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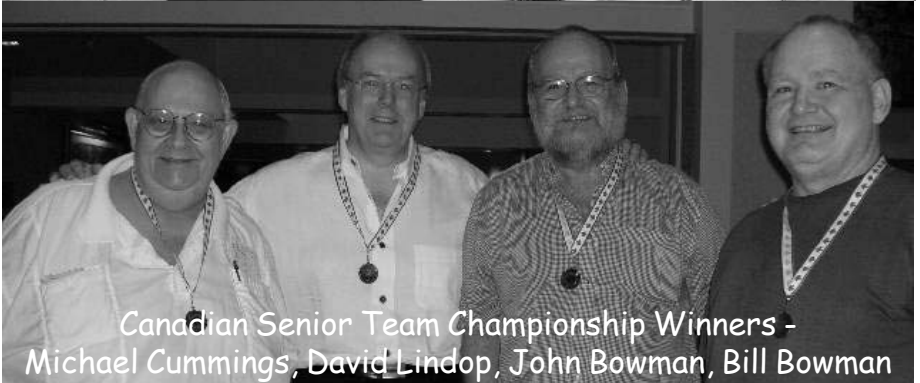
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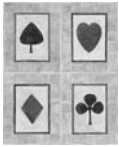
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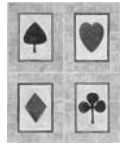
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### Editor's Note:

Congratulations to John Rayner, deserving winner of the 2005 Kate Buckman Award. Rayner was presented the award at the Toronto Labour Day Sectional. Rayner is a rarity among bridge professionals: a bridge club owner/manager, a selfless promoter for the game, and a pretty fine player.

By the time you read this, our Open, Women's and Senior international teams will be in Portugal, hopefully still battling for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl. They are on our front cover. We wish them luck.

The Canadian Junior Bridge Team Trials were held in Toronto over the Labour Day weekend. A mostly Toronto-area foursome of Gavin Wolpert-David Grainger and Daniel Lavee-Vincent Demuy defeated a cross-country quartet of Dan Korbel-Susan Korbel and Samantha Nystrom-Erin Anderson for the title. The winning foursome will form the backbone of Canada's Junior Team for the World Championship next year.

Kudos also to Marilyn Kalbfleisch, honoured by the American Bridge Teachers Association a Master Teacher and to Nader Hanna, winner of the NABC Open Pairs in Atlanta.

### John Carruthers, Editor

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# ONTARIO UNIT NO. 166 NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Five Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years and nominations are invited for these positions. Nominees must be members of Unit 166.

The election will be held from Thursday 13 April 2006 through Saturday 15 April 2006 at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional.

Nomination forms must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee, and **must** be received by the **Unit 166 Secretary by 22 March 2006**.

The Spring issue of The Kibitzer will publish a picture and short resume (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information, together with their nomination form, to the **Unit Secretary by 15 December 2005**.

The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer.

The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional from 11:50 to 12:50, 1:50 to 2:50 and 5:50 to 6:50 on the three election days.

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- a) Receiving the statement of financial position and the statement of income and expense and net assets for the fiscal year ending 31 August, 2005 and the report of the Auditor thereon;
- b) Appointing an Auditor;
- c) Receiving the report of the Directors; and
- d) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I. Warner, Secretary

### Hanna, Kamel Win Wernher Open Pairs in Atlanta NABC



*Nagy Kamel and Nader Hanna*

Nader Hanna and Nagy Kamel posted two strong results in the last round of the Wernher Open Pairs, boosting them from fourth to first by the narrow margin of .45 match points. It was the first NABC victory for Hanna, a consulting company executive from the Toronto

area, and the second for Kamel, an engineer from Texas.

Hanna and Kamel, playing together for only the second time, narrowly edged out Sam Marks of Atlanta and Emory Whitaker of Macon, GA. Their victory became official, however, only after a post-event roller-coaster ride of appeals (in which the top two pairs were not involved) and score corrections.

More than 200 pairs entered the Wernher, a nationally rated two-day contest with two qualifying and two final sessions. Hanna and Kamel, who were 15th after the qualifying round and 11th after the first final session, outscored the 104-pair field in the final with a score of 1671.98. Marks and Whitaker were second with 1671.53.

Hanna's wife, Joan Eaton, came second in the Women's Knockout Teams event.





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**GNP:** "B" and "C" finals: February 4, 2006  
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**CWTC:** Saturday, November 19, 2005, 10:30 am, North Bay  
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**Sudbury Sectional:** February 24-26, 2006  
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**March 25, 2006** at 11am

**Unit Championship Pairs Game**

At the Bridge Fokes

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# System Matters

John Cunningham

Most bridge articles start with an idea. The problem quickly devolves into how to turn the idea into a story, and then, when the story-line has been firmed up, how to express it. The simple model, and still perhaps the best, is that of Terence Reese, whose conversations are where I learned bridge. They were interactive, before the proliferation of computers. Other writers with something to say and styles to emulate were Marshall Miles, Mike Lawrence, and Eddie Kantar, all contemporaries, friends, partners and teammates of one another from California.

I think the way to go is to share the delight and be self-effacing, like Reese was, at least in print, obscure the egomania and be entertaining. Witness.

“Six diamonds looks like a pretty good contract; how could we have bid it?” That’s how Martin Hoffman, another favourite, would start this story.

I had been playing a 15-17 no trump with an ancient, simple, undefined Jacoby Transfer and Minor Suit Stayman structure with a formerly-competent partner returning to the game after a ten-year hiatus (oh, my hernia!), who had held the North hand:

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

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

He had punted six no trump after Gerber had disclosed two aces in my hand. Not pretty. Perhaps we might have bumbled

along after trying two spades, but the essential aspects, the diamond fit and the ruffing value, would have been difficult to discern in our methods.

The spade ten was led. How should I play?

There would be twelve tricks if the spades split (or if my LHO had ten-eight doubleton), but it seemed from the lead that RHO would have spade length. The possibility of a deceptive ten lead from jack-ten-eight was too horrible to contemplate.

Running diamonds immediately would apply pressure, but to declarer’s hand foremost. It looked like I should duck something to rectify the count. A club? Since I had no spots, it seemed very likely that a club would be returned, hampering my transportation. I’d still need RHO to have the club length (or king-queen of hearts) and the presumed spade length in order to squeeze him.

If, instead of continuing clubs, they pushed a heart through the ace, I’d have to consider the double squeeze, perhaps deciding what to play for on the basis of the to-be-discovered diamond length.

Alternatively, I could win the spade ace and immediately continue with the nine, forcing RHO to cover with his presumed jack-eight combination, then duck a club. Tired yet?

Suppose I ducked a heart instead? That would preserve the club transportation, for one thing. Another is the lovely heart combination. Suppose I led the heart jack: if RHO covered, it would probably be from king-queen. I could duck, then try for a major-suit squeeze. What about ace of spades, jack of hearts (queen, ace), test spades, then lead to the heart ten (paying off to both heart honours on the right AND the jack-ten-eight third or fourth of spades on the left.

If, instead, as seemed more likely, RHO follows with a low heart on the jack and RHO wins, we could play for a major-suit squeeze by running the minors. Or we could guess that LHO has both heart honours: running the majors, then diamonds would mature a young club to trick twelve. Yuck! Victor Mollo would consign Partner to the depths of some unmentionable place.

What did work? Have a look.

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

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

As the cards lay, playing for split heart honours would work, and perhaps that is what should be played for. Given the dangerous spade lead (perhaps trying to be passive) made by West, he likely had unpalatable holdings to lead from in the other suits as well.

For all that, to paraphrase Terence Reese, six diamonds is an easier way to make a living.

Asking around after the game, I learned that the established local partnership of Tom Buttle and Adrienne Marriott had breezed to the diamond slam with a more-modern structure:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 NT
Pass	2 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3 ♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	4 ♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5 ♣ <sup>4</sup>
Pass	6 ♦ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Transfer to diamonds
2. I like diamonds
3. Excellent! In that case, how many key cards do you have?
4. Two key cards with the queen of diamonds
5. Thanks, that's just what I wanted to hear

Six diamonds presented little difficulty, and they scored deservedly well. Most pairs rested in no trump at various levels.

