite a while to bid three diamonds, which I took as showing fear about the spade suit. That was raised to four diamonds, and now RHO took a really long time to bid four hearts. This I took as a club cue bid that wanted to leave room for partner to cue bid spades...LHO co-operated by bidding four spades and RHO catapulted to six diamonds.

I chose to lead the five of spades, either to set up a spade trick, or possibly to encourage an attempted spade discard on clubs before the bad news in the minors became obvious. When I saw the dummy I was aghast. I can never grasp how the people who blast crappy hands into slam can buy dummies as good as this one. I also wonder how the 18+ in dummy stayed out of six or seven notrump, or the very safe six clubs.

On the spade lead, declarer took the successful spade finesse. After the spade queen held the trick, declarer continued with two high diamonds. Boris showed out on the second round and declarer studied the bad news. Eventually he cashed the heart ace and, placing me with eight or more cards in spades and diamonds, took the backward club finesse to my stiff queen. That was unlucky, two down when I knocked out his spade ace and waited to ruff the third club before locking declarer in his hand with another trump, leaving him with a losing heart at the end. Partners played the mundane six notrump making seven, plus 1470, so this was plus 17 IMPs.

The hand records' double dummy analyzer said they make seven notrump or six diamonds on these cards. I had trouble seeing how six diamonds would make after a spade lead. The double dummy analyzer turned out to be right (no surprise there); six diamonds can be made. If declarer guesses the clubs (it's double dummy, after all), the winning

line is: take the spade finesse, cash the heart ace, draw all the trumps you can, pitching a spade from dummy, cash one heart from hand pitching dummy's last small spade. Then, whenever West ruffs in on clubs, dummy is high and declarer still has an entry and a heart stopper.

If they were that good, they probably would bid seven notrump. I wonder if the French team bid that?

We also had a nice little slam hand against USA 2, the eventual silver medalists. The hands were:

Board 12. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 7 ♥ 8 ♦ A 10 8 4 2 ♣ K 7 5 2</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ Q 10 7 6 4 3 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ J 10 6</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 5 ♥ A K 5 ♦ Q 6 ♣ A Q 9 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 6 4 3 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ 8 4</p>
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Boris was North and I was South; the auction was uncontested. I began with one club and rebid two notrump over the one diamond response by Boris. In this auction, we play a handy little gadget that comes up once a year. This year, I didn't forget it. Three clubs is a puppet to three diamonds, which partner can pass. If, however, he bids on over three diamonds, the next bid shows one of a variety of slam tries in one or both minors. On this deal, over

three diamonds, Boris continued with three hearts, a slam try in both minors. I accepted by bidding four clubs and we reached a nice slam that was missed at the other table.

Naturally, I'd have preferred to find the additional jack of diamonds in dummy, or a fifth club. However, the hand was Shoe-proof after the lead of the singleton spade (low, jack, king). There was no real choice but to draw three trumps ending in dummy (good news) and to advance a low diamond toward the queen. In the actual case, RHO ducked and there were twelve easy tricks by giving up the spade queen (or thirteen tough tricks by splitting out the diamonds).

Our nice run on the final four days was not enough to get us into the playoffs, so we played in the Transnational Teams. We were in contention halfway through, but ran into a string of blitzes on the third day. There wasn't too much we could do about some of the results:

Board 5. Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 3 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ K Q 7 3 2 ♣ Q 3</p> <p>♠ K Q J 10 8 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ A ♣ 7 6 2</p> <p>♠ 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ A 9 ♦ 10 ♣ K J 9 5 4</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J 10 4 3 ♦ J 9 8 6 5 4 ♣ A 10 8</p>
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Our auction began one diamond-one spade-two spades. We were vulnerable, so a game try was probably in order. In this auction, we play a handy little gadget that is supposed to be in the headlines after you win the event: two notrump is an asking bid about the quality of the spade raise. The responses:

3♣=minimum, three spades, NF

3♦= maximum, three spades

3♥=minimum, four spades

3♠=maximum, four spades, no splinter.

I was basically looking for four-card support. Partner disappointed me and bid three clubs, which I could have passed. Deeming a pass too unilateral, I signed off in three spades. LHO made an unsporting double and I escaped for three down, minus 800, after the opening lead of the king of spades. The best we could have hoped for was partners to bid and make four hearts, but how were they supposed to get there? Actually, partners did even better, playing the improbable two spades doubled (one diamond-pass-one spade-two spades, natural) on the 5-0 fit and managed to make it as the opponents never got the club suit started. Their plus 670 held the team loss to 4 IMPs, but you get the idea.

