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on page 16.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Editor's Note:

Our Canadian teams in the World Championships fared poorly this year. The Open Team failed to get past Mexico in the playoff for a Bermuda Bowl berth; the Women's and Senior Teams both played in Sao Paulo, but neither made the knockout stages (eight teams), as both had done in the past.

Faring rather better was Master Point Press's collection of Frank Vine's writings, "*North of the Master Solvers' Club*", which jointly shared honours as the International Bridge Press Association's Book of the Year with Ron Klinger's "*Right through the Pack Again*". It was the second win by a Canadian; Roy Hughes "*Canada's Bridge Warriors: Eric Murray and Sami Kehela*" won previously (in 2007).

John Carruthers

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Thurston at the Syracuse Regional

Paul Thurston is a kind of Renaissance Man when it comes to bridge. As a bridge writer he is the daily columnist for the National Post, has won the ABTA Book of the Year for "25 Steps to Learning 2/1" and is a frequent contributor to The Kibitzer, Bridge Canada and the ACBL Bulletin; he is a terrific player, having won the 1996 CNTC and represented Canada in the 1997 Bermuda Bowl; he captained the 2004 Canadian Olympiad Team in Istanbul; he is a wonderful teacher; and he conducts bridge cruises in his spare time, when there is any.

Paul can lay claim to being Canada's foremost bridge columnist, although he is much too modest to do so. He follows in the footsteps of other great Canadian columnists such as Ted Horning (Toronto Star) and Eric

Kokish (Montreal Gazette and Toronto Star). Paul was the columnist for the St. Catharines Standard from 2000-2008 and has been the Post's bridge columnist since 2000 as well.

Paul Thurston was born in Tweed, Ontario enough years ago that he can now claim to shoot his age at golf – for nine holes! He was introduced to cards by his parents and despite, as he says, a full minor in cafeteria bridge, managed to graduate from Brock University with an Honours BA in English. He and Jo-Anne Chisholm were married in 1970 - he refers to her as Saint Jo-Anne. They have one son, Matthew, who works in software development in Waterloo. The Thurstons lived for 40 years in St. Catharines before moving to Wellington in idyllic Prince Edward County, where they now live a mere six-minute walk to the first tee. Paul had mainly sales and management jobs while in St. Catharines, all, he says, which were a mask for his bridge activities. He went into bridge full-time in 2000. (See a sample of Paul's columns on the next page.)

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POST BRIDGE

By Paul Thurston

From *The National Post*

21 May 2008

Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ Q 9 7 6 5 2

♥ A Q 6

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A

♠ K J

♥ J 7 5 2

♦ Q J 9 8

♣ K 10 3

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 8

♦ A 10 6 3

♣ Q 9 7 6 5

♠ A 10

♥ K 10 9 4 3

♦ K 5

♣ J 8 4 2

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

Opening Lead: ♦Q

Two keys to successful defence: Do your best to read the distributional messages your partner (and declarer's play) provides and try not to waste a turn on play (you get few enough of those as it is!).

Despite the low combined point-count, the double fit in the majors meant South's heart game was a reasonable undertaking and indeed would have been virtually bulletproof without the 4-1 trump split.

And still made at one table of a match after West's lead of the diamond queen went to the ace and South won East's return of the three of diamonds with his king.

Ace and a spade to the king set that side suit up and left South in charge after he ruffed West's diamond jack exit. Declarer continued by playing three rounds of trumps ending in dummy before starting right in on cashing good spades.

Of course, West could ruff a spade whenever he wanted to, but South could ruff a diamond return and use the club ace to access the rest of dummy's good spades and claim his contract.

Not so at the other table. After the same start, West knew that a third round of diamonds wasn't going to cash as his partner's return of the three, his original fourth-best, made it a virtual certainty that South would be out of the suit. Accordingly, West didn't waste a time on lead by playing a third diamond but instead took the opportunity to force out dummy's ace of clubs.

And with that late entry to the good spades prematurely removed, South could only congratulate his opponent for his perceptive and effective play.



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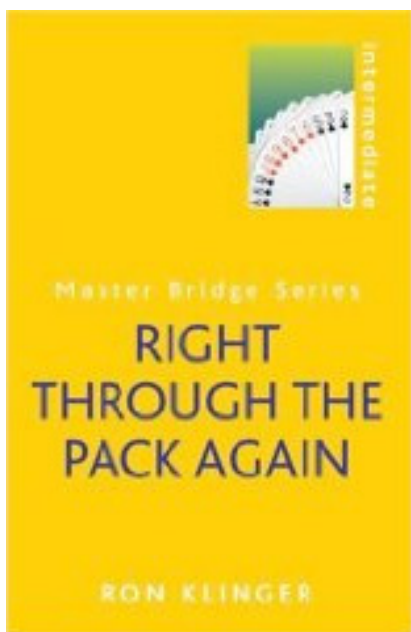
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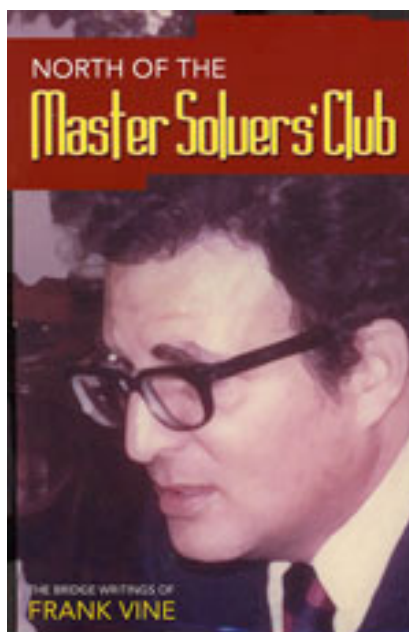


For the first time in its history, the International Bridge Press Association's Master Point Press Book of the Year award has joint winners. "*Right through the Pack Again*" by Ron Klinger and "*North of the Master Solvers' Club*" by Frank Vine (from Hamilton) each collected precisely the same number of votes and marks for the award. In Solomonic fashion, there was no tie-breaking procedure. Vine was a regular contributor to *The Kibitzer* and *The Bridge World* before his death in 1987 at 59.

Vine is the second local to have won the award – Roy Hughes won for "*Canada's Bridge Warriors: Eric Murray and Sami Kehela*" in 2007.