Caveman bidding generates more interesting contracts, however. I know.

## Turning the Tide

### Paul Thurston

We were getting beaten pretty badly in a knockout match recently when this deal occurred. Treat it as a declarer play problem and see if you can turn the tide.

**Dealer East. NS Vul.**

♠ A 10 7 6 4  
 ♥ K J 6 3 2  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ 10 6 2

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

West	North	East	South
Nader	Rick	Robert	Paul
Hanna	Delogu	Lebi	Thurston
—	—	1 ♦	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Double	Redble
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Plan the play on the queen of spades lead; be specific and deal with the alternatives. If you lead a trump at any point, the

honour you play from either hand will hold the trick. (Solution on page 32.)

## Getting Out of the Ruff (Looking for Ruffs...and Looking Out for Overruffs)

**David Lindop**

(Continuing the series for newer players. Reprinted and abridged from *Better Bridge with permission of the publisher, Audrey Grant.*)

One advantage of playing in a trump suit is that we can look for opportunities to ruff (trump) losers in dummy. We look for a side suit (a suit other than trump) where there are more cards in our hand than in dummy. For example, suppose hearts are trump and a side suit of diamonds looks like this:

**Dummy**

♥ 10 8 7

♦ 4

**Declarer**

♥ A K Q J 9

♦ A 3 2

If we simply took our winners, there would be six tricks...and two losers in diamonds. We can do better by taking both the diamond ace and ruffing a diamond in dummy. We can come back to our hand with a trump to lead the last diamond and ruff it in dummy. Now there are eight tricks...and no losers. Ruffing the losers in dummy gains two tricks.

What if the layout were like this?

**Dummy**

♥ 10 8 7

♦ A 3 2

**Declarer**

♥ A K Q J 9

♦ 4

Nothing is gained by ruffing diamonds in our hand – the same six tricks are available to us. The basic principle is that a trick is gained when we ruff in the hand with the fewer trumps. This is usually, but not always, dummy. If declarer doesn't hold the majority of trumps, we may want to ruff losers in declarer's hand:

**Dummy**

♥ A 10 8 7

♦ A 3 2

**Declarer**

♥ K Q J 9

♦ 4

There are five sure tricks. If two diamonds are ruffed in declarer's hand, we finish with seven tricks. This type of play is called a dummy reversal, since the usual practice of ruffing losers in dummy is reversed.

Let's return to the more common situation of ruffing losers in dummy and address other considerations such as keeping enough trumps in dummy to ruff our losers while avoiding having our winners ruffed and entries back and forth between the two hands. Let's see how these considerations come into play on the following deal. The contract is four hearts and West leads the ten of clubs.

♠ J 8 6 4 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ Q 6 5

♠ Q 7

♥ J 7

♦ Q 10 9 7 6 3

♣ 10 9 8

♠ K 10 9 5

♥ 10 9

♦ J 8

♣ A K J 3 2

♠ A 3

♥ A K Q 5 4 2

♦ A 4 2

♣ 7 4

East wins the first two club tricks and leads a third round which we ruff. With a

sure loser in spades, something must be done about the diamond loser. The best plan is to ruff it in dummy. Should trumps be drawn first? Only one heart is needed to ruff the diamond in dummy, so there's no harm in drawing two rounds of trumps first. On this hand that draws all the defenders' trumps since the missing hearts are divided two-two.

Notice what happens on this deal if trumps aren't drawn first. East would be able to overruff the third round of diamonds, and with a spade to lose, we'd be down one.

What if the opposing trump division had been less friendly? If they'd been 4-0, we'd be in trouble, since we'd have to lose a trump trick in addition to the other three losers. If they'd been 3-1, we'd have had to hope that the player with three trumps had at least three diamonds, allowing us to ruff our diamond loser safely.

Here's a more challenging deal. The contract is again four hearts and again West leads the ten of clubs.

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

East wins two clubs and plays another, which we ruff. Again with a certain spade loser, we cannot afford to lose a diamond. There's some chance the diamonds will divide 3-3 or that an opponent with four will discard one. There's a better chance, however, and that is to ruff the fourth diamond in the dummy. We must draw

precisely two rounds of trump, leaving one trump outstanding, and then play diamonds.

If the diamonds divide 3-3, the remaining trump can be drawn and we have the thirteenth diamond to take. If the diamonds don't divide 3-3, we'll need the defender with the outstanding trump to have the length in diamonds as well...as on the actual deal.

What if the diamonds don't divide 3-3 and the player with the outstanding trump ruffs one of our winners? Too bad. We can be consoled by the knowledge that the contract could never be legitimately made.

Here's another variation. Same contract, same lead.

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

East wins the first two clubs and plays a third round which we ruff. We must be careful to ruff with a high trump, not the four, which would allow West to overruff, and down we'd go.

The deal is not yet over. Assuming South ruffs high and West discards, declarer still needs to get rid of the losing diamond, so only two rounds of trumps can be drawn. Declarer must be careful to start drawing trumps with two high ones from hand, leaving the heart king in dummy. Then, leaving one trump outstanding, declarer must switch to diamonds and

ruff the loser with dummy's king of hearts. Leaving a low trump in dummy instead of the king would result in an overruff.

After the diamond loser is ruffed, declarer crosses to hand with the ace of spades to draw that last remaining trump.

One last four heart contract: this time West leads the ace of clubs.

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

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

Declarer has a diamond and three clubs to lose. The initial plan is to ruff a club loser in dummy, but when West continues with the king of clubs, East discards a spade. West now leads the club jack. If declarer ruffs low, East can overruff; if declarer ruffs with the heart king, the defenders get a heart trick when hearts don't divide 2-2. What can be done?

The solution is not to ruff at all! Instead, a diamond is discarded from dummy on the third round of clubs, letting West win the trick. West can't do any further harm by leading another club since declarer can now ruff in either hand. If West leads anything else, declarer can safely ruff a diamond loser in dummy. One loser is exchanged for another.

We'll finish with a challenging quiz deal on avoiding overruffs. (See *top of next column*.)

West opens three hearts, North doubles and South bids four spades. South hopes his long spades and good distribution will

make up for his lack of high card points. How does South make the contract after the king of hearts lead?

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

♠ —	♠ Q 4 3 2
♥ K Q J 10 7 4 2	♥ 8
♦ 8 6 3	♦ K Q 10 9
♣ J 9 3	♣ A Q 19 4
	♠ J 10 9 7 6 5
	♥ A 9 6 5
	♦ 4
	♣ 7 5

Declarer can afford to lose a trump trick and two club tricks, assuming the club ace is with East. He needs to ruff all three heart losers in the dummy to accomplish that. The danger is the East may overruff with the queen of spades and return a trump, foiling this plan. To prevent this, win the heart ace and ruff a heart loser with dummy's king of spades! East can't overruff that. Then play ace and another diamond, ruffing in hand. (Notice that the eight of spades in dummy means that all the spades in the South hand have equivalent value.) Now ruff another heart loser with the ace of spades and get back to your hand with another diamond ruff.

Only now are you ready to ruff your last heart loser with dummy's eight of spades. East can overruff if he wishes, but it's too late to do any damage. Your only losers are the queen of spades and two clubs.

## The Junior Junior

In the recent Canadian Junior Team trials in Toronto, Vincent Demuy as declarer could only laugh when Casper Macaulay, his twelve-year-old opponent led the ace of hearts against his three no trump contract. Vincent had a singleton king and his partner, Daniel Lavee, dummy, had a void! Seven down!



# Marilyn Kalbfleisch - Master Teacher



Marilyn Kalbfleisch of Orillia was awarded the title of ABTA Master Teacher at the American Bridge Teachers' Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in July. Marilyn met the professional requirements for this prestigious award and successfully completed the personal interview testing her bridge playing and teaching expertise. Well done, Marilyn!

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# The Rules

**Debbie Bennett**

Continuing the topic of 'RULES' from my previous article (see the Summer issue), we have the...