We didn't make the cut in the Transnational Teams, either. I celebrated by getting a major case of food poisoning, wiping out my two potential days as a tourist. We're intending to return to the

Netherlands next summer to complete our sightseeing.

The 2011 World Championship in Veldhoven was, for the players, among the best-run world championships ever. Just outside the spacious and well-lighted main playing area was a very large room for the players. This room had plenty of tables and chairs, large screens with the schedules and results, excellent free coffee and reasonably-priced food and drink. Everywhere in the hotel was clearly marked with directional signs, so you could always find your playing site without delay. There was a free volunteer shuttle service to other hotels.

The opening and closing ceremonies were exceptional. I recovered from my various medical difficulties in time to close with a half-dozen glasses of champagne, after which I wisely stopped. Well, not actually stopped, but stopped counting. There was lovely smoked salmon and an excellent dinner. No dessert please, we're diabetic.

No medal, either; we've got to learn to be luckier. Luck, of course, almost always begins with practice (as golfing great Gary Player was fond of remarking, "The more I practice, the luckier I get.").

Still, thanks to the team, to Ontario Unit 166, to the CBF and WBF and to the wonderful Dutch people, who made it all happen in such an excellent way.



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Strat A/X Pairs - Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON. **Strat B/C/D Pairs** - Lynda Orme - David Orme, Oshawa ON. **Sunday A-X Swiss** - Naveed Ather, Oakville ON; Sean Pryke, Dundas ON; Ioana Ciura - Alexander Ciura, Mississauga ON. **Sunday B-C-D Swiss** - Carol Baines - Gary Holmes - Eric Endicott - Linda Akazawa, Toronto ON.

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Charity Pairs - Charlotte St Amant, Trenton ON; Harold Dietrich, Etobicoke ON. **Wednesday Afternoon 299er** - Arnold Hagel - Bob Simpson, Burlington ON. **Wednesday Daylight Pairs** - John Schnablegger - Michael Ritza, Sault Ste Marie ON. **Tue-Wed KO Bracket 2** - Lane Byl, Niagara-On-Lake ON; Larry Malone, St-Hilaire QC; David Reed, St Catharines ON; Mel Grunstein, Niagara Falls ON. **Tues-Wed Ko Bracket 1** - Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Qun Liu, Windsor ON; Yan Wang, Scarborough ON; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON. **Wednesday Open Pairs** - Colin Harrington, Cambridge ON; John Moser, St Agatha ON. **Wednesday Evening Swiss** - Ed Seguin, Sarnia ON; Harold Dietrich, Etobicoke ON; Ulysse Desmarais, Sudbury ON; John Biondi, North Bay ON. **Thur 1pm 299er** - Janet Glazebrook - Liz Bryers, St Catharines ON. **Whirlpool Bracketed KO A** - Wendy Krause - Arnold Krause, Toronto ON; Charlotte St Amant, Trenton ON; Lyn Stevens, Ennismore ON. **Whirlpool Bracketed KO B** -

Dale Anderson, Buffalo NY; Selina Volpatti, Niagara Falls ON; Helen Panza, Grand Island NY; Mike Silverman, Williamsville NY. **Whirlpool Bracketed KO C** - Jackie Potters - Judy Brown - Audrey Devries, London ON; Noreen Franklin, Ingersoll ON. **Thursday Open Pairs** - Andrew Tylman, Toronto ON; Adam Weisz-Margules, Thornhill ON. **Thursday Swiss Teams** - Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON; Chongmin Zhang, Getzville NY; Bert Feasley, Eden NY. **Thur-Fri AM CKO** - Vince Sollazzo - Elizabeth Sollazzo, Etobicoke ON; Douglas Findlay - Nancy Findlay, Niagara-On-Lake ON. **Thur-Fri Am CKO** - Don Domansky - Melvin Johnsen - Roland Laframboise - David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON. **Thursday A/X Pairs** - Wendy Krause - Arnold Krause, Toronto ON. **Friday Morn Swiss** - Gary Sturch - Lynn Sturch, Hastings ON; Margaret Davis, Rochester Hills MI; Wilma Swayze, Auburn Hills MI & William Palmer, Brooklyn NY; Thomas Poisson, Belle River ON; Thomas Poisson, Nobel ON; Paulin Nault, Saint-Anicet QC. **Friday Afternoon 299ers** - John Bezuyen - Ineke Bezuyen, Vineland STN ON. **Friday Daylight Pairs** - Sally MacRae, Toronto ON; Francee Olch, Pickering ON. **Friday Gold Rush** - David Longstaff, Waterloo ON; Mircea Giurgeu, Petersburg ON. **Friday Eve Swiss Teams** - Frank Shostack, Willowdale ON; Jim De Boer, Scarborough ON; Paul Roth - Tom Keating, Toronto ON. **Sat. Morning Swiss** - David Longstaff - Mike Peng, Waterloo ON; Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Mircea Giurgeu, Petersburg ON. **Saturday Afternoon 299ers** - Mirdza Jaunzemis, Hamilton ON; Sally