Ron Klinger (Australia), "*Right through the Pack Again*", Ron Klinger Bridge, Sydney, 2009, 222 pages.



Frank Vine (Canada), "*North of the Master Solvers' Club*", Master Point Press, Toronto, 2008, 183 pages.

NORTH OF THE MASTER SOLVERS' CLUB

Frank Vine's trenchant commentaries on the game, often thinly disguised as fiction, appeared regularly in *The Bridge World*, *The Kibitzer* and other magazines in the 1970s and 1980s. A collection of his work from *The Bridge World* was previously published but has long been out of print. Readers who are familiar with Vine's writings are delighted to see them once more available, this time in a much more comprehensive collection. Those who haven't discovered Frank Vine's work before are in for a treat.

Vine was the master of parody, writing articles under such titles as *The Man from La Mancha*, *Wednesday the Rabbi Played Bridge* and *How I Challenged the Champs and Made Them Cry*. His article *Rashomon*, based on the Japanese film of 1950 in which each of four witnesses gives his or her version of events, rates as many players' all-time favourite bridge article.

Vine liked to take potshots at the authorities, and in the 1970s and 80s there was no larger authority on the game than Edgar Kaplan, publisher of *The Bridge World*, Chairman of the ACBL Laws Commission and, with Norman Kay, a member of one of the world's top partnerships. Here, in an episode from *The Coldbottom Chronicles*, Vine chides Kaplan for the views of sportsmanship and ethics espoused by *The Bridge World*.

'And so we arrived at the Nationals. What a thrill to meet the storied giants of the game, whom none of us had ever seen. I made sure to point out those I recognized to Coldbottom to ensure he would be suitably apprehensive.

Our first important encounter came on the third round. Our opponents were certainly somebodies, for the table was engulfed by kibitzers. One smoked a meerschaum and the other was called Norman. It was all affability until the second board.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

The bidding was unexceptional. South (meerschaum) opened a weak no trump and North (Norman) put him in seven. I led the jack of hearts. The declarer let this come to his hand, puffed three times on his pipe, and pushed out the jack of spades. Whoa, I said to myself, I've got a problem.

I could play the deuce and give count. I could ignore count and play a deceptive three, or I could pop the nine and try to muddle the communications. I took out one card, put it back, pulled out another, put it back, and so on for about four minutes. Finally, I played the three. The pipesmoker studied this, studied me, and finally finessed.

The director was polite but inquisitive. Why had I hesitated? I advised him it was not hesitation, it was thought. Thinking and huddling, I explained, though very different, often appear similar to an opponent.

Luckily I was able to cite chapter and verse, namely the June *Bridge World*, page 26, where an identical situation had been carefully reviewed. I quoted the author. "If we had been hesitating over which card to play (whether to falsecard, whether to give count), we would say nothing. If declarer then misguessed, misreading our problem, we would be charmed."

As I left the table, I thought it appropriate to comfort my opponents. "When you decided to finesse," I said, "I was charmed. Really charmed."

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Play of the Hand

by David Lindop

THE FEAR FACTOR (cont.)

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As declarer we encounter many situations where there is a danger our contract will be defeated, perhaps by several tricks. In such situations, this isn't the time to freeze. A card must still be played the same day it's dealt, so we have to do something, and we might as well hope for the best.

In this next deal, we reach four spades and West leads the two of diamonds:

♠ 9 4
♥ A Q J 8 3
♦ A 6 5
♣ J 9 8

♠ Q J 10 8 7 2
♥ 4
♦ 8 7 3
♣ A K Q

We have two sure spade losers and are in danger of losing two diamonds as well. The only way to get rid of a diamond is to establish an extra heart winner in dummy. If East has the heart

king, it won't help to play the ace and lead the queen from dummy. East covers with the king and we ruff, but there's no entry to dummy's jack.

Instead, we have to hope that West holds the king of hearts. We win the diamond ace, play a club to get to our hand and lead our singleton four of hearts. When West plays low, we bravely insert dummy's jack or queen. If the finesse works, we can discard a diamond loser on the ace of hearts. If East holds the heart king instead of West, we will be defeated an extra trick, losing two spades, a heart, and two diamonds. But that's the type of chance we must be willing to take.

Let's try this deal. We're in three no trump.

♠ 10 8 5
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 4
♣ K Q 10 7 3

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ 10 8
♣ A J 4 2

We have nine sure tricks - a spade, three hearts, and five clubs - but that's only after we gain the lead.

West's lead of the diamond seven looks ominous. This is no time to panic, however. If we resignedly play a low diamond from dummy, we give ourselves no chance. Instead, we must bravely hop up with dummy's diamond queen. If West has led from a holding such as ace-king-nine-seven-five, we'll

make an extra trick. If not, it's on to the next deal.

Speaking of being fearless, suppose we get to three no trump on this deal:

♠ Q 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 5
 ♣ 8 6 3

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ A 7 5 2

West leads the five of hearts and we count sure tricks: a spade, two hearts, a diamond, and a club. That's only five; we need four more. The only hope is to get five tricks from diamonds. That's possible if West has the king and the missing diamonds are divided 3-2. It's inconvenient to cross to our hand with either the one of our aces since that establishes tricks for the defenders.

Since we have to give up a diamond anyway, the best approach is to lead a low diamond from dummy after winning the king of hearts. (This has the added advantage that East might play the king of diamonds from a holding such as king-ten or king-five, saving us from taking a losing finesse.) Suppose East wins the diamond nine and leads a heart. There goes our last outside entry to dummy! Now we have to come to our hand with the ace of clubs or spades to lead our remaining diamond. When West follows with a low diamond, we finesse dummy's queen of diamonds and keep our fingers crossed.

We hope this is the complete deal:

♠ Q 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 5
 ♣ 8 6 3

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

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ A 7 5 2

If our luck is in, the finesse works and we take the diamond ace and the rest of the diamonds to make our contract. What if we're not so lucky and this turns out to be the layout?

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

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

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ A 7 5 2

The diamond finesse would lose and we'd never get a trick with dummy's ace of diamonds. Actually, we don't get a single diamond trick and we go down five! But at least we'd have shown we aren't afraid to live on the edge.

Bridge is a game and, if we never go down a bunch of tricks while trying to make our contract, we just aren't having enough fun.