## 'RULE OF 22'

This is an extension of the 'RULE OF 20', to be used when deciding whether or not to open the bidding. Count the cards in your two longest suits and your HCP (as for the Rule of 20) and then make the following adjustments:

- add one for each quick trick
- subtract one for Qx or QJ doubleton
- subtract one for a 4=3=3=3 hand pattern.

Judgment is always factored in. Make adjustments for suit holdings, downgrading by half a point for broken suits and upgrading for suits holding supported honours. A suit of AJ109x is much superior to that of AJ754! Experience teaches players to realize the importance of tens and nines in the bidding and play, especially in no trump contracts, and particularly when the opponents 'break' a suit.

Distribution is also a factor to be considered. The more distribution you have, the more offensive your hand becomes. This is especially true when holding 'PRIME' or offensive cards (aces and kings) as opposed to 'SLOW' or defensive cards (queens and jacks) which build tricks for the defence and can be nuisance cards to a declarer when deciding on how to play a suit for the optimum number of tricks.

Last, check the vulnerability. You may use the total of 21 when you are at favorable (you are not vulnerable and the opponents are vulnerable).

## 'RULE OF 7-9-11'

This 'rule' may be applied when showing a two-suited hand such as a Michaels Cue Bid, Unusual No Trump, etc. Count HCP in your two suits, adding two for a six-card suit. An Ax or Kx in side suits can be counted, but again, use your judgment! With seven, enter the bidding when you are at favourable vulnerability. If neither you nor the opponents are vulnerable, wait for a total of nine. And if you are vulnerable, use the rule of eleven.

## 'RULE OF 9'

This 'rule' is used when deciding whether to convert partner's reopening takeout double into penalty. For example, partner opens the bidding one club, RHO overcalls two spades, you pass, LHO passes, and partner reopens with double. RHO (the overcaller) passes and it's up to you.

Count the number of cards you hold in the opponent's suit, add one for each card ranked 10 or higher in THAT SUIT ONLY, and finally, apply the level of the contract (one for the one level, two for the two level, and so on). If your total is nine or more, PASS.

Our example is: 1♣-2♠-PASS-PASS; DOUBLE-PASS-? to you, and you hold AJ10xx-xx-xxxx-xx. You have five cards in the opponent's suit, three cards ranked 10 or higher in that suit and the contract is at the two-level. Five plus three plus one equals nine. Try passing.

This hand is a bare minimum for the 'rule', but you probably have three tricks in your hand, and partner should have at two and a half for his opening. That converts to DOWN ONE! (All right, down a half, but Partner may actually have more.) This 'rule' is not 100%, nor is it for the faint at heart. It may cause

some anxiety at first, but if you are willing to risk this, it can be a lot of fun.

To summarize all of these 'rules' and those described in the previous article, the only rule that I know to work 100% of the time is the RULE OF 11. It may be applied without fail, *assuming the lead is actually 4<sup>th</sup> best*.

All of the other 'rules' are used as guidelines when deciding whether to open the bidding, overcall or defend. Utilize guidelines that both you and your partner are comfortable with. Again I repeat, **USE YOUR JUDGMENT**. If both players in a partnership tend to open the bidding with marginal hands, you may get caught speeding.

**HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK.**

## The Silver Fox Trophy, 2004-05

**Hamish MacGregor**

The Silver Fox Trophy is awarded annually by the Yarborough Club, which may be the longest continuously-running social bridge club of its kind in Ontario. The club had its first trophy winner in 1963-64. Though scattered, four of the original members are still on the roll-call, while Fred McKeon, a fifth, died recently in Halifax. The active roster is in reasonable distance of Toronto and is kept at about twelve so that the host can get eight players on any scheduled night.

Originally, the scoring was total points in after-dinner rubber bridge. Now, while maintaining the dinner socialising, the two tables meet nine or ten times over the winter, playing three 6-board matches with bidding boxes, IMP scoring, and a rotation that maximizes both the pairing diversity and fair competition.

Try your judgment on this deal, which arose in the last round, determining the winner of the Silver Fox Trophy for 2004-05. You are East; North is the dummy.

### Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ Q J 10 9

♥ 8 6 4

♦ A Q 6

♣ J 7 3

♠ 7

♥ Q J 9 5 2

♦ 10 4

♣ A 10 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	INT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

After Partner's opening eight of diamonds lead (fourth-best or top-of-nothing), declarer plays the queen, and you follow with the four, declarer the two. Now declarer plays the club jack. What do you do?

What do you make of declarer's play? With the ace-ten of clubs, you should be suspicious. First, is declarer really playing on clubs if missing the king or queen? Unlikely. Second, what about partner's diamond holding? Is the eight fourth best or top of nothing? In either case, you should play the ace. Why? If declarer has all the diamonds higher than the eight, he has four diamond tricks and at least two club tricks. Additionally, if he has the ace and king of spades, the club is his ninth trick if you duck (and if he has four diamond tricks).

In any case, you win the ace of clubs and it goes eight from declarer, five from partner. What do you make of that?

Declarer must have two of the four missing major suit honours and will take nine tricks unless you either get the hearts

going or continue partner's diamond attack. Which is it to be?

Was partner's lead fourth highest? It seems unlikely that it could be anything else if you are to defeat three no trump. He might have led a heart from ace-king third. As well, if he'd had a spade honour to length, he'd have preferred that to a diamond lead. The most probable distributions for Partner based on what you know so far are 4=2=5=2, 4=3=4=2 and 5=1=5=2, and leading a heart would hand declarer the contract if it is the latter and declarer plays low on a heart lead from you, as he should, and Partner has the ace.

Finally, why not treat Partner's five of clubs at face value, as a suit preference for diamonds (your group does not play any version of Smith). Besides, were you not taught to return partner's lead?

On the actual hand, a diamond return instead of a heart, or after leading the heart queen (the card gods let you recover from that error this time), defeats the contract.

The full deal was:

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

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

Back to trick two. The card gods would let you duck one round of clubs on the actual deal. Then they'd let you lead one round of hearts after winning the second

club. After that, the defence must clear diamonds to defeat three no trump. If not, declarer is in a position to guess the ace of hearts to make the contract.

Finally, here are the results. In one room three no trump was reached after North bid Stayman and East overcalled two hearts. On the resulting heart lead, declarer had no chance. In the room under discussion, declarer was also down one in three no trump after the defence ducked one club and shifted to hearts, declarer playing the heart king prematurely – not very exciting after all.



## Correspondence

'Some Tolerance'

Recently, during a session of bridge at the local bridge club, my partner and I played against a married couple. The wife made a takeout double of my opening bid. My partner took a call and the husband made a 'free bid' of two hearts. The final contract became four hearts.

Declarer lost control of the hand and went down three tricks for a poor result for their side. At the conclusion of the hand, the dummy voiced her displeasure (without raising her voice) to her partner regarding the result. He apologized. She continued stating her view. He apologized again. This went on for several moments. Finally, after apologizing several times, he said, "This is my best sorry I can offer". This broke the tension and we all laughed. Congratulations to declarer for your patience and sense of humour.

Debbie Bennett

## John Rayner Wins 2005 Kate Buckman Award



John Rayner poses with the Kate Buckman Award at the presentation in Toronto on September 4.

One of the most-respected bridge club owner/managers in Canada, John Rayner, has won this year's Kate Buckman Award, presented annually to "the person who contributes most to others' enjoyment of bridge". There can be no doubt that Rayner, with 34 years' teaching under his belt, has added greatly to many people's bridge enjoyment, and over a long period of time. A marvelous raconteur who hosts many functions aimed at promoting the game, Rayner is selfless in helping others. He is also a very good player in his own right, having won, among other titles, the 2003 Canadian Open Pairs Championship; he was also Non-Playing Captain of the 2004 Canadian Women's Olympiad Team.

Rayner was an avid sportsman during his early years, being voted the best 14-year-old hockey player in Winnipeg

before moving to Mississauga in 1967, and quarterbacking his high school football team. At the University of Toronto, he majored in bridge. John and wife Debra Feldman's nine-year-old daughter Rebecca is a keen caddy and player, and the consensus is that she already bids better than her dad.