Tindale, Stoney Creek ON & Diane McNally - Brian McNally, Etobicoke ON. **Saturday Daylight Pairs** - Robert Jarvis - Robert Starfield, St Catharines ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Wendy Krause, Toronto ON; Janet Galloway, Willowdale ON. **Saturday B/C/D Pairs** - Leo Upenieks - Janice Upenieks, Mississauga ON. **Compact KO 2 - A** - Jonathan Steinberg - Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; John Rayner, Mississauga ON. **Compact KO 2 - B** - Milt Payne, Hamilton ON; Reginald Smith, Wilsonville ON; Bob Defreyne, Simcoe ON; B Hooyer, Brantford ON. **Compact KO 2 - C** - David Hawkins - Peggy Rankin - Wendy Wade, Mississauga ON; Elizabeth Basciano, Oakville ON. **Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1** - Peter Hambly, Hanover ON; Brooke Nelles - Dwight Bender, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON. **Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2** - Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA; Shona Donovan - Mark Donovan, Kingston ON; David Crausen, North York ON. **Fri-Sat KO Bracket 3** - Cathy Kay - Kathy Hill, Mississauga ON; Linda Cook, Oakville ON; Jan Flott, Thornhill ON. **Sunday 299er Swiss Am** - Thea Davis, Eden Mills ON; Barbara Sinclair - Bonna Simpson - Howard Simpson, Guelph ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss** - Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; William Koski, King City ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss** - Keith Heckley - Rosemary Miller - Bob Saunders, Hamilton ON; Louise Fowler, Burlington ON. **299er Swiss Aft** - David Simpson - Michael Hamilton - Daniel Duquette, St Catharines ON; Martin Swales, Fonthill ON

**29th Festival of Bridge
Stratford, ON
NOV 18-20, 2011**

Friday Aft 299er Pairs - Arnold Hagel, Burlington ON; Darlene Scott, Oakville ON. **Friday Aft Senior Pairs** - John Snowden - Ken Hundert, Stratford ON. **Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Cindy Mahn, Kitchener ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - William Christian, Guelph ON; Larry Woods, Waterloo ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Darlene Scott, Oakville ON; Arnold Hagel, Burlington ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Sheila Murray, Kincardine ON; Guy Murray, Orillia ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Doug Barnes, Caledon ON; Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON & Despina Georgas - Brent Gibbs, Toronto ON. **Saturday Eve 299er Pairs** - John

Farley - Jean Farley, Woodstock ON. **Sunday Morn 299er Swiss** - W Don Hambley - Scott Kirk - Barry Perkins - Otto Finkenzeller, London ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss** - Nancy Mulhall - David Duff, Oakville ON; Robert Spencer, Freelton ON; Thomas Cowles, Dundas ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss** - Bill Anderson - Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON; Andrew Firko, Oakville ON; Don Brock, Brampton ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Swiss** - Elena Petrella - Darlene Scott, Oakville ON; Bev Pope - Bill Pope, Burlington ON



**TOP
10s**

Life Master Women's Pairs
4th – Joan Eaton, Toronto
9th – Sallie Caty, Oakville; Patti Lee, Toronto

Open Board-a-Match Teams
10th – Robert Lebi, Toronto

North American Swiss Teams
1st – Nader Hanna, Toronto
5th – John Rayner, Mississauga

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams
8th – Les Amoils, Toronto; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill

**Chapman, Gordon Rowe
Nov 14 1949 - Dec 03 2011**



The family of Gordon Chapman sadly announces his passing at Creekway, Burlington, on Saturday December 3, 2011, in his 63rd year.

Gordon Rowe Chapman, loving husband of Margaret Mackenzie of Acton. Dear father of Sandy and Sarah of Freelton and Becky of Ottawa. Grandfather of Emilynn. Son of Mary and the late David Chapman of Hamilton. Brother of Mary Anne and David Blaggrave, Jamie and Laurie Chapman, Katie and Steve O'Brien and Louise and David Paterson.

Toronto Easter Regional 2012

Tuesday, April 3 – Sunday, April 8

For over 100 years bridge players have made the Toronto Easter Regional (formerly known as the Canadian Nationals Bridge Championships and before that as the Canadian Nationals Whist Tournament) the place to gather for Easter. This year is no exception. Be sure to join us.



Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport

655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario M9W 1J3
416-244-1711 or 1-800-668-3656 or 1-800-222-8733
Fax: 416-244-7281 or e-mail joy.thadickal@hilton.com
before Mar. 3/2012 and quote: Regional Bridge Rate of \$101/night!!

Full schedule of events for all players: 0-299, 0-750, Swiss Teams, Pairs, Knock-outs, Match Points, IMPs and the SHEARDOWN TEAMS

Flights, Strats and Brackets based on Average Points.

Side game series: Players count their best two scores in any series to qualify for overall/gold awards. Players may play with different partners in different sessions.

Calling all Intermediate and Newcomer Players!

Free 0 – 5 Games for Newcomers

Thursday and Saturday 1:00 p.m..... Don't miss it!

0 – 299er Games

Every afternoon at 1:00 and every evening at 7:00
Tuesday – Saturday

0 – 299 Swiss Teams

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Free Lesson Series Wednesday – Saturday at 12:00 noon

Toronto Regional Schedule

Tuesday, April 3

Bracketed KO 1 (1st/2nd sessions) (3rd & 4th on Wed.) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (A: Open, B: 3000, C: 1000) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 "I work for a living" Compact KOs 1st & 2nd (3rd & 4th on Wed.) 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 4

Morning Bracketed KO (1st session) (continues Thurs, Fri., Sat.) 9:00 am
 Stratiflighted Teams (A: Swiss; B (0 - 3000) Bracketed Round Robin) (**see note below) 10:00 am & TBA
 Bracketed KO 2 (1st/2nd sessions) (continues Thurs.) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Open Pairs (Flights A-Open; X-2000) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs (B:750, C:300) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 "I work for a living TWO" Compact KOs ... 1st & 2nd (3rd & 4th on Thurs.) 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 5

Morning Compact KOs 1st & 2nd (3rd & 4th on Fri.) 9:00 am
 Stratified Early Pairs (A: Open, B: 3000, C: 1000) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A: Open, X: 3000, B: 2000, C: 1000, D: 500) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Percy Sheardown KOs (1st/2nd) (continues Fri. & Sat if necessary) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 0 - 3000 KOs (1st/2nd) (Bracketed; continues Friday) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 "I work for a living THREE" Compact KOs 1st & 2nd (3rd & 4th on Fri.) 7:00pm

Friday, April 6

2ND Morn. Compact KOs (1st & 2nd) (3rd & 4th on Sat.) 9:00 am
 Stratiflighted Teams (A: Swiss; B (0 - 3000) Bracketed Round Robin) (**see note below) 10:00 am & TBA
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs (IMP scoring for A/X (3000), MPs for B(2000)/C(1000)/D(500)) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Bracketed KO 3 (1st & 2nd) (3rd & 4th on Sat.) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 "I work for a living FOUR" Compact KOs 1st & 2nd (3rd & 4th on Sat.) 7:00pm

Saturday, April 7

Stratified Pairs(A: Open, B: 3000, C: 1000).....10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Open Pairs (Flights - A: Open; X: 2000) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Gold Rush Pairs(B:750, C:300)..... 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Compact KOs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 8

Stratified* Swiss Teams (7 matches of 8 boards) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Sunday Flights: A: Open, X: 0-3000, B: 0-2000, C: 0-1000, D: 0-500 and 0-299 if numbers warrant

N.B.: ** Bracketed Round Robin Teams pays Gold to 1st 3 in each bracket

SIDE GAMES

Side Game Series: Morning @ 9:00; Afternoon @ 1:00; Evening @ 7:00; Sunday @ 10:00

Series 1 Tuesday – Wednesday (5 sessions available)

Series 2 Thursday – Friday (6 sessions available)

Series 3 Saturday – Sunday (4 sessions available)

(Play any 2 sessions in Series to qualify for overall awards)

Evening Swiss 7:00 pm (Single session)..... Tuesday - Saturday

Intermediate and Newcomer Players

0 - 299 ... EVERY AFTERNOON AT 1:00 AND EVERY EVENING AT 7:00 - TUE-SAT ...

GUEST SPEAKERS

AT 12:00 ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

0 – 5 Games FREE on Thursday and Saturday at 1:00 pm!!