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CANADA IN BRAZIL

By Joan Eaton



Canada's 2009 Venice Cup Team - Standing: Karen Cumpstone, Kismet Fung, Barbara Clinton, Susan Culham, Pamela Nisbet, Joan Eaton; Seated: NPC Michael Yuen

My team (Barb Clinton, Pamela Nisbet, Karen Cumpstone, Kismet Fung and Susan Culham) was beyond thrilled to win the Canadian Women's Team Championship this year in Penticton. For Pamela, it was her fourth consecutive win with four different teams!

The event took place in early June and only five weeks later, we were off to Mexico City to play off for the right to be one of three teams representing North America in the Venice Cup in São Paulo Brazil, August 29 - September 12. Happily, we prevailed against the Mexican ladies, and made our arrangements to get to Brazil.

There were 22 teams in the Venice Cup - the result of playoffs in each of the World Bridge Federation's eight zones - so we would be facing the best women's teams in the world. We

worked with Eric Kokish and Bev Kraft (BIG thank you's) in the weeks leading up to the tournament to make sure we were as prepared as possible. These days, with Skype and Bridge Base Online it is easy for a team that is scattered from Ottawa to Victoria to practice together, or have training sessions under the supervision of our Toronto-based coaches (Eric and Bev), without travelling. Thanks also to our Non-Playing Captain, Michael Yuen, for all his hard work on our behalf!

With hope in our hearts and fatigue in our eyes, Barb, Michael and I arrive in São Paulo midday Friday after an overnight flight from Toronto (midnight departure). I don't sleep well (ok, I don't sleep at all) on planes, so leaving Thursday night made sense. Play was to begin on Sunday. Teammates did not fare so well. Several flights were diverted to Rio de Janeiro because of fog in São Paulo. Karen spent hours in Rio - in a plane on the tarmac. Kiz and Susan made it in on Saturday. I heard stories of players arriving on Sunday.

Bright-eyed now, we began well on Sunday against Barbados. Sadly, we then proceeded to dig ourselves a bit of a hole by losing to some teams that we should have beaten, and allowing France to hurt us badly. With five more days of round robin play, we could still make the cut to the round of eight, but we would need to play very well, and be a bit lucky too. We had some good matches, so we have some bragging rights (USA1, USA2, Australia,

New Zealand) where we all have friends, but as the days went by, our hopes dimmed.

You can't play in an event like the Venice Cup without getting a few ideas about how to improve your game. The experience is priceless (has Master Card patented that phrase yet?). Actually, it does have a price, and it's pretty high, so major thanks to the CBF, Unit 166, Masterpoint Press, and Unit 246. Thanks to their generosity, we had over half of our expenses covered! We are only able to afford this venture with the assistance received from these supporters.

I am told that bridge players would like some deals. We played hundreds. I have chosen two on which Barb and I had good results. (Surprised?). They were in the same match, on similar auctions, and opponents, due to their system, faced unique problems.

Many pairs play that over opponent's one no trump opener, two clubs shows both majors, two diamonds is a single major, unspecified (they call it Multi), and two hearts or two spades show that major and a minor. There are variations about how many cards in the suits are promised and strength of the hands, depending on vulnerability. Sometimes, the two-diamond bid is a problem when partner doesn't know your suit.

We had these two hands against USA1, the eventual silver medalists, and we had a solid win in this match.

Session 15. Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
—	Eaton	—	Clinton
—	—	—	1 NT'
2 ♦ ²	5 ♦	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 11-14, can have a 5-card major
2. Hearts or spades

East would have loved to have known what her partner's major was, but tried double, and led the spade jack. Plus 550 for us. At the other table, South opened one spade, West bid her hearts, and our teammates wisely went to five hearts, doubled for minus 200. Win 8 IMPs.

On the next deal, (see top of page 28), West was feeling a little frisky because of the favourable vulnerability and tried two diamonds to show a major suit. Barb and I had discussed this specifically - my two-heart bid showed hearts, to play. Of course East knew her partner's suit was hearts when she doubled, but felt she had enough to cover the other suits, and expected a juicy penalty (or at least down one).

Session 15. Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ 9 6 3
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4
♦ K 9 8
♣ 5

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

♠ A K 2
♥ J 6
♦ A 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
—	<i>Eaton</i>	—	<i>Clinton</i>
—	—	—	1 NT ¹
2 ♦ ²	2 ♥ ³	Double ⁴	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 11-14, can have a 5-card major
2. Hearts or spades
3. Hearts, to play
4. Pass if you have hearts, bid 2♠ with spades

The opening lead was the king of clubs, then a switch to the diamond queen which I won in hand to play a low heart to the jack, won by the ace. West returned the spade jack, won on the table. I ruffed a club in hand, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed another club, and exited a diamond. Eight tricks were easy, for plus 670. We won 13 IMPs.

São Paulo was a wonderful experience, and besides the thanks already mentioned, thanks to my teammates, to all our supporters, to the many people who sent good wishes, and to the people who were just hoping for the best for us.

TABLE PRESENCE

By Ross Taylor

Keith Balcombe and I were playing a match against Daniel Korbel and Darren Wolpert, (reigning Canadian team champions) when this six-diamond contract came up near the end. The auction shows the kind of mishap only experts can have.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ K 7 5
♦ A K J
♣ A K

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

♠ K
♥ J 9 4
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ Q J 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Korbel</i>	<i>Balcombe</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>
—	2 ♣ ¹	Pass	2 ♦ ²
Pass	2 ♥ ³	Pass	2 ♠ ⁴
Pass	2 NT ⁵	Pass	3 ♠ ⁶
Pass	3 NT ⁷	Pass	5 NT ⁸
Pass	6 ♦ ⁹	Pass	Pass ¹⁰
Pass			

1. Strong, artificial, forcing
2. Waiting, semi-positive at least
3. Either a heart suit or a strong balanced hand of 24+ HCP
4. Forced response to allow partner to finish his description – a “puppet”
5. Balanced hand 24+

6. A slam try in either minor or both minors – another puppet
7. Forced response
8. Here we wander into uncharted territory – 4NT would have been invitational with 5-4 either way in the minors. South thought 5NT would be similar, but forcing to slam, with 6NT in the picture.
9. North thought 5NT was simply, as experts play on many auctions, pick a slam, but in this case, pick a minor. He preferred diamonds and did not realize 6NT was being offered as an alternative if he did not like the minors.
10. Believing partner had a 4+♦ diamond suit.