In an interview with *The Kibitzer* (the full answers to our questions would require adding another 10 pages or so), Rayner answered our questions with his usual thoughtfulness and good humour...

**Kib:** You are a born raconteur. Do you have any skills as a writer and if so, when is your book coming out?

**JR:** I love the English language, both the spoken and written word. I think the reasons that I have achieved success as a bridge teacher are that I have a good understanding of the underlying theory and logic behind our fabulous game and that I can communicate these ideas clearly to my students and hopefully with a sense of playfulness and humour. As to writing a bridge book, procrastination has been my nemesis, but yes I have two books I plan to write sometime. One is for the intermediate-level progressing duplicate player focusing on sound bidding principles, and the other is what I think will be a very entertaining compilation of bridge humour. Move over Eddie Kantar.

**Kib:** Who are your favourite and least favourite partners, and why?

**JR:** Michael Roche, my former and current partner. We are the best of friends (Michael was the Best Man at our wedding and is still wanting to prove

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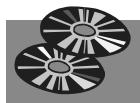
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it!) and we respect each other's strengths and weaknesses at the bridge table. Michael is a tremendously supportive partner. Of course it doesn't hurt that Mike, as my wife Debbie says, is probably the funniest guy in the world. Michael's legendary wit can turn our darkest moments of abject and utter incompetence at the bridge table into laughable and memorable comedic episodes. We are also able to empathize with each other about our receding hairlines. My least favourite partner is Bob Hamman, because he has continually rebuffed my generous offers to play with him.

**Kib:** When did you decide to make bridge your career, or did you simply drift into it?

**JR:** Come on John, who grows up thinking about a career in bridge? At U of T I was introduced to bridge and the die was cast. I started out teaching in Mississauga in my early twenties, and it was a natural culmination to open my own club in 1983. But who would have guessed as I was growing up as an NHL-bound (in my own mind) hockey fanatic in Winnipeg?

**Kib:** What advice would you give to other prospective bridge club owners/managers?

**JR:** There are no openings in Mississauga, but to others - treat your players well and know their names, nurture your newer players, provide a comprehensive teaching program, hire capable staff to assist you and above all be passionate about being a bridge club entrepreneur. Have supportive parents, as I did.

**Kib:** If you could win one event in bridge, which would it be?

**JR:** The Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, but Michael and I have agreed

the Spingold or Vanderbilt would be just fine.

**Kib:** What is your favourite bridge book?

**JR:** As a player - "Hand Evaluation" by Mike Lawrence. I recall that he devoted a lengthy section on how to value the Q 3 2 of clubs, according to various developments of the auction. To me this was very exciting stuff. As a teacher - "The Joy of Bridge" by Grant/Lindop/Rodwell. Concepts such as "Responder's Four Questions" and "Opener's Four Questions" were marvellous aids to students and I still teach these more than twenty years later.

**Kib:** How do you see the future of bridge?

**JR:** Globally bridge appears to be thriving. The ACBL, however, seems to be treading water. Locally, the Toronto area is a hotbed of bridge activity with more than 50 clubs. Canada's top young players are proving to be a very talented and fearless force. We all owe it to the game we love to be evangelists spreading the gospel of bridge.

**Kib:** What would you do differently in your bridge career if you had it to do over again?

**JR:** I can't think of anything I would do much differently. I still love to play bridge at the toughest levels and of course would like to be a better player than I am - who wouldn't? But my niche has been providing players with good opportunities to play and to improve their games if they so wish. I am thrilled to see any bridge player progress in his game - to understand it better and therefore to enjoy bridge more. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction (well, maybe winning the Reisinger).



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**Sat Open Pairs:** David Baker; John  
Moser

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs:** Barbara  
Gifford; Henry Larsen

**Sun Morn 299er Teams:** Marlene  
Benny; John Benny; Kathy Mackay;  
Teresa Puklicz

**Sun Open Teams:** Gary Whiteman;  
Jerry Richardson; Barry Onslow; Bill  
Woodcock

**Sun Aft 299er Teams:** Blake Brady;  
Len Turner; Georgina Little; Marilyn  
Wilson

### LONDON BRIDGE REGIONAL, LONDON, JULY 12-17

**Tue Aft 99er Pairs:** Dorothy McNea;  
Doris Williams

**Tue Open Pairs:** Phil Leon; Dwight  
Bender

**Tue Eve Newcomers:** John Higgins;  
Donna Higgins

**Wed Eve Swiss Teams:** Steve  
Landen; Michael Zerbini; Bert  
Newman; Rhonda Monro

**Wed Open Pairs:** Dennis Kasle;  
Chuck Burger

**Wed Eve 99er Pairs:** Louise Boyde;  
Jack Boyde

**Thu Sr Pairs:** Arlene Lundgren; May  
James

**Thu Aft 99er Pairs:** Fern Hill; Joyce  
Hawkins

**Bracketed KO Teams (A):** Jerry  
Richardson; Gary Whiteman; Donald  
Rumelhart; Steve Mackay; Bill  
Woodcock; Alan Lee, **(B):** Lou  
Woodcock; Jack Shinehoft; Lino  
D'Souza; Junaid Said, **(C):** Harold  
Dietrich; Rosalie Angelotti; Patricia  
Reichi; Greg Lee, **(D):** Leo Upenieks;  
Janice Upenieks; Ann O'Loughlin;  
Shee O'Loughlin, **(E):** Shelley  
Kempling; Chris Kempling; Frank  
Stouffle; Georgina Little

**Thu Swiss Teams:** Joe Sauro;  
Brenda Geden; Frances Freeman;  
Dale Freeman

**Fri Swiss Teams:** Allan Graves;  
George Morrissey; Jean Johnson;  
Paul Cronin

**Fri Eve 99er Pairs:** Jihn Pretti;  
Joyce Mockler

**Fri Open Pairs:** Bob Lewis; Sid  
Kirsh

**Morn Bracketed KO Teams (1):**  
Jerry Richardson; Gary Whiteman;  
Alan Lee; Donald Rumelhart; Steve  
Mackay; Bill Woodcock, **(2):** Robert  
Thornhill; Janusz Pruski; Christopher  
Punter; Jon Preston

**Morn Compact KO Teams:** Peter  
Clark; Martin Hunter; Pamela Nisbet;  
Heather Peckett

**Fri Aft 99er Pairs:** Anne Lloyd;  
Pauline O'Farrell

**Bracketed KO Teams III (A):** Nader  
Hanna; Robert Lebi; Michael Roche;  
John Rayner, **(B):** Dwight Goertz;  
Barbara Goertz; John McFadden;  
Marlene McFadden, **(C):** Anna  
Chelchowski; Richard Fowkes;  
Roman Dubinski; Laszek  
Wroblewski, **(D):** Korrie-Sue

Marshall; Ann Shaw; Tom Platt;  
Jahanna Platt, **(E)**: Andrew Collins;  
Meliss Giguère; Patrick Fournier;  
Sondra Blank

**Compact KO Teams (A)**: Paul  
Janicki; Andrew Tylman; Joan Priebe;  
Jim Priebe, **(B)**: Kay Thacker; Gloria  
Macdowell; Karen Calvert; Murray  
Shapcott

**Sat Flighted Pairs (A/X)**: Masroor  
Ansari; Barry Onslow, **(B/C)**: Jill  
Kostick; Nick Rogers

**Sat Eve Sr Pairs**: George  
Morrissey; Paul Cronin

**Sat Eve 99er Pairs**: Averil Johnson;  
Joseph Johnson

**Sun Flighted Swiss Teams (A/X)**:  
Gary Westfall; Paul Janicki; Ron  
Sutherland; Roman Klein, **(B/C/D)**:  
Ray Pathinathan; Mehdi Sadeghi;  
Thambu Nadarajah; James Balendra

**Sun Sr Swiss Teams**: Audrey Craig;  
Ken Bowlby; Gord Waters; Gordon  
Waters

### Spirit Sectional, Barrie, July 29-31

**Fri Aft Open Pairs**: Dwight Goden;  
Don Allison

**Fri Aft 199er Pairs**: Marina Laking;  
Dagmar McReynolds

**Fri Eve Open Pairs**: Doug Markovic;  
Suzanne Siklos

**Fri Eve 199er Pairs**: W Myers;  
Roseanne Myers

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs**: Ann Szarka;  
Holly Lipsett

