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**Editor's Note:**

For the first time ever, brothers played against each other in the recent Bermuda Bowl. Darren and Gavin Wolpert, representing Canada and the USA respectively, squared off in the quarterfinals, with Gavin being victorious. Our Women's and Senior Teams did not fare so well, neither team qualifying for quarterfinal knockout play. Reports on the highlights of all three Canadian teams begin on page 11.

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## Hi Bali!

By Paul Thurston

During our very first match in the Bermuda Bowl Round Robin (versus Poland) came evidence that you can indeed teach an old dog new tricks!

As the old dog in question, I have staunchly resisted the well-intentioned efforts of several partners to get me to play Smith Echo when defending notrump. Why go against the onrushing tide of modern science? I always believed that a signal like Smith could get in the way of more useful signals like count even though the latter might require more effort and imagination on the part of the signal-receiver.

So what is this Smith thing exactly? Basically, when either partner has no other more pressing obligation (like giving a count signal or trying to win a trick) on the first suit led by declarer, he will signal whether he likes what was led to the first trick.

Here's an example you'll find in most textbooks on the subject ...

### Dummy

♠ 9 5

### Partner

♠ A 10 6 4 2

### You

♠ Q J 3

### Declarer

♠ K 8 7

The lead of the four of spades goes to the five, jack and king. If West gains the lead for the defence first, he will be in the dark about who has the queen of

spades and may fail to cash the suit by trying to get the lead to partner for a return of a spade through declarer's hypothetical queen. This is certainly a problem that has been known to vex defenders.

Enter the Smith Echo: on the first suit led by declarer (usually at trick two) third-hand will follow with an unnecessarily high spot card to say, "I really like your spade lead and you can probably tell why."

There's also of course the possible wrinkle of the defenders playing Reverse Smith whereby following suit with the lowest possible spot card says the same thing - "I like your lead".

In some cases, the opening leader can also use his own following-suit obligations at trick two to say he also really likes the effect of his own opening lead - "please don't find a switch partner."

I might still have been able to escape the clutches of playing this particular convention except for two significant developments: For the past three seasons, I have been enjoying a partnership with Ottawa's Jeff Smith and, given that surname, you just know he is as staunch an advocate of Smith as I've been of not-Smith. The second development: was a pre-Bermuda Bowl coaching session with coach-extraordinaire Eric Kokish in which he was effusive in his praise of our defence on a particular deal that, admittedly,

would have been much more difficult without the assistance of our recently-adopted Smith Echo – the Reverse version, of course – did I mention Jeff is still not yet 40?

And so we come to this significant deal in our matchup with favoured Poland.

**Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

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

After a routine auction, Jeff kicked off with his fourth-best heart, the six, that went to the four, ten and queen. Note that it was in West's best interest to win with the queen so that North would know who had the king and thus would be reluctant to concede a trick to it.

Declarer then entered dummy by leading the four of spades to the ace as North followed with the five ("I sort of like what happened at trick one") and this old dog played the two: "I also like what happened." West then took the losing diamond finesse and North confidently played his ace of hearts and cashed out the suit. Given that I had been able to produce nothing higher than the ten of hearts at trick one, the only holding I could have to motivate

"liking" the heart lead was useful length and that pretty much had to be four cards in the suit.

In the same situation at many other tables (boards were duplicated throughout all matches), defenders in Jeff's seat exited passively with a spade after winning the king of diamonds and watched declarer mop up four diamonds and four spades to go with the trick-one heart. Why no club exit by North? It would have worked this time, but what about West with ♣A102, a holding feared by the passive spade leaders.

Smith was (and Smith had) the answer – this time!

**COVERAGE**

This action-packed layout that epitomizes the meaning of "coverage" also occurred during our first match of the Bermuda Bowl round Robin when we handed favoured Poland a satisfying 61-21 spanking.

**Dealer North. NS Vul.**

♠ 9 5 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 9 8 6 5 ♣ A Q 10 9 3  ♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ 6 ♦ Q J 10 7 4 3 ♣ K 6	♠ A J 10 7 3 ♥ K J 10 5 2 ♦ A K 2 ♣ —  ♠ K Q ♥ A Q 9 8 7 ♦ — ♣ J 8 7 5 4 2
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After a hotly-contested auction (well, maybe "lukewarmly contested"), neither Jeff or I could diagnose our perfect fit that would have made five spades successful, and so Jeff doubled to get what he could against five clubs.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Smith	Mazurkiewicz	Me
<i>(East's name took up so much space there isn't room for Thurston.)</i>			
—	1♠	2♠	3♠
4♣	4♣	5♣	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Unfortunately, what we could get was a minus score, as the perfect East-West mesh meant at least 11 tricks were there for the taking in their 'sacrifice'. Mercifully, it was only 11 as Jassem decided to play for clubs to be 1-1 and lost to the onside king.

A more accelerated auction at the other table did see North-South bid five spades, but East-West (Judith and Nick Gartaganis) persevered to six clubs and got doubled as well. The significant difference was that it was South who doubled, so Nick decided that player would of necessity have something that looked like defensive potential and finessed South for the king of clubs and North for the king of hearts, and was soon wrapping up 12 tricks – minus 550 for Team Canada at our table seemed paltry when scored against the magnificent plus 1090 Judy and Nick brought back! That's coverage!

## "Man plans and God laughs." Canada's Venice Cup Team in Bali By Joan Eaton

Sylvia Summers, Sondra Blank, Katie Thorpe, Ina Demme, Karen Cumpstone and Joan Eaton managed a last-minute win against a very strong squad of Canadian Hall-of-Famers and frequent CWTC champions in the 2013 CWTC. I'd like to say that was part of the aforementioned planning, but that would be, as we say in bridge, an overbid.

Once we managed to eke out a win though, the heavenly laughter (ok, chuckle at this point) began. One of our teammates, Sondra, was somewhat pregnant at the time with her third child. Sondra gets pregnant if her husband winks at her, so her family is VERY young, Sondra assured us that she was good to go to Bali though and did

all her homework to cover the 'what-ifs'. The plan held together through our trip to Mexico City to play off against Mexico where we had a relatively easy win against a potentially-dangerous Mexican team.

So, we planned. While we all wanted to play in Bali with the original team, we all understood that sometimes babies don't follow schedules and that it might be a good idea to consider this eventuality.

We asked Francine Cimon - who had just been inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame - if she would like to be our Non-playing Captain with the understanding that if Sondra's baby wasn't going to hang around for nine months waiting to be born, she might have to change roles from captain to player. Fortunately for us, Francine agreed to this somewhat loose description of her duties and served as an excellent captain in preparing the team.

All through the summer the three pairs toiled to improve their partnerships. Kokish Koaching (THANK YOU Eric and Beverly), practice matches, and BBO sessions were all part of the process.

In early September Sondra had complications with her pregnancy and was forced to cancel her plans for Bali. Lexi was born on September 12. (Mother and daughter are doing well.) We correctly concluded that we had to go to Plan B.

Francine and Sylvia sorted out a convention card and John Carruthers (JC) stepped in as our Non-playing Captain. To take on this role, JC had to forego his role as Life Coach for the Miss World contestants (this was on at the same time in the Nusa Dua Convention Centre) and drop a



JC & Megan Young, Miss World 2013

portion of his International Bridge Press Association duties, so we were most appreciative.

In the early part of the tournament, it looked like making the KO phase was a possibility. We beat (narrowly) the eventual gold medal winners (USA2), we beat (solidly) the eventual silver-

medal winners (England) and we tied the eventual bronze-medal winners, the team from The Netherlands. Sadly, we did not beat several teams that were at the bottom of the rankings, and we could not afford those losses. So much for our plans. I must assume God laughed.

In the match against England, we were on BBO. It would have been shown at 2:30 a.m. in Southern Ontario, so perhaps you missed it. Karen and I were playing against Sally Brock and Nicola Smith (who was my screenmate). Before the match began, they shared something their coach, David Burn, had written about Canada. David, a geographer, had written them a paragraph about each team in the Venice Cup. About Canada he wrote:

*“Canada is about as far from here as you can get without going into space. It is actually easier to get to space than to some parts of Canada, which is the second largest country in the world and has a population that is roughly halved when it sends a bridge team anywhere. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century the country was extensively colonized by both Britain and France, so it was a good thing it is large or by the 17<sup>th</sup> century there would have been no one left in it alive.”*

One of my favourite deals (see top of next column) was in this match. It is a favourite because JC said he loved the defence Karen and I found against a four-spade contract to beat it and win 12 IMPs.

I led the diamond seven (third and fifth leads) to the nine, ten and king. Nicola then cashed the spade ace and king and played the club king. I won with the ace and Karen played the nine (upside down signals - she has three clubs).

**Sally**

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

**Me**

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

**Karen**

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

**Nicola**

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

When I cashed the spade jack, Karen played the heart five - a come-on in hearts. She certainly has the heart queen and probably not the club jack. We needed two heart tricks to beat this contract and we needed them now. So I put the heart eight on the table. Nicola thought for quite some time. It was apparent to her that I might have underled the ace in this situation, but there was no way to tell. Eventually she tried the jack and Karen won with the queen and played a heart back to my ace. Happiness.

Here is Francine's favourite deal:

**Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

This is a grand slam that won us a nice swing, but that's not why it's her favourite. Usually when we use Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB), we want to know how many key cards (the four aces and the trump king) partner has. Once partner answers, then asking for the other kings is a grand slam try confirming that the pair holds all the key cards and the trump queen. This was the deal:

Francine knew that her partner had no key cards - she was looking at them all. And she knew the trump queen was not an issue - Sylvia would not freely bid four hearts with four small ones. The follow-up king-ask told Sylvia that Francine had all the key cards and she was interested in a grand slam. The bidding:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Francine</i>		<i>Sylvia</i>
3♦	Double	4♦	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	5NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass	6♣ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 3 or 0 key cards
2. Grand slam try; confirms possession of all key cards
3. Club king

When bidding six hearts, Francine didn't know if there were 13 tricks. However, Sylvia knew her singleton spade king was a big extra - she would be able to pitch a diamond on the spade ace if necessary. Knowing 13 tricks were a virtual certainty, she bid the grand.

At our table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Joan</i>		<i>Karen</i>	
2♦	Double	4♦	4♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			



At this table, North knew cue bidding would not be useful, and in the absence of Francine's imaginative use of RKCB, bid what she knew they could make.

The following was Katie's favourite deal (see top of next column). She acknowledges that the happy outcome was a big factor in this.

Two hearts showed a five-plus card suit with two of top three honours; three hearts showed a sixth heart and no club fit. Katie raised to five diamonds because she had three good diamonds and no other suitable bid.

**Match 3 vs Indonesia  
Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ina</i>		<i>Katie</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Ina bid six diamonds after some thought. She realized that Katie might well have only three diamonds (she could have bid a four-card suit to an honour), but even so, there were a number of hands where slam would be good.

The play was no issue on the actual hand since virtually all lines work – the club queen comes down early, the ace of hearts is onside with hearts 3-3 and they had all the diamond spots!

Only a couple of tables in the Venice Cup and Bermuda Bowl bid to six diamonds; many were in six notrump going down.

All of us want to thank Unit 166 for their support. While it is an enormous honour to play for Canada in a World Bridge Championship, it is an expensive honour, especially in years where the event is held so far away. The Canadian Bridge Federation cannot fully fund Canadian teams, so the considerable shortfall is inevitably borne by the players. Whenever some of these costs are defrayed by the support of a Unit or District or through fund raising, it is much appreciated by the players.

We also send out a big Thank You to Hazel Wolpert, whose fundraising game further helped us with our expenses.

## Bali Hai

**By Robert Lebi**

Winning the 2013 Canadian Seniors Team Championship (CSTC) qualified our team (David Lindop, Robert Lebi, Dan Jacob and Jurek Czyzowicz augmented by Boris Baran and George Mittelman) to represent Canada for the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy in Nusa Dua, Bali at the 41<sup>st</sup> World Bridge Team Championships.

We had our highs and lows during the competition. Here are a few of the "Hais" in quiz format.

First, a couple of bidding problems to warm you up ...

#1 - As North you hold:

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

You are vulnerable, the opponents non-vulnerable, and the bidding proceeds ...

West	North	East	South
	David		Robert
3♣	Pass	4♣	4♥
Pass	???		

Partner has stepped in freely at the four level vulnerable, suggesting a strong hand. He is almost certainly void in clubs, based on your holding and the opponents' bidding. However, in bidding over pre-empts, there is an important principle that the hand that is short in the opponents' suit takes the aggressive action. David knows that I am not shy in applying this strategy, which means that my hand need not deliver overwhelming values.

Do you make a move towards slam? If so, how?

#2 - Still North, you hold:

♠ A 8 5 3  
♥ A K J 5 2  
♦ A  
♣ A J 4

Once again you are vul against not and the bidding proceeds ...

West	North	East	South
	David		Robert
2♦	Double	3♦	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT*
Pass	???		

\*Who knows? Undiscussed.

Partner has jumped to game after your takeout double. In response to your cue bid, he has come up with an unusual

action, a sequence that you have not encountered before. What is the message that South is trying to convey? What do you bid?

Back to bidding problem #1. Is a bid of four spades a cue bid or a possible place to play? Does a five-club cue bid show a control in clubs or not? Each of those bids could be quite ambiguous. David Lindop made what I believe to be the most intelligent, flexible bid, five hearts, a general slam try. It was automatic for me to carry on to six hearts with my strong playing hand, rich in controls; 12 easy tricks. Our hands:

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

And now for bidding problem #2. My five notrump bid was trying to tell partner:

- (1.) at a minimum, I was accepting his slam try and by not simply bidding six hearts, I had some degree of interest in bidding more.
- (2.) although his five-diamond cue bid confirmed hearts as trump, our usual interpretation of