They would be the first to admit that six no trump by Daniel's hand (North) is where they wanted to be, but if everything were perfect, there would be no story. Fifty years ago the auction would have gone 3NT-6NT to the top spot – has bidding improved? They ended in six diamonds by South, which exposed the heart suit to attack.

Sure enough, I underled the ace of hearts – which was the only lead to give us a chance. I knew Daniel's hand was strong and balanced. In maybe two seconds, Darren called for the heart king from dummy (!) and quickly scooped up all 13 tricks. A truly great play.

Why did he guess correctly at trick one? Darren modestly said he was just "sure" it was right. Perhaps my tempo on opening lead varied slightly from other hands – which may have guided his decision; it was surely a table-

presence decision. So for all you kids reading this – **PLAY IN TEMPO – ALWAYS.**

As declarer, (a.) you have to always seek out any and all clues, and (b.) when you feel sure you are right – back up your intuition with a bold play and don't be afraid to look bad if you are wrong.

OUT OF THE CLOSET

By Dave Colbert

The Sudbury Regional in August was, as usual, a good tournament to attend: free refreshments - homemade desserts, coffee and juices - and a friendly atmosphere.

Daniel Korbel, Jonathan Steinberg, Mike Cafferata and I were playing the leaders in the third round of the Swiss Teams when a deal came up that had more excitement than I can recall

Mike, as North, had:

♠ Q 9 6 4
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 8 2

and saw, all vulnerable, the following bidding:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Cafferata</i>		<i>Colbert</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	5 ♦
5 ♥	Pass (?)	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	Double
Pass	Pass (?)	Pass	

That's right, five diamonds from me, vulnerable. He knows I don't fool around with these bids so I probably had the other nine (nine!) diamonds. After five hearts, Mike passed, hoping the auction would end there. No, it went six clubs fairly quickly from the guy with the toothpick in his mouth on his left, a slow six diamonds from the nice lady on his right, then a slow six hearts from lefty and double from me! So now Mike knew that I had a void, which his hand indicated was in spades. It went all pass.

Mike dutifully led a spade, I ruffed and they had the rest. We were minus 1660. Mike said after the match that he should have come out of the closet and sacrificed in seven diamonds after my double, as he then should have known that they would run the spades and make six hearts, especially since my original bid indicated very little in the way of defence.

At the other table it was very different (isn't it always?). Look at it from Daniel Korbels's viewpoint. He held:

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

and he saw the following:

West	North	East	South
Steinberg		Korbel	
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass (?)
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	7 ♣	7 ♦ (!)
7 ♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	?	

The opponents let them have a free rein until Daniel had seen enough to leap to the grand slam. NOW lefty did come out of the closet, bidding seven diamonds! When South's double came back to Daniel, he had a problem. He knew seven hearts was going down if righty knew what to lead and he knew seven spades might make if partner had good spades. But the five-spade cuebid wasn't much to go on.

Daniel finally decided his best chance was to gut it out in seven hearts and hope that the opening leader would get it wrong. The opening leader had Mike's hand, North. He had just seen the opponents go from seven clubs to seven hearts and his partner doubled that. He decided to lead...a club. Jonathan and Daniel scored plus 2470 and we won 13 IMPs and the match. A spade lead and we'd have lost 18 IMPs. And yes, seven spades was cold. Wow.

The full deal (spots approximate):

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

CARELESS OR BRILLIANT?

By John Cunningham

Filling in at the Cavendish, I relax after dumping partner into three no trump with:

♠ A 10 9
♥ A Q 9 6 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ 10 8

♠ K Q 5
♥ J 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ Q J 7 3 2

Our auction had been:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The opening queen of diamonds is ducked, and is followed by the jack. Suppose you, as partner did, decide to play on hearts rather than clubs. No quibbling. (*Oh? It is not so clear as that. Those club spots are enticing. — Ed.*) So you win in hand and advance the heart jack, covered and won by the ace.

What now? Persisting, you reenter hand with the spade king, then lose the finesse of the heart nine. Diamond back? Well, no. That's good news. A club to the king, instead. Now a club return, RHO hesitating, then playing small,

leaving the ace and nine outstanding with you to play. These cards remain:

♠ A 10
♥ Q 6 2
♦ K
♣ (10)

♠ Q 5
♥ —
♦ 8
♣ Q J 7 3

Notice that if the hearts split you have all of the remaining tricks (the heart eight has not appeared, of course, and you have a tenace against the eight.) You should assume that the opponents know this. There was once a comment by Terence Reese in contemplating an opponent's discard that set up a possible squeeze against partner: "That player was neither careless nor brilliant enough to do that."

I think such thinking applies here. We can rely on hearts not splitting. Since LHO demonstrably has five diamonds, there appears to be no need to risk overtaking the club. Play the king of diamonds. RHO must retain the club ace and his two hearts, thus is stripped of his possible (but unlikely, given the club switch) long spade or, failing that, his fourth club, the nine. On the diamond king, the nine of clubs appears from East and then the ace and queen of spades see him follow to both. He must have two hearts and the club ace remaining. So, then a club.

This was the full deal:

♠ A 10 9
♥ A Q 9 6 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ 10 8

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ K 4
♦ Q J 10 4 3
♣ K 6

♠ J 7 4
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A 9 5 4

♠ K Q 5
♥ J 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ Q J 7 3 2

Back to Reese. Who would have ducked the club when the hearts were coming down? Hands up! Don't shoot!

THE ABTA MASTER POINT PRESS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Not every bridge teacher has authored a bestseller, written a newspaper column, or become well-known enough to receive an entry in the Encyclopedia of Bridge.

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Correspondence



When It’s Fun to Lose By Terry Bradley

We all play to win – or at least we play to get the maximum result from a hand. But there are occasions when you get the most out of a hand and the traveler reveals outrageous scores that result in an average minus. You can’t control that.

Another part of the enjoyment of the game is the competition – sometimes friendly and also occasionally not so friendly. When it is friendly and you get fixed, it can still be fun.

The regular match point game on Wednesday evenings at John Rayner’s club is highly competitive with some seriously advanced players. Flight B is under 1500 MP’s. Toward the end of a nondescript game, we are joined at the table by the pleasant pairing of Nancy Strachan and Jackie Syer – a couple of pretty good fellow B-flighters.