**Sat Open Pairs**: W Howlett; Janice  
Howlett

**Sun Aft 199er Swiss Teams**: Edwin  
Formanuk; Nicole Formanuk;  
Katherine Robert; Damaris Robinson

**Sun Eve 199er Swiss Teams**:  
George Pike; Barbara Pike; May  
Sinclair; Pauline Reid

**Sun Swiss Teams**: John Ellis;  
Stephen Goldin; S Korde; Irfan Ashraf

### Markham Sectional, August 6-7

**Sat KO Teams**: Roger Snowling;  
Roman Klein; Gary Westfall; Ron  
Sutherland

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs**: Jeffery Yu;  
Frank Yu

**Sat Open Pairs**: Steve Unger; Paul  
Janicki

**Sun Swiss Teams**: Roger Snowling;  
Roman Klein; Gary Westfall; Ron  
Sutherland

### Golden Leaf Sectional Tillsonburg, August 12-14

**Fri Aft Open Pairs**: Sid Kirsh; Bob  
Lewis

**Fri Aft Sr Pairs**: Fred Andreychuk;  
Reg Pitre

**Fri Aft 199er Pairs**: George Pike;  
Barbara Pike

**Fri Eve Open Pairs**: Bob Lewis; Sid  
Kirsh

**Fri Eve 199er Pairs**: Cherry Young;  
Victor Young

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs**: Richard Saxby;  
Murray Shapcott

**Sat Flighted Pairs (A/X)**: Mary  
Howe; Barry Onslow, **(B/C)**: Bob  
Defrayne; Reginald Smith

**Sat Eve 199er Pairs**: David Queen;  
Bob Sward

**Sun Swiss Teams**: Barry Onslow;  
Masroor Ansari; Mary Howe; Terry  
Tack

### CAMBRIAN SHIELD REGIONAL,

### SUDBURY, AUGUST 16-21

**Tue Open Pairs**: Bill Woodcock; Bill  
Koski

**Tue Women's Pairs**: Edith Ferber;  
Barbara Foell

**Wed Open Swiss Teams**: Brian  
Thomas; Marc Langevin; Martin  
Newland; Al Smith

**Thu Aft 299er Pairs:** Judy Medina;  
Ilene Phipps

**Thu Flighted Pairs (A):** Tom Buttle;  
Adrienne Marriott, **(B/C):** Michel  
Lalonde; Dan Bouillon

**Thu Eve 299er Pairs:** June Will;  
Doug Woltz

**Fri Aft 299er Pairs:** Ilene Phipps;  
Leslie Dickson

**Fri Open Pairs:** Robert Schives;  
Karen Schives

**Fri Eve 299er Pairs:** Jeanine Kuik;  
Marie Gonnella

**Compact KO Teams:** Joe Sauro;  
Brenda Geden; A Poriah; Heather  
Peckett

**Morn KO Teams (A):** Bill  
Woodcock; Bill Koski; Robert Hanly;  
Colin van Wallegham, **(B)** Charles  
Crispin; Sally Lamothe; Barry  
Krause; Richard Alcock

**Fri-Sat KO Teams (A):** John  
Duquette; Martin Hunter; Eric  
Shepherd; Dwight Bender, **(B):** Roger  
Chenier; Ray Lalonde; Randy  
Piirainen; Sandra Piirainen, **(C):**  
Sylvia Gainer; Nora Hansen; Paul  
Campbell; Anne Marie Luty

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs:** Lloyd  
McClelland; Ken Lee

**Sat Flighted Pairs (A):** Roland  
Althoff; Catherine Brown, **(B/C):** Sam  
Henry Tekbas; Giulia Nastase

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs:** Marvin Proulx;  
Elizabeth Levin

**Sun Open Swiss Teams:** Marc  
Langevin; Doug Oman; Peter  
Minogue; Brian Thomas

**Sun 299er Swiss Teams (1):** Phyllis  
Chayer; Glenda Beilhartz; Joan  
Vainio; Mariann Zima, **(2):** Leslie  
Dickson; Ilene Phipps; Mary Guy;  
Dianna Cooney

**The Toronto Games,  
September 3-5**

**Sat KO Teams (1):** Mike Xiao; Fang  
Xue; Johnson Li; Frank Cheng; Zuwei  
Shan, **(2):** Gail Lambacher; Leo  
Upenieks; Louise McNeely; David  
Hamer, **(3):** Tom Platt; Johanna Platt;  
Robert Spencer; Murray Shapcott  
**Sat Aft 299er Pairs:** Jeffery Yu;  
Frank Yu

**Sat A/X Pairs:** Andrew Firko; Debbie  
Feldman, **B/C:** John Cook; Kenneth  
Moen

**Sat Eve 299er Pairs:** Glen Findlay;  
Chris McDonald

**Sun Aft 299er Pairs:** Jeffery Yu;  
Frank Yu

**Sun KO Teams (A):** John Laufer;  
Anu Goodman; Christian Houle;  
Herve Chantagnier; Juliette  
Fajgelzon, **(B):** Lesley Thomson;  
Stephen Foster; David Halasi; Sondra  
Blank, **(C):** Richard Garlick; Linda  
Arthur; Dana Bridges; Howard  
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**Sun IMP Pairs:** Joe Seigel Barb  
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**Sun B/C Pairs:** Philip Haley; S  
Linychkj

**Sun Eve 299er Pairs:** Eamon  
Walsh; Natalie Silverstein

**Mon Aft 299er Swiss Teams:** Mary  
Campbell; Shirley Mason; Mary  
Gordon; Bill Pollock

**Mon Eve 299er Swiss Teams:**  
Gordon Mori; Ruth Mori; Jan Stewart;  
Gail Deyell

**Mon Strat Swiss Teams:** Nader  
Hanna; Robert Lebi; Arno Hobart;  
George Mittelman

**Jumbo, St. Thomas,  
September 9-11**

**Fri Aft Open Pairs:** Fran Chivers;  
David Baker

**Fri Aft Sr Pairs:** Barry Thomson;  
Doug Campbell

**Fri Aft 199er Pairs:** Patricia Huntus;  
Frances McConnell

**Fri Eve Open Pairs:** Bob Lewis; Sid Kirsh

**Fri Eve 199er Pairs:** George Pike; Barbara Pike

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs:** Arnolda Pineau; Doris Williams

**Sat Open Pairs:** Bob Lewis; Sid Kirsh

**Sat Eve 199er Pairs:** Gord Ellis; Michelle Ellis

**Flt A Teams:** Bill Woodcock; Gary Whiteman; Jerry Richardson; Bill Koski, **(B/C/D):** Gary Small; George Hodgson; Daniel Brent; Michael Alderson

### Bay of Quinte, Belleville, September 16-18

**Fri Eve Strat Pairs:** Hazel Garrow; Miriam Bishop

**Bracketed KO Teams (A):** Charlotte St Amant; Ruth Browning; H Werkhoven; Hesham Abdelrahman

**(B):** Barbara Foell; Chris Fader; Richard Bodell; Michael Bodell

**Stratflighted Pairs (A/X):** Neil Holmes; Ernest Carswell, **(B/C):** Carol Harries; Joo-Hee Janicki

**Sat Aft Strat Open Pairs:** Gail McIntyre; Ernest Carswell

**Strat Open Swiss Teams:** Malcolm Ewashkiw; Paul Janicki; Detlef Ladewig; David Cohen

### Hockley Harvest, Mono, September 24-25

**Sat Aft 199er Pairs:** John Higgins; Donna Higgins

**Sat Compact KO Teams:** David Cohen; John Moser; Colin Harrington; Detlef Ladewig

**Open Pairs:** Ringo Chung; Vinay Sarin

**Sat Eve 199er Pairs:** Ray Rothenbury; Don McNiven

**Sun Swiss Teams:** Matthew Mason; Danny Miles; Dwight Bender; Bill Koski

**Mazel Tov !!!**



### ...to our Regional Tournament winners: Rochester, July 5-10

**Gord Ellis; Michelle Ellis** - Charity Pairs

**John Duquette** - Bracketed KO 1 A, Thu Swiss teams

**Jim McGuire** - Bracketed KO 2 B

**Wendy Krause; Arnie Krause** - Fri Sr Pairs

**Brent Gibbs; Despina Gibbs** - Fri Open Pairs

**Robert Starfield; Brian Macartney** - Sat Sr Pairs

### Can-Am, Montréal, Aug 8-14

**Ranald Davidson** - KO Teams 1 A, A/X Swiss Teams

**Paul Campbell; Nora Hansen** - KO Teams 2 F

### Pittsburgh, Aug 30-Sep 5

Sheldon Pearlman; Elizabeth Gallagher - Sat-Sun KO Teams C

### ...and to the following local players who had top 10s at the Summer NABC in Atlanta

**Nader Hanna** - Open Pairs, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Joan Eaton** - Women's KO Teams, 2<sup>nd</sup>