GATEWAY TO THE NORTH SECTIONAL

North Bay, Ontario
April 27-28-29, 2012

North Bay Elks Lodge
325 Elks Lane - (705) 474-1491

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, April 27th

1:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (Stratified by Pair Average) (0-499), (500-1499), (1500+)
	Stratified 199er Pairs (0-49), (50-99), (100-199)
7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (Stratified by Pair Average) (0-499), (500-1499), (1500+)
	Stratified 199er Pairs (0-49), (50-99), (100-199)

SATURDAY, April 28th

10:00 am	Stratified Open Pairs (A = 1500+, B = 500 – 1499, C = 0 -500)
	Stratified 199ers Pairs (0-49), (50-99), (100-199)
2:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (A = 1500+, B = 500 – 1499, C = 0 – 499)
	Stratified 199er Pairs (0-49), (50-99), (100-199)

SUNDAY, April 29th

10:00 am	Bracketed Swiss Teams (Lunch is included)
Chairperson/Partnership Marc Langevin mlangevin@cogeco.ca	Cost/session : \$10, but only \$6 per newcomer Hospitality during sessions Swiss teams : \$100 Extra 2\$/session for non-ACBL members Or not paid-up members

The Credit Valley Bridge Association
BRAMPTON SECTIONAL

28-29 April 2012
BRAMPTON
FAIRGROUNDS



From the east, west or south: Go north from Hwy 401 on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. (10th 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 **3 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 **3 km north**.

SATURDAY APRIL 28

Stratified 99er pairs - 2 Single sessions - ½ price for players with 0-5 MPs.

Stratified Pairs - 2 Session playthrough - A=2000+; B=500–2000; C=0-499

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

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

SUNDAY APRIL 29

0–199 Swiss Teams

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Playthru – ½ hour break at midpoint

A=3000+; X=0-3000; B=0–1500; C=0–750; D=0–300

Game time: 11:00 am

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



Enjoy the hospitality and finish early!

Entry Fees: \$12/player/session for ACBL members
\$13 for non-ACBL members



Tournament Co-Chairs

Mike Da Silva

gogetr@rogers.com

Lee Daugharty

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Sarnia Bluewater Sectional

28-29 April 2012



**Sponsored by the
Sarnia Sea Cadets**

Sarnia Post Office, Davis St.
Entrance at 105 Christina St. S.
519-337-9842

Saturday, 28 April 2012

The Elizabeth Fraser Memorial Stratified Pairs
11:00 AM and 3:30 PM (two single sessions)
Free coffee both days, sandwiches Saturday

Sunday, 29 April 2012

The Royer Stratified Swiss Teams
9:30 AM Sea Cadets Breakfast (included in entry fee)
11:00 AM and TBA

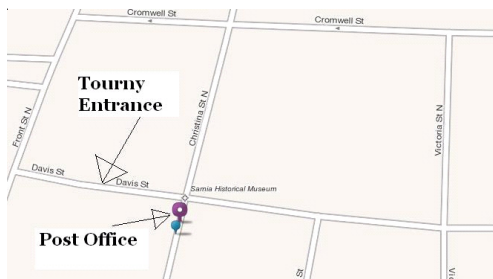
For information and partnerships, contact Charles Dalmas:
519-337-3399; Charles.L.Dalmas@gmail.com

Upper Masterpoint Limits

A: 1000+, B: 300-1000, C: 0-300 (Average MP's in all events)

Cost is 11.00 Per Pairs Session, and 12.00 Per Teams session.

There is an additional charge of 1.00 for non-paid members
or non-members.



Directions

From The Bluewater Bridge: Take the Front Street Exit. Turn right on Front Street. Parking lot is at the corner of Front and Davis.

From 402: Take the Indian Road exit. Bear left at the fork. Turn left at the light. Turn right on Exmouth Street. Turn left on Christina Street. Turn right on Davis Street. Parking lot entrance is on Front Street.

DISTRICT 2

2012 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Open Championship Flight - No masterpoint limits
Flight A - Under 5000 masterpoints
Flight B - Under 2000 masterpoints
Flight C - Non-Life Master under 500 masterpoints
(as of September, 2011)

You and your team could represent District 2 in the North American Final, to be played at the Philadelphia NABC in July 2012.



- ◆ All players must be paid-up ACBL members and residents of District 2
- ◆ Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 members
- ◆ District Finals will take place on a Saturday & Sunday: Round Robin + Knockout.
- ◆ Dates to be determined (April / May)

In 2012, District 2 will be holding its GNT Finals online (on BBO)

Units are responsible for:

- ◆ Declaring their Unit's intention to hold an online District Final
- ◆ Providing a location with sufficient desks/ power for all contestants
- ◆ Providing a technical assistant for on-site assistance
- ◆ Spare laptops and, if possible, a spare router should be available for any unforeseen laptop failures
- ◆ Providing volunteer monitor(s) to ensure integrity and security for the event (approval required by District Co-ordinator)

Players are responsible for:

- ◆ Supplying their own Laptop, Netbook, I-pad device, if necessary
- ◆ Having a Bridge Base Online (BBO) username and password and providing them to the Unit Co-ordinator prior to the event
- ◆ Familiarizing themselves with BBO software and playing environment

MAKE SURE YOUR UNIT HOLDS AN ONLINE DISTRICT FINAL

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR - Martin Hunter
martinhunter@primus.ca; 905-858-7683



Toronto
“Silver Point”
299^{er}
Sectional

Saturday, May 26
and
Sunday May 27,
2012

Play with your peers! All players have fewer than 300 masterpoints

Earn Silverpoints needed for your LM!