Pleasantries are exchanged and Partner opens with a standard INT. My flat assortment of quacks totaling 9 points is worth an invitation – so 2NT. Into the tank goes Bob and before he could emerge, Jackie (who would be on lead) says, “The Lord hates a coward”.

“Sounds like somebody with a running suit to lead”, I said. Inappropriate comments by both of us if this were the Bermuda Bowl, but just a fun kibitz in this environment.

Bob is an old poker player and has called many a bluff in his time. The 3NT card hits the table and all pass. As advertised, Jackie reeled off the first five tricks with her running spade suit as all four of us interrupted play at the other tables with our uncontrollable laughter.

We had been fixed, but it was a fun fix - a good memory from a 52% night.

Hi John,

Thought you might enjoy this story. It's true. I was there. Names have been omitted to protect the innocent. Feel free to use it if you think it is appropriate.

The Bridge Centre of Niagara has a Saturday night social once a month. A light meal precedes the game. Members are encouraged to bring their spouses or friends who do not play regularly but do know the fundamentals of the game. It's what could be called a “relaxed rules” game.

Recently, one such couple was playing East-West against one of the club's more experienced pairs. West opened two diamonds (weak), East responded two no trump (forcing) and West (the inexperienced spouse) passed! The experienced North player could tell that East was upset by her body language and so in keeping with the spirit of the evening, she said that West

could take back his pass and bid whatever he liked. He chose three no trump, which ended the auction. East then proceeded to go down one! North-South got a top! North said she felt terrible but the score stood. Of course she took a bit of a razzing from fellow members about “that's one way to get a top”.

Regards, Jerry Smee

Hi all,

Just wanted to mention how much I enjoyed the Labour Day sectional at Hart House. Carol Bongard is to be commended on the great job she did acquiring Hart House and running an outstanding tournament.

I for one, will be very upset if this tournament is moved to the airport. I live in downtown Toronto and a west end location is impossible for me to get to. I have always supported Canadian Bridge and I think it is time that the leadership considered those people who live either east of the city or in the city itself.

Sincerely, Sharon Berghaus

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Sunday A/X Swiss Teams - Larry Woods - Moira Hollingsworth, Waterloo ON; David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON.

Sun Parlour Sectional Windsor, ON

August 14-16, 2009

Friday Aft Open Pairs - Gary Robertson, Blenheim ON; Lee Easterbrook, Chatham ON. **Friday Aft 299'er Pairs** - James Phillips, Troy MI; Gretchen Dietz, Oakland MI. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Gary Robertson, Blenheim ON; Lee Easterbrook, Chatham ON. **Saturday Aft Open Pairs** - Kathryn Maccoll, CD; David Boley, Windsor ON. **Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs** - Eleanor Smith - Dorothy Faulkner, Windsor ON. **Saturday Compact KOs** - Phil St. Pierre - Jean Lin - Meena Gugneja - Ranbir Gugneja, Windsor ON. **Saturday Eve Open Pairs** - Jack Jessop, Windsor ON; Martin Miller, Rochester NY. **Sunday AM 299'er Teams** - Morley Craig - Barbara Craig - Gerard Quenneville - Marian Quenneville, Windsor ON. **Sunday Aft 299'er Teams** - Peter Krailo - Thomas Pettit - John Boekhoud - C Allan Chapple, Chatham ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Martin Miller, Rochester NY; Jack Jessop, Windsor ON; Lee Easterbrook, Chatham ON; Gary Robertson, Blenheim ON

Niagara 299^{er} Sectional St. Catharines, ON August 15-16, 2009

SAT MORN 299ER PAIRS - Somer Rumm - Celia Rumm, Toronto ON. **SAT MORN 49ER PAIRS** - Mary Lee Nadeau, Oakville ON; Donna Viviani, Mississauga ON. **SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS** - Robert Saptel - Alba Saptel, Ajax ON. **SAT AFT 49ER PAIRS** - Marion Brown - David Brown, Toronto ON. **Sunday Morn 299er Teams** - Darleen Macmillan - Eileen Matheson,

Mississauga ON; Sharon Richardson - Ann Wilkinson, Oakville ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Teams** - Betty Lemon - Erica Gilbert - Patricia Higginbottom, Toronto ON; Marilyn Ankenmann, Scarborough ON.

Cambrian Shield Regional Sudbury, ON

August 17-23, 2009

Tues Aft/Mardi PM 299ers - Frances Dew - Denise Dykeman, Sudbury ON.

Mardi / Tuesday - Rodney Wilton, Port Carling ON; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON.

Women's Prs - Wendy Champaign - Celia Frederick, North Bay ON. **Mardi Soir** -

Tues Eve 299 - Frank Peirce, North Bay ON; Marie Gonnella, Sturgeon Falls ON.

Suisse - Swiss - Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Gary Whiteman, London ON;

William Koski, King City ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON. **Thursday Aft**

299ers - Nicole Theriault - Marc Theriault, Orleans ON. **Flight A Pairs** -

Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON; Marc Langevin, North Bay ON. **Flight B/C**

Pairs - Jennifer O'Hara - Ulysse Desmarais, Sudbury ON. **Thursday Eve 299ers** -

Ed Seguin, Sarnia ON; Richard Malette, Sudbury ON. **Friday Aft 299ers** -

Frank Peirce - George Franko, North Bay ON. **Thursday Eve 299ers** -

Ed Seguin, Sarnia ON; Richard Malette, Sudbury ON. **Friday Aft 299ers** -

Frank Peirce - George Franko, North Bay ON. **Vendredi** -

Friday Pairs - Robert Hanly, Ajax ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON. **Friday Eve**

299ers - Edgar Peek, Sudbury ON; Alison Peek. **Stratified Swiss** -

Art Pezzutto - David J Chiasson - Liz Kristiansen - Gunnar Kristiansen, Sault Ste Marie ON.

Compact KO A - Lloyd Harris - Dennis Stobo, Sudbury ON; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON; Roman Klein, Oakville ON.

Compact KO B - Michel Malette - Armand Malette - Normand Malette,

Sudbury ON; Gerry Malette, Edmundston NB. **Bracketed KO I - A** -

William Koski, King City ON; Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Gary Whiteman, London ON;

William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Marc Langevin, North Bay ON; Brian Thomas,

Tilden Lake ON. **Bracketed KO I - B** - Sylvia Gainer - Monique Grenier -

Charles Crispin - Sally Lamothe, Sudbury ON. **Bracketed KO I - C** -

Michael Beauchamp - Lynn Beauchamp - Ron Edwards - Roy Osberg, North Bay ON.