### ...and to the winners and runners-up in the Canadian Junior Trials, held in Toronto, September 3-5

1<sup>st</sup>: Gavin Wolpert, David Grainger, Daniel Lavee

2<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Korbel, Daniel Korbel



## Kate Buckman Bridge Studio Champions

### Thu Aft, June 23

Open Gary Arbour - George Geyer  
0-200 Jennifer Aluin - Tamara Brown  
0-50 Jennifer Aluin - Tamara Brown

### Fri Aft, June 24

#### Laurie Brand Memorial Game

Open Danny Miles - Jonathan Steinberg  
0-1000 Doreen & Bob Scolnick

### Mon Eve, June 27

Open Jan Stewart - Mark Liberman  
0-1000 Gord Fox - John Richardson

#### MIDSUMMER MADNESS TOURNAMENT

### Fri Aft, July 1

Open Andrew Tylman -  
Jonathan Steinberg  
0-500 Frank Pataky - Ron Tillotson

### Fri Eve, July 1

Open Max Vaight - Michael Lancashire  
0-500 Madeleine Nikolov - Paul Cozzi  
0-50 Sandra Masters -  
Walter McCamus

### Sat Aft, July 2

Open Andrew Tylman - Mark Liberman  
0-300 R. Omidvar - E. Patterson

### Sat Eve, July 2

Open Barbara Ranville - Eiji Kujirai  
0-2000 Gail McNiven - Peter Hodgins

### Sun Aft, July 3

Open David Cohen - John Cunningham  
0-750 T. Sivarajah - S. Jeyanathan

### Sun Eve, July 3 - SWISS TEAMS

Open Shirley Tartick - Carolyn Feldman -  
Enid Roitman - Sally MacRae

### Mon Aft, July 4

Open Bill Koski - Martin Miller  
0-1000 Doreen & Robert Scolnick  
0-500 Ron Tillotson - Chuck Alexander

### Mon Eve, July 4

Open Carol Bongard - Roisin O'Hara  
0-2000 Issy & Rosalie Sharp  
0-300 Vida Seif - Margaret Anderson

### Tue Eve, July 5

Open Sondra Blank - Peter Brand  
0-500 Shawn Mahood - Paul Roth  
0-100 Natalie Silverstein -  
Sally Bannister  
0-20 Stephen Demeter - Robert Fenton

### Mon Eve, July 11

Open Melanie Parker - Robert Brown  
0-1000 Melanie Parker - Robert Brown  
0-300 Melissa Giguere - Patrick Fournier

### Thu Aft, July 21

Open Shirley Polon - Dudley Camacho  
0-500 Annette Payne - Dick Sai-Chew  
0-200 Harvey Singer - Arthur Szostak  
0-100 Cathie Sablatnig - Liz Walker

### Mon Aft, Aug 8

Open Wayne Merkel -  
Michael Vainchtein  
0-1000 Leah Feinman - Simma Shaul  
0-300 Leah Feinman - Simma Shaul

### Tue Aft, Aug 16

Open Despina Georgas -  
Helen Brockman  
0-2000 Estelle Viner - Anita Shore  
0-500 Estelle Viner - Anita Shore  
0-200 Susan Marcus - Natalie Silverstein  
0-100 Edie Brenner - Lee Chalmers

### Team League Championship Pairs

Open Rashid Khan - Carl Yanch  
0-750 Jan Stewart - Gail Deyell  
0-300 Jan Stewart - Gail Deyell  
0-20 Meredith Daneman -  
Margaret Hodson

### Tue Aft, Sep. 6

Open Lorraine Herlick - Joyce Cadesky  
0-1000 Jean Dilcock - Mort Maziar  
0-300 Judy Libman - Chay Kho  
0-200 Susan Sole - Sandy Freedhoff

### Sat Aft, Sep. 17

Open Barbara Shnier - Mark Dunsiger  
0-2500 Molly Silverstein - Irene Reingold  
0-500 Harriet Wagman - Judy Bromley

### Sat Eve, Sep. 17

Open Marnie Charles - Peter Brand  
0-750 Josie Radic - Liz Gorecki

# The Three R's

by Norman Roshel

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Throughout my bridge career, I have believed that study of the literature of the game would improve my scores. **Read** what the experts do, **Remember** what the experts do, **Reproduce** what the experts do - those three R's became my motto. I was always eager to inform my partners of this.

I recently held:

♠ K 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A Q J 10 6 2 ♣ Q 9 4

I opened one diamond, and heard the bidding go: pass by LHO, one spade by partner, four hearts by RHO. I passed, and the auction ended. I led the spade king; dummy tabled:

♠ J 5 2 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ A K 10 8

In response to partner's high spade spot, I continued with a spade to his queen; he played the spade ace, and declarer followed.

Now I recognized the deal. It had appeared most recently, almost card for card, in the August 1987 ACBL Bulletin. No expert, or keen student, would miss this one. Discard the ace of diamonds! This compels partner to continue spades, promoting the queen of hearts for the setting trick. My study of the literature made this one almost too easy.

Unfortunately, my partner had been studying too. In the April 1985 *Bridge World*, he had read that seven experts in the Master Solvers' Club responded one

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spade to an opening bid of one diamond holding:

♠ Q 9 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ 8 6 5 4 3 2

The bid even received a score of 60 points out of 100. Thus, the full deal reveals that the ace of diamonds was not the right card to play:

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

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

My partner had the last word. He said, "I have a new motto for you: **Read** what the experts do, **Remember** what the experts do, but **Retain** the setting trick."

## Solution to Turning the Tide: (See page 13 for the problem.)

<p>♠ A 10 7 6 4 ♥ K J 6 3 2 ♦ — ♣ 10 6 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 9 8 3    ♠ K 2 ♥ 8                    ♥ A 10 4 ♦ J 7 5                ♦ A Q 9 8 4 3 ♣ J 9 7                ♣ 8 4</p> <p>♠ — ♥ Q 9 7 5 ♦ K 10 6 2 ♣ A K Q 5 3</p>	
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Your first thought should be that you probably cannot overcome a 4-0 break in trumps or a 4-1 break in clubs unless the jack is singleton. Eliminating those possibilities and considering the opponents' bidding, your plan should be to ruff two spades in hand, reversing the dummy. You plan to take six trump tricks, five club tricks and the ace of spades.

So, win the spade ace and ruff a spade, exhausting East of that suit. Ruff a diamond to dummy and ruff another spade. Only now do you play trumps, leading the queen from hand. You need East to hold the ace so there can be no trump promotion. Leading to a heart honour in dummy would allow East to win the ace and play the diamond ace, tapping the dummy and eventually scoring a second trump trick.

If instead you try to ruff three diamonds in the dummy, East can again beat you by leading a diamond when in with the heart ace. You will either have to ruff with an honour in dummy or for the second time in your hand, allowing the heart ten to take a trick.

What about leading a heart honour from dummy at trick two? That's okay too, as long as you do not lead a second heart when East ducks.

Was I able to turn the tide? Sadly, no.