Dazzle your friends by winning prizes and lots of masterpoints

Guest Speakers

Between sessions at 2:15 pm

Saturday May 26th

Single Session Pairs
10 am and 3 pm

Sunday May 27th

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

Leaside Memorial Gardens
1073 Millwood Road,
Toronto

Where Laird Drive, Millwood Road and Southvale Drive all intersect.

Lots of Free Parking

...or...

From Eglinton or Donlands stations take the 56 Leaside bus
From St. Clair station take the 88 or 88A South Leaside bus

Stratifications will be determined by TD Bev Ross at game time

Game Fees

\$12 for ACBL members
Non and Unpaid ACBL members + \$2

Join the ACBL at the tourney for only \$35

Tournament Chair

Suzanne Kosky 416-422-2582
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Announcing the KW Summerfest Sectional June 2 – 3, 2012



Featuring:

- ♣ A new location in the Beehive Hall of the Hespeler Arena, close to the 401. Free and copious parking is available
- ◇ Coffee, tea and homemade goodies are available throughout the tournament, a cash bar will be open, and there is easy access to dozens of local restaurants.
- ♡ Make sure to stay for our second annual 'Lost in the Fifties' Party from 9:30 pm to midnight Saturday. Enjoy your favourite oldies from Roy, Patsy, Elvis, Buddy, Patti, Nat, Connie, and many more! Relax and chat about your exploits/disasters, or listen to the music, or get up and dance.
- ♠ Competitive prices and ACBL Members with 0 - 5 Master Points will play for free.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday June 2 - 12:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Playthrough) - 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm

199er Pairs (Single Sessions) - 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm

'Lost in the Fifties' Party after the evening game - 9:30 pm to midnight

Single Session Open Side Games

Sunday June 3 - 11:00 am

Stratified Open Swiss Teams (Playthrough)

199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)

Stratification:

A: 1500+, B: 750 - 1500, C: 0 - 750

Stratifications by average of pair and team

Section Top Prizes

Game fees:

\$10.00/ACBL member per session (\$11.00 non or unpaid ACBL members); \$110.00/ team for Sunday Swiss, including a Swiss Chalet dinner; ACBL Members with 0 – 5 MP play free



Tournament Coordinator: Ted Boyd 519-740-9614 boyds@conestoga.net
Partnerships: Norma Ingram 519-893-9147 ingram-norma@sympatico.ca

Location:

Hespeler Arena, Beehive Lounge
640 Ellis Road West,
Cambridge, ON N3C 4K1P
519-740-4681 Ext.4605

Directions:

Highway 401 to Townline Road (exit 286), north on Townline Road to Ellis Road West, left on Ellis Road West to Hespeler Arena on the left.

BARRIE SECTIONAL

June 9th and 10th, 2012



Come out and join us for fun & bridge at the
ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE CLUB

7 George Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2G5
(Hwy 400 & Dunlop St.)

Event Schedule

Saturday, June 9

Compact KO's – 2 Sessions (*limit of 4 players*).....10:30 & 3:00 pm
Stratiflighted Pairs (A/X and B/C/D) - *single sessions*.....10:30 & 3:00 pm
Flights A/X: A=3000+, X=0-3000
Flights B/C/D: B=1000-1500, C=300-999, D=0-299

Sunday, June 10

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.....11 & TBD
(Playthrough - lunch on site)
Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0-3000
Flights B/C/D: B=1000-1500, C=300-999, D=0-299

Intermediate/Novice Games

Separate games every day as numbers permit.

Entry Fees

\$11 per session for ACBL members (non-members add \$1), \$5 for students, and

SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE

For players who have never played in a Tournament before – 1 **FREE** session.

****LOTS of FREE PARKING****

Tournament Chair & Partnerships

Greg Coles, greg@midlanddbc.com, 705-717-4133

Location: Take Hwy 400 to the Dunlop Street exit. Proceed east to Anne Street (short distance) and turn south (right) one block to George Street. Turn right again and the location is on the south (left) side.