Saturday Aft 299ers - Carrie Bell, Callander ON; Carol Valin, North Bay ON. **Bracketed KO II - A** -

Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Michael Cafferata,

Scarborough ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON. **Bracketed KO II - B** -

Dan Bouillon, Copper Cliff ON; Marie Church - Ulysse Desmarais - Jennifer

O'Hara, Sudbury ON. **Bracketed KO II - C** - John O'Brien - Philip Smith,

Peterborough ON; Melanie Robinson, Keene ON; Martin Bacigalupo, Omeme

ON. **Flight A Pairs** - Robert Hanly, Ajax ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON. **Flight**

B/C Pairs - Wayne Lucas - Colleen Ward-Lucas, Peterborough ON. **Saturday Eve**

299ers - Patrick Coulombe - Clermont Pageau, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Stratified**

Swiss - Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; William Koski, King City ON; Marc

Langevin, North Bay ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia

ON; Gary Whiteman, London ON. **299er Swiss** - Charles Turcotte - Patrick

Coulombe - Jacques Lemire - Clermont Pageau, Rouyn-Noranda QC.

Bridge by the Bay Sectional Owen Sound, ON

August 28-30, 2009

Friday Aft Open Pairs - David Deaves, Ripley ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON.

Friday Aft 299'er Pairs - Barbara Peters - Sandy Goodwin, Collingwood ON.

Friday Eve Open Pairs - Dwight Bender

- Gary Whiteman, London ON. **Saturday Morn 299'er Prs** - Elizabeth Basciano - Peter Basciano, Oakville ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Wendy Dooley, Mississauga ON; Don Brock, Brampton ON. **Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs** - Rosemary Schmidt, Kitchener ON; Kathy Deacon, Warton ON. **Sunday Morn 299'er Swiss** - Arlene Wright - Roma Taylor - Georgina McKelvie - Verla Forbes, Owen Sound ON. **Sunday Aft 299'er Swiss** - Patricia Bell, Paisley ON; Virginia Bailey, Port Elgin ON; Barbara Witmer, Owen Sound ON; Lynn Janssen, Lions Head ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Gary Whiteman - Dwight Bender, London ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON

Labour Day Sectional Toronto, ON September 5-7, 2009

Saturday Afternoon 99ers - David Longstaff, Waterloo ON; Mircea Giurgeu, Petersburg ON. **Saturday Afternoon Opens** - Carol Gruss - Michael Kay, Thornhill ON. **Saturday Evening Opens** - David Lindop - Audrey Lindop, Toronto ON. **Sunday Afternoon 199'ers** - Irene Devine - Ingrid Megow, Toronto ON. **Flight A/X Imp Pairs** - Richard Chan, Markham ON; Bing Le, North York ON. **Flight B/C Pairs** - Clay Dahl, Etobicoke ON; Rick Jenkins, Toronto ON. **Bracketed KO's - Bkt ONE** - Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Keith Balcombe, Oshawa ON; Ross Taylor, Aurora ON. **Bracketed KO's - Bkt TWO** - Cyrinda Forth - Wayne Lucas - Colleen Ward-Lucas - John O'Brien, Peterborough ON. **A/X Monday Swiss Teams** - Mark Dunsiger - Barbara Shnier - Mark Liberman, Toronto ON; Steven Unger, Thornhill ON. **B/C Monday Swiss Teams** - Jeff Luo - Melissa Luo - Li Zhang Yang, North York ON; Zhiming Wang, Toronto ON. **299er**

AM Swiss Teams - Abdulhak Bulbulia, Thornhill ON; Emile Macedo, Markham ON; Michael Miranda - Mel Rebello, Toronto ON. **299er PM Swiss Teams** - Ray Aggarwal - Arvin Luthra, Richmond Hill ON; Selva Bastian, Scarborough ON; Rajaratnam Sinnadurai, Markham ON.

59th Jumbo Sectional St. Thomas, ON September 12-13, 2009

Saturday Morn Open Pairs - David Baker - Fran Chivers, Kitchener ON. **Saturday Morn 299er Pairs** - Michel Poliquin, Corunna ON; Stephen Massicotte, Sarnia ON. **Saturday KO - Bracket 1** - Carol Schmidt - Karl Schmidt, Grand Bend ON; Tom Rajnovich - Richard Papineau, Goderich ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Don McNiven, Fergus ON; Ron Reynolds, Mount Forest ON. **Saturday Aft Open Pairs** - B Hooyer, Brantford ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Bill Anderson - Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON; John Arblastar, Niagara-Lk ON; Barry Onslow, London ON

Innisfil Regional Barrie, ON September 15-20, 2009

Tuesday Afternoon 299ers - Rod Macleod, Burlington ON; Tom Cowles, Dundas ON. **Bracketed KO I - A** - Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; Michael Kenny, Richmond Hill ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Ross Taylor, Aurora ON. **Bracketed KO I - B** - Harold Dietrich, Etobicoke ON; Ulysse Desmarais, Sudbury ON; Peter Deluca, Woodbridge ON; Robert Lamothe, New Liskeard ON. **Bracketed KO I - C** - Stephen Wells, Brantford ON; Rodger Haynes, St George Brant ON; Mervyn McCormick, Alliston ON; Paul Crossland, Shanty Bay ON. **Bracketed KO I - D** -