## 2005 District 2 Player of the Year Leaders

(as of September 6, 2005)

	<b>Mini McKenney</b>		<b>Ace of Clubs</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Rookie</b>	Sergei Akachinski	42	Doreen Rakusin	30
<b>Junior Master</b>	John Higgins	46	Sally Bannister	28
<b>Club Master</b>	Sonda Blank	194	Sondra Blank	110
<b>Sectional Master</b>	Murray Shapcott	98	Jean Lin	67
<b>Regional Master</b>	Andrew Collins	191	Ron Tilotson	80
<b>NABC Master</b>	Pamela Nisbet	205	Daniel Bernstein	113
<b>Life Master</b>	Janine Bibb	206	Anna Dosseva	63
<b>Bronze Life Master</b>	Marielle Brentnall	104	George Dragich	93
<b>Silver Life Master</b>	Ranald Davidson	397	Barbara Shnier	157
<b>Gold Life Master</b>	Bob Hollow	718	Tom Buttle	133
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Jean Polischuk took up duplicate after she turned 80, although she does confess to playing social bridge before that. She loves it and says that unlike social players, duplicate players don't drop you when you lose a husband or wife.

Helen Shields was a former president of the CBF and was active in teaching and bringing new players into the game.

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**Unit 238:** [www.bridgescore.com/nbdbc/](http://www.bridgescore.com/nbdbc/)

**Unit 246:** <http://members.rogers.com/unit246/>

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A (Separate): 0+; B: 0-1500; C: 0-500

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Stratified Pairs 0-50/100/200 1:00 & 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, January 7

Bracketed KO Teams 9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

#### **Unit 166 Membership Meeting - 12:00pm**

Flighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

All Flights are Playthrough

A (Separate): 0+; B: 0-1500; C: 0-500

Open Side Game 1:00 & 7:00 pm

##### *Intermediate & Newcomer Games*

Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5 1:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-20 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-50/100/200 1:00 & 7:00 pm

#### Sunday, January 8

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 am & TBA

A (Separate): 0+; B: 0-1500; C: 0-500

ALL flights scored by Victory Points

##### *Intermediate & Newcomer Games*

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 am & TBA

0-50/100/200

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Bridge Tournament



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SMOKING  
IN THE  
HOTEL**

#### Session Fees

ACBL Members \$13.00

Non-Members \$15.00

Newcomers & Students \$8.00

#### Tournament Chair:

Nancy Strachan

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Top Prizes**



**Trophies for Novices**



# 77<sup>th</sup> Western Ontario Bridge Tournament London, Ontario



Hellenic Community Centre - South Room



133 Southdale Road West

January 27, 28, and 29, 2006

Great  
Location

Close to  
401 & 402

## Friday January 27, 1:30 pm

Stratified Pairs & 0-199 Pairs  
Flights: A=1000+, B=300-1000, C=0-300

## Friday January 27, 7:30 pm

Stratified Pairs & 0-199 Pairs  
Flights: A=1000+, B=300-1000, C=0-300

\* Free snacks Friday and Saturday nights

## Saturday January 28, 1:30 pm

Stratified Pairs (Playthrough)  
Flights: A=2000+, B=300-1000,  
C=0-300, X=1000-2000

## Saturday January 28, 7:30 pm

Stratified Pairs (Second Session)  
**Novice Pairs: 0-199 (Single Session)**

\* Cash bar Saturday night

**Novice Pairs: 0-199 (Single Session)**

## Sunday January 29, 11:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) Flights:

A=2000+, B=300-1000, C=0-300, X=1000-2000

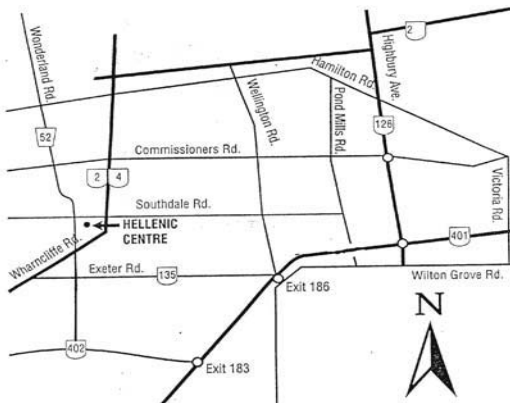
**199ers Swiss Teams** (If attendance warrants)

\* Coffee and doughnuts before game time

\* A light meal will be served between sessions

\* Team entry includes meal

**Chairperson: Dwight Bender (519) 645-1894**  
[dwightbender@execulink.com](mailto:dwightbender@execulink.com)



### Directions:

Hwy 401 to London  
Exit Wellington Rd/ Exeter Rd  
Go West on Exeter Rd to  
Wonderland Rd North to  
Southdale Rd East to  
**Hellenic Community Centre**

or

Hwy 402 to London  
Exit Wonderland Rd North to  
Southdale Rd East to  
Southdale Rd. W. to  
**Hellenic Community Centre**

# 52<sup>nd</sup> NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Niagara District Bridge Association

## ST. CATHARINES

### February 3 - 5, 2006

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Stratified Women s Pairs .....	1:30
Open Pairs A (0+) .....	1:30
199er Pairs .....	1:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) .....	1:30
Open Pairs A (0+) .....	7:30
Stratified Pairs (0-300; 0-1250) .....	7:30
199er Pairs .....	7:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) .....	7:30
Compact KO (1st session) .....	7:30

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Compact KO (Final session) ..	9:00 am
Bracketed KO .....	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30
Flight A Pairs (0+) .....	1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Pairs .....	1:30 & 7:30
(B: 300-1250; C: 0-299)	
199er Pairs (one session) .....	1:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) one session ...	1:30
199er Pairs (one session) .....	7:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) one session ...	7:30
Side Game (if entries warrant) .....	7:30

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

199er Swiss Teams .....	11:00 am
Swiss Teams .....	11:00 am

[ Bracketed & split by average  
masterpoints of each team ]

\* 7 Rounds of 8 Boards

Sandwiches and snacks can  
be purchased between  
rounds throughout the day

**\* Free Parking**

**\* Daily Door Prizes**

**\* Overall, Flight Top,  
& Section Top Prizes**

**\* Session Fees Still  
Only \$11.00**



Pizza or  
sandwiches  
following  
Friday and  
Saturday  
Evening  
Games

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fandreychuk@cogeco.ca

#### PARTNERSHIPS:

Linda Lehoux 905-734-6336



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Ontario Streets west of St. Catharines.

# 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KEMPENFELT FRIENDSHIP DAY

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2005 at 11:00 am**  
**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HALL, Barrie**

Unit Championship Stratified Swiss Teams  
Open & I/N Sections

Two Session Playthroughs with PIZZA and Soft Drink provided at the break

**Open Teams A & B: (A: 500+; B: 0-500)**  
**I/N Teams C & D: (C: 50-200; D: 0-50)**

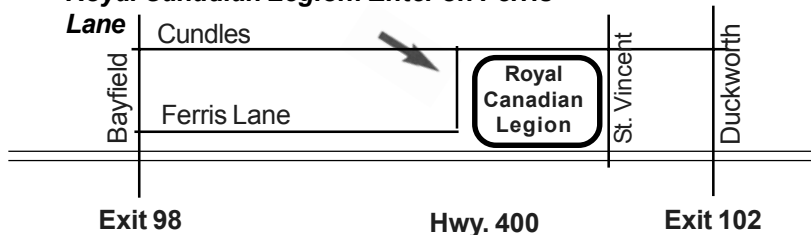
Entry Fee: \$80 per team (includes Pizza)

Free Coffee and Muffins available at 10:30 AM

For more information, check our website: [www.bridgescore.com/bib](http://www.bridgescore.com/bib)

The Legion Hall Is a Non-Smoking Facility

**Royal Canadian Legion: Enter off Ferris**



## The 2006 CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mississauga, Ontario

Sunday, Feb. 12 - Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006

Registration Deadline: November 25, 2005

Zone III Final (if necessary): Sunday, December 4, 2005  
at the *Kate Buckman Bridge Studio*

Please note: \$50 deposit per team  
to be paid upon registration

For more information, or to register your team,  
please contact Marilyn White: 416-322-5464