MARKHAM SECTIONAL

June 30, July 1 & 2, 2012

Please join us for fun & bridge at the lovely

Holiday Inn

7095 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, Ontario, L3R 1A3
(Woodbine & Steeles)

Event Schedule

Saturday, June 30

4 Session Bracketed KO - *Sessions 1 & 2* 1 & 6:30 pm
Stratified Pairs (A/X and B/C/D) - *single sessions* 1 & 6:30 pm
Flights A/X: A=3000+, X=0-3000; Flights B/C/D: B=1000-1500, C=300-999, D=0-299

Sunday, July 1

Bracketed KO Continued..*Sessions 3 & 4* 1 & 6:30 pm
Stratified Pairs - *two session event, single entries welcome* 1 & 6:30 pm

Monday, July 2

Stratified Swiss Teams 11 am & TBD
(Playthrough - lunch on site)
Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0-3000
Flights B/C/D: B=1000-1500, C=300-999, D=0-299

Intermediate/Novice Games: Separate games every day as numbers permit

Entry Fees: \$11 per session for ACBL members (non-members add \$1), \$5 for students, and our

SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE

for players who have never played in a Tournament before – 1 **FREE** session.

****LOTS OF FREE PARKING** & **LOTS OF GREAT RESTAURANTS****

**** Special Hotel Rate - \$99 ****

Call 905-474-0444 or 1-800387-3303 and mention 'Bridge' to book a room

Tournament Chair - Linda Lord, lindaleelord@hotmail.com, 905-713-9141

Partnerships – Margaret MacFarlane, pmacf@rogers.com, 905-535-3343

Location – On the east side of Woodbine, just north of Steeles Ave. at the intersection of Steeles and Hwy. 404. Minutes from Hwy. 401 to the south, and Hwy. 7 or Hwy. 407 to the north.

July 3-8

2012

LONDON REGIONAL BRIDGE



TOURNAMENT



London, Ontario, Canada

Maps and further information online at
www.unit249.com/LondonRegional

*In consideration of those who are sensitive to fragrance,
this is a scent-free tournament*

Accommodations at the playing site

Hilton Hotel

300 King Street, London, Ont.
(519-439-1661)

Rates: \$124.... Single or Double

Please reserve by June 20

under "London Bridge Tournament" for special rates
at 1-800-210-9336

♥ ♥ ♥ NEW THIS YEAR ♥ ♥ ♥

Free parking at the hotel for all tournament participants

NOVICE (0-20) AND 299^{ER} GAMES
EVERY SESSION WHEN ATTENDANCE WARRANTS
SPEAKER PROGRAM

Stratiflighted games

A: Unlimited; **A/X:** up to 3000;

B: 1000 – 2000; **C:** 500 – 1000; **D:** 0 – 500

Stratified Games by MP average

A: 2000+; **A/X:** 0-3000/3000+; **B:** 750 – 2000; **C:** 0 – 750

Side Game Series

held over several sessions. Play 1 or more sessions with the same or different partners. Players must play at least two sessions in the same event to be eligible for gold point awards.

Entry fees \$15 (\$12.50 for 299ers)

Tournament Chair: Dwight Bender dwightbender@execulink.com

Tuesday, July 3 to Sunday, July 8

Tuesday July 3:

Stratified Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions).....	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions).....	7:00 pm

Wednesday July 4:

Bracketed Morning Knockout Teams (1st session).....	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
London Bracketed Knockouts (1st & 2nd).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions).....	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 5).....	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session).....	7:00 pm

Thursday July 5:

Bracketed Morning Knockout Teams (2nd session).....	9:00 am
Senior (55+) Stratified Pairs.....	9:00 & 1:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions).....	1:00 pm
London Bracketed Knockouts (3rd & 4th).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 5).....	7:00 pm

Friday July 6:

Bracketed Morning Knockouts (3rd session).....	9:00 am
Morning Compact Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2).....	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (1st of 2 sessions).....	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions).....	1:00 pm
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (1st & 2nd).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 5).....	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session).....	7:00 pm

Saturday July 7:

Bracketed Morning Knockouts (4th session).....	9:00 am
Morning Compact Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4).....	9:00 am
Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 2 sessions).....	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs (A/X) (B/C/D).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions).....	1:00 pm
Saturday Compact Knockouts.....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (3rd & 4th).....	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (5th of 5).....	7:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session).....	7:00 pm

Sunday July 8:

Stratified Swiss Teams (A/X) (B/C/D) (playthrough).....	10:00 am
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Partnerships: Louise Best louisebest3@hotmail.com

Correspondence



John:

I'm the new chair for the Hamilton Bridge Sectional. We have changed the date and have sanctions for that new date. I was hoping that you could put an announcement in the next Kibitzer stating, 'The Hamilton Sectional Bridge Tournament has been changed to the sunny weather of Sat./Sun. Aug. 4/5 2012'. Details in next Kibitzer. I appreciate it.