John Higgins - Donna Higgins, Erin ON; Grant Weston, New Lowell ON; Richard Garlick, Alliston ON. **Bracketed KO I - E** - Greg Coles, Victoria-Hbr ON; Anna Jansen, Midland ON; Paul Gillis, Oakville ON; Peter Moore, Hamilton ON. **Bracketed KO I - F** - John Waddington, Foxboro ON; M Juliette Drennan, London ON; Marjorie Clark - John Clark, Toronto ON. **Tuesday Evening Open** - John Lightfoot, Southampton ON; Bob Armstrong, Owen Sound ON. **Tuesday Evening 299ers** - E Jean Goldsworthy, Southampton ON; Patricia Bell, Paisley ON. **Tuesday Evening Swiss** - Rob Avery, Barrie ON; George Knight, Victoria Hbr ON; Harold Baba, Ajax ON; Amir Farsoud, Toronto ON. **Wednesday Open Pairs** - Richard Chan, Markham ON; Bing Le, North York ON. **Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams** - Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; William Koski, King City ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON. **Thursday Aft 299ers** - Judith Weaver, Goderich ON; Mary Hogarth, Gravenhurst ON. **Bracketed KO III - A** - Dwight Bender - Gary Whiteman, London ON; Dave Swarhout, Newberry MI; James Priebe, Mississauga ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; Stephen Mackay, Markham ON. **Bracketed KO III - B** - Nancy Mulhall, Oakville ON; Kay Thacker, Mississauga ON; Murray Shapcott - Nettie Ferrell, Burlington ON. **Bracketed KO III - C** - Rodger Haynes, St George Brant ON; Paul Crossland, Shanty Bay ON; Stephen Wells, Brantford ON; Leonard Dale, Barrie ON. **Bracketed KO III - D** - Vernon Beacock - Mary Anderson, Elmvale ON; Hazel Hewitt - Diane Herniman, St Marys ON. **Bracketed KO III - E** - David Hubert - Susan Hubert, Mississauga ON; Dennis Galange - Susanne Galange, Oakville ON. **Thursday Swiss Teams** - John Moser, St Agatha ON; B Hooyer, Brantford ON;

Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON. **Thurs/Fri Swiss** - Stephen Mackay, Markham ON; James Priebe, Mississauga ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON. **Friday Aft 299'er Pairs** - Laverne Foell, Huntsville ON; Tom Carr, Trenton ON. **Friday Stratified Pairs** - Randy Breuer, Sarnia ON; Camilla Humphrey, Augusta GA. **Friday Eve 299er's** - Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON; Andy Bishop, Orillia ON. **Friday Eve Swiss Teams** - Ernst Lambertsen - Jack Kilby - Jim Coote, Orillia ON; Danny Shamehorn, Washago ON. **Wed/Sat AM KO's** - William Koski, King City ON; Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Rob Avery, Barrie ON; George Knight, Victoria Hbr ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON. **Fri/Sat Compact KO** - Margaret Cann, Sydney NS; S Joan Dixon, Toronto ON; Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON; Ruth Moore, Midland ON. **Thursday 299er Pairs** - Helen Perry, Hawkestone ON; Andy Bishop, Orillia ON & Joan Gass - Anne Stevens, Toronto ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Bonnie Hugill, Burlington ON; Morag Horsman, Ancaster ON. **Compact KO II - A** - John Gell, Toronto ON; Doreen Bernhardt, Orillia ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON; Colin Lafferty, Barrie ON. **Compact KO II - B** - Claude Dussault - Trudy Dussault, Sudbury ON; Clement Bourgeois - Bryce Johnston, Barrie ON. **Compact KO II - C** - Mary Walker, Newmarket ON; Terri Mackinnon, Cobourg ON; Anna Gray - Bruce Bowden, Colborne ON. **Bracketed KO IV - A** - Ross Taylor, Aurora ON; Keith Balcombe, Oshawa ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON. **Bracketed KO IV - B** - Ian Coats, Ajax ON; Jim Colvin, Schomberg ON; Kenneth Marden, Oshawa ON; David Hutton, Courtice ON. **Bracketed KO IV - C** - Murray Shapcott, Burlington ON;

Hugh Clark, Dundas ON; Harry Greening, Oakville ON; Sandra Ivison, Collingwood ON. **Bracketed KO IV - D** - Ken Collins - Jim Bedley, Richmond Hill ON; Jill Thompson - Leonard Wells, Toronto ON. **Sat Flighted Pairs A/X** - Bonny Norris - Detlef Ladewig, Toronto ON. **Sat Eve Swiss Teams** - David Eddy - Pam Husband - Malgorzata Lukasiak - Henryk Nowak, Mississauga ON. **Flighted B/C/D Sat Pairs** - Ernst Lambertsen - Jim Coote, Orillia ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - Lino D'Souza, Burlington ON; Terrence Rego, Mississauga ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Robert Hanly, Ajax ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams** - Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON; Erika Hajek-Bolton - Bruce Roberts, Guelph ON

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NABC Fast Pairs - 4th - Daniel Korbel, Jonathan Steinberg



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City of Toronto

Sectional

January 1-3, 2010

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel



Friday, January 1

Compact Knockouts (2 sessions) 1 & 7 pm
Open Pairs (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Speaker's Corner - TBA 12 pm
0-5 Newcomers FREE! 1 pm
0-50 Pairs (If numbers warrant) 1 & 7 pm
0-299er Pairs (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Saturday, January 2

KO Teams (3 sessions) 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Stratflighted A/X Pairs (2 sessions) 1 & 7 pm
B/C/D Pairs (2 sessions) 1 & 7 pm
Side Games (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Speaker's Corner - John Rayner 12 pm
0-5 Newcomers FREE! 1 pm
0-50 Pairs (If numbers warrant) 1 & 7 pm
0-299er Pairs (Single sessions) 1 & 7 pm

Sunday, January 3

Open Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

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

Please note that all Intermediate & Newcomer games are single sessions, with the exception of Knockouts

**Unit 166
Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 2 - 12:00 pm**

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Session Fees:

ACBL Members \$12.00
\$2.00 surcharge for non- and
lapsed ACBL members

Flighting:

Stratflighted 2-session events

X=0-3000; A=3000+
D=0-500; C=500-1000;
B=1000-1500

Stratified 1-session events,

C=0-750; B=750-1500;
A=1500+

0-299er Games = TBA

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80th Western Ontario Bridge Tournament London, Ontario

Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd. West

January 22, 23 and 24, 2010

Friday, January 22, 1:00 PM

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

Friday, January 22, 7:00 PM

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

Saturday, January 23, 11:00 AM

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)
Strat A: 1000+, Strat X: 0-2000
Strat B: 300-1000 Strat. C: 0-300

Novice Pairs: 0-199
(Single Session)

Saturday, January 23, TBA

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)
Novice Pairs: 0-199 (1 Session)

Light meal between sessions
Entry fee includes meal

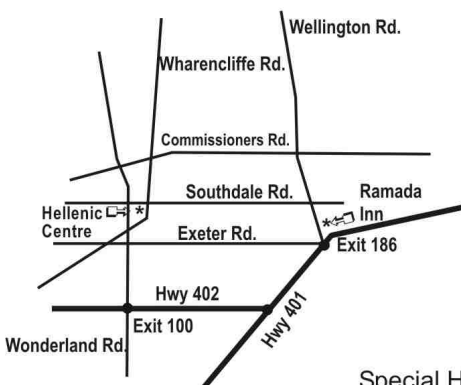
Free Snacks Friday and Saturday Nights

Sunday, January 24, 11:00AM

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
Strat A: 1000+ Strat X: 0-2000
Strat B: 300-1000 Strat C: 0-300
199ers Swiss (if attendance warrants)

Coffee and doughnuts
before game time.
A light meal will be served
between sessions.
Team entry includes meal.

All events will be stratified based on the
average masterpoint holding of the partnership.



Directions:
...from Toronto
Hwy 401 to London
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Go West on Exeter Rd to
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or
...from Sarnia
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- ♥ Pre-game talks by Paul Thurston prior to Friday and Saturday afternoon games
- ♥ 2009 attendance averaged over 40 tables per session - lots of silver points for Open as well as separate 199er Pair and Team games
- ♥ See www.bridgekingston.com for schedule or email bridgekingston@sympatico.ca or call 1-866-466-2336 for flyer, partners, info.

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e-mail: contact@ambassadorhotel.com Reserve early - hotel usually sells out for this tournament.

- New bracketed knockout events begin daily Tuesday through Sunday
- 3 separate Side Games Series: mornings, afternoons, and evenings
- 2-session Open Pair games daily - larger awards for some pair games which are scored overall with Chicoutimi, PQ
- Novice/Intermediate games (under 300 points) every afternoon and evening preceded by celebrity speaker Paul Thurston 40 minutes prior to aft. and eve. sessions - Tues-Sun
- Single-session Swiss Teams Wednesday through Saturday evenings
- Grand National Teams District 1 Finals - Super, A, B, C flights
- Unsurpassed hospitality - every day / every evening except final Monday
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56th NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Niagara District Bridge Association

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 5-7, 2010

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

(All Single Sessions Today)

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



Memories of Friendly Fred Hospitality following Fri & Sat eve games.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

299 ^{er} Swiss Teams	10:30 am
Swiss Teams	10:30 am

NOTE NEW STARTING TIME

- * Bracketed & split by average master points of each team
- * 7 Rounds of 7 Boards
- * 30 minute break after 3rd round.

- * **Free Parking**
- * **Daily Door Prizes**
- * **Overall, Flight Top, & Section Top Prizes**
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NOTE: From Toronto please do not turn off at any other Ontario St.

There are **several** Ontario Streets west of St. Catharines.

28th OSHAWA & DISTRICT SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL

OSHAWA

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2010



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

Please note the early start time

Food available on-site for purchase

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

Flights: A=3000+ X=0-3000

B= 0-1500 C= 0-750 D= 0-300

**Onsite break with food provided
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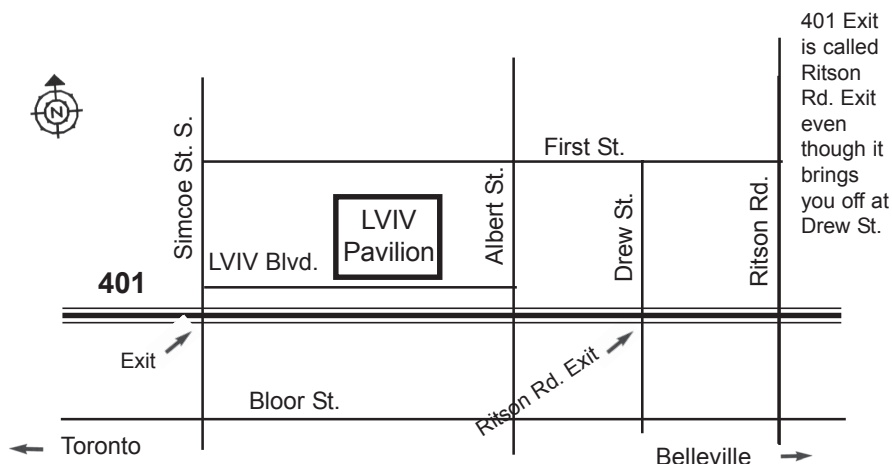
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Partnerships:

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**No smoking permitted in
the playing area**



29th Annual Kempenfelt Friendship Day

Saturday February 20, 2010 – 11:00am

Presented by

Barrie Bridge Association, Unit 246

Silver Point Swiss Teams

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

Entry fee: \$100 per team (includes lunch
between sessions, morning coffee, tea, muffins)

Tournament Manager: Marc Fournier

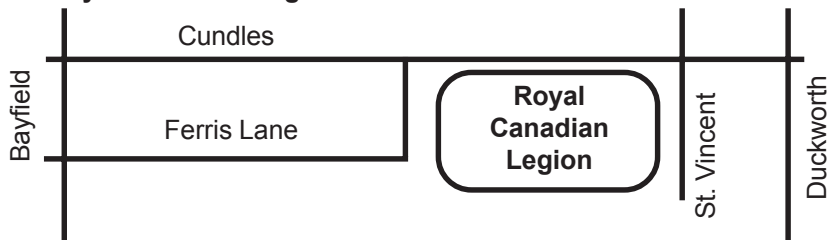
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February 26, 27 and 28, 2010

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

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

99er game where numbers warrant

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

1:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

7:00 P.M. Strat Pairs

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

99er game where numbers warrant

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

10:00 A.M. Stratified Swiss Teams

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

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

EVERY DAY

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Coming Events

CNTC Qualifiers

All are 1 session, stratified, and start at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday afternoon, October 11

Sunday afternoon, November 15

Sunday afternoon, December 13

Sunday afternoon, December 27

COPC Qualifiers

Saturday afternoon, October 31

Thursday evening, November 19

Thursday evening, December 17

Saturday afternoon, December 26

Joannie Freedman Memorial Day

Friday afternoon, October 30

Lunch, prizes and extra masterpoints

Please reserve

Christmas / Hanukkah Party

On Sunday, Dec. 20. Lunch at 11:30 and bridge to follow

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Nov 26-6 Fall NABC, San Diego, CA

DECEMBER

No listings

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Canada
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Championships, Markham

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