[mpwhite@idirect.com](mailto:mpwhite@idirect.com)



# The CBF International Fund Regional

February 14-19 2006



Delta Meadowvale Resort  
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Mississauga, Ontario L5N 2L3  
Tel: 905-821-1981  
Toll-Free: 1-800-422-8238  
Bridge Week rate \$105.+tax

## Tuesday, February 14

Morning side game series ..... 10 am  
Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Intermediate Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Afternoon side game series ..... 3 pm  
Evening side game series ..... 7:30 pm

## Wednesday, February 15

Morning side game series ..... 10 am  
Open Swiss Teams ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Intermediate Swiss Teams ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Newcomer Pairs (0 - 20) ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Afternoon side game series ..... 3 pm  
Bracketed KO1 (continues thru Sat.) 7.30 pm  
Evening side game series ..... 7:30 pm

## Thursday, February 16

Morning side game series ..... 10 am  
Open Pairs ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Thursday-Friday KOs ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Intermediate Pairs ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Newcomer Pairs (0 - 20) ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Afternoon side game series ..... 3 pm  
Bracketed KO1 (cont'd from Wed.) .. 7.30 pm  
Evening side game series ..... 7:30 pm

## Friday, February 17

Morning side game series ..... 10 am  
Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Thursday-Friday KOs ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Intermediate Pairs ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Newcomer Pairs (0 - 20) ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Afternoon side game series ..... 3 pm  
Bracketed KO1 (cont'd from Thur.)...7.30 pm  
Evening side game series .....7.30 pm  
Bracketed KO11(continues Sat.).....7.30 pm

## Saturday, February 18

Morning side game series ..... 10 am  
Flight A/X Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Flight B/C/D Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Newcomer Pairs (0 - 20) ..... 10 am, 3 pm  
Bracketed KO11 ..... 10 am, 3 pm, 7.30 pm  
(continued from Friday)  
Afternoon side game series ..... 3 pm  
Compact KO ..... 3 pm & 7.30 pm  
Bracketed KO1 (cont'd from Fri.).....7.30 pm  
Evening side game series .....7.30 pm

## Sunday, February 19

Flight A/X Swiss Teams ..... 10 am & tba  
Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams ..... 10 am & tba  
Intermediate Swiss Teams ..... 10 am, tba

All events are stratified. All Intermediate & Newcomer games are separate sessions.

Stratift A/X  
A = 3000+  
X = 0 - 3000

Stratift B/CD  
B = 1000 - 2000  
C = 500 - 1000  
D = 0 - 500

Stratified Intermediate  
A = 200 - 300  
B = 50 - 200  
C = 0 - 50

Stratified Open  
A = 2000+  
B = 500 - 2000  
C = 0 - 500

### Tournament Chair

Jim Priebe  
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\$105 + taxes for single or double room.

Full schedule will be printed in the December Bridge Canada and posted on the CBF Website as soon as it is available.

**PRE-QUALIFICATION IS NECESSARY**  
FOR THE CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CWTC, COPC.

CNTC-A and CNTC-B club qualifying rounds run from July 1 - October 15, 2005.

Zone Finals must be completed by December 19, 2005. Teams must confirm intent to play in National Final by January 1, 2006.

CWTC all Zones must have their teams decided by December 19, 2005 and teams must confirm their intent to play in the National Final by January 1, 2006.

COPC club qualifying rounds run from Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2006.

Watch [www.cbf.ca](http://www.cbf.ca) for details on various Zone Finals.

**2006 CANADIAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
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# Hart House Sectional

March 3-5, 2006  
Great Hall, Hart House,  
University of Toronto



## Friday, March 3

Stratified Pairs ..... 7:30pm  
Bracketed Knockout Teams I ..... 7:30pm

## Saturday, March 4

Stratified Pairs ..... 1:30pm  
Bracketed Knockout Teams II .... 1:30pm  
Stratified Pairs ..... 7:30pm  
Bracketed Knockout Teams III ... 7:30pm

## Sunday, March 5

Stratified Swiss Teams ..... 11:00am  
(dinner break 3:00-4:30)

Url: [www.utoronto.ca/bridge/sectional](http://www.utoronto.ca/bridge/sectional)  
Email: [bridgeclub.harthouse@utoronto.ca](mailto:bridgeclub.harthouse@utoronto.ca)  
Parking: Available within the U of T campus (call 416-978-6625 for details).  
Nearby parking lots are indicated on map. Street parking is also available.

### Entry Fees (per session)

per entry (ACBL member) ..... \$10  
per entry (non-ACBL member) ..... \$11  
per entry (student) ..... \$5

C: 0-300 B: 300-750 A: 750+

### Tournament Chair

Daryl Chow 416-476-9673

[daryl.chow@gmail.com](mailto:daryl.chow@gmail.com)

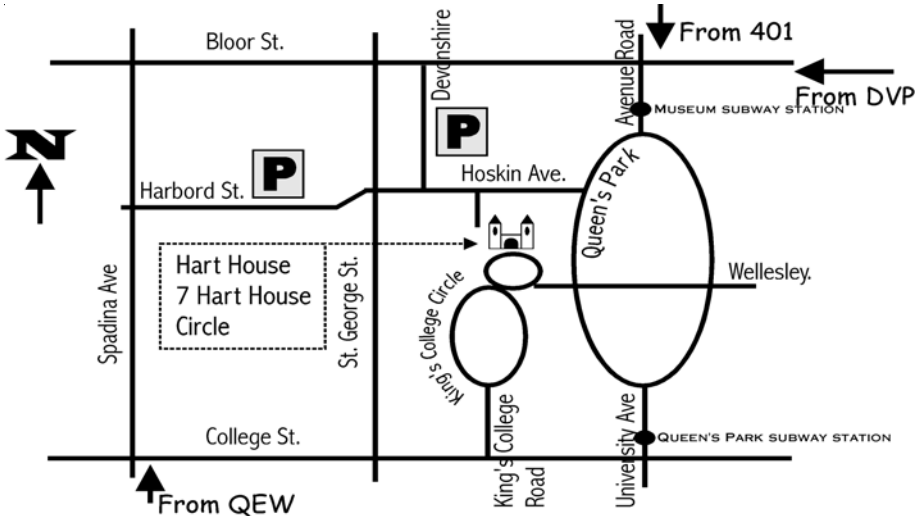
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**24<sup>th</sup> OSHAWA & DISTRICT  
SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL**

**OSHAWA**

**MARCH 18-19, 2006**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

Stratflighted Swiss Teams A/X  
 ..... 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
 Stratflighted Swiss Teams B/C/D  
 ..... 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams ..... 1:00 pm  
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams ..... 7:00 pm

**Separate single 299er sessions, if  
numbers permit**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

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**

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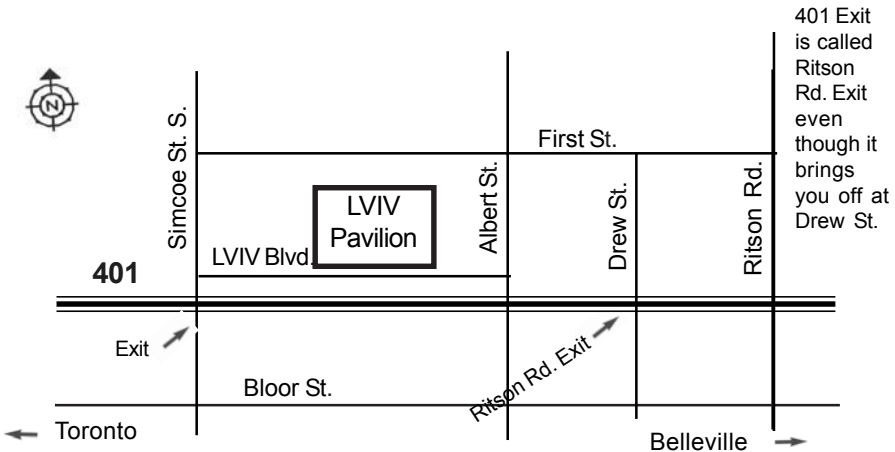
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