Michelle Ellis

To the editor:

Much has been written about how to be a good partner and teammate at the bridge table. There is another side as well - how to be a good opponent. The following incident soured me on tournament bridge...

The story goes back several decades. I was playing in an event with Karl Varnum. Karl and I played against Mr. X and Mr. Y in some Toronto Regional or Sectional Tournament. Karl was known for doing some strange things at the table and like the Rueful Rabbit his craziness or misunderstanding always punished the opposition. On one of the boards against Messrs X and Y, Karl did something completely insane and this totally confused X and Y, who then tried doing some tricky stuff of their own. When the smoke had cleared, X and Y had self-destructed. Of course, they started yelling at each other. This was aggravating enough to hear, but then they brought us into the argument as culprits: "How was I to know the idiot on my right really was a retard?" "Oh yeah, well what about the idiot on my right? He was just as bad." And so on.

I should have called the tournament director, but refrained (*mea culpa*). Instead, I decided to stop playing bridge. It took years before I would play again and then only because a friend (John Cunningham) called me to ask if I would play on a team.

I have removed the names of the perpetrators of this incident that stopped me playing bridge since it would serve no purpose and would be inconsistent on my part - if I didn't point a finger at them back then by calling the Director, I shouldn't do so now. In any case, this happened almost 40 years ago when we were all almost kids.

Regarding Mr. X, that is the only time he was ever obnoxious to me. The next time I saw him was a couple of decades later and he was quite polite (and funny). Since then he has always been quite friendly (and still funny). That was the only time I ever saw Mr. Y.

Yours truly, Peter Shearer

Fortunately, this type of incident is less frequent now. Some of the all-time greats were notorious for this type of behaviour – Ira Rubin, Lew Mathe and Tobias Stone come to mind. Terence Reese was not as obnoxious as that group, but many an opponent (and partner) was the butt of his acerbic wit. – Ed.

Dear JC,

Diana Gordon was inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame this past summer. For over 40 years Diana has brought fame and glory to Unit 166 and to Canada playing both nationally and internationally. Diana is the only Canadian woman to have won a World Championship. The board of Unit 166 has failed to appreciate the riches of our bridge community in denying funding to Diana to compete in the recent Venice Cup. What a shame.

Sincerely, Barbara Sims, Past President, Unit 166

The Unit policy is to assist players who live in Unit 166 with funding to international championships. This policy is pretty consistent with other Canadian Units' policies. Diana moved to Montréal a couple of years ago, thus was resident in the Montréal Unit at the time. She has since moved back to the Toronto area, but to Markham, in Unit 246. We agree, however, that people who have brought something to the Unit should not be excluded from funding just because of a change of residence. We would go even further - our Unit (and others with the means to do so) should help our international teams regardless of residence. – Ed.

Hi John,

Just to let you know that the Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game was an outstanding success! We had 32 tables! Enid Roitman worked tirelessly putting the Rookie/Master Game together for us. The success of this game is entirely due to Enid's efforts. Enid is an ACBL Accredited Teacher, Certified Club Director, a Silver Life Master and is a past winner of both the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant Awards. An outstanding time was had by all participants. Please see our website for details and photos: www.partnersbridge.com .

Yours truly, Suzanne Kosky, Partners BC

CANADIANS WIN NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS



North American Swiss Teams winners Les Bart, Gloria Bart (Silverman), Nader Hanna and Piotr Klimowicz

A mostly-Canadian team played brilliantly on the third day to win the North American Swiss Teams in Seattle at the Fall Nationals. Nader Hanna from Toronto, playing with Piotr Klimowicz of Edmonton and teammates Gloria and Les Bart from Bradenton, Fla., defeated a very

strong international field for a come-from-behind win by 1½ Victory Points. Some of you may remember Gloria as Gloria Silverman from Toronto.

The North American Swiss Team Championship is played over three days, with a one-day qualifying, a semifinal and a final. Eight seven-board matches are played each day with carryover to the next day. The Bart team qualified in 20th place out of 38 qualifiers; they carried forward 7.10 Victory Points into the third day, leaving them more than a match behind the leaders, who had a 40.0 carryover. The team that eventually finished second was 12½ VP ahead of the Bart team at the start of the day. That was a fantastic performance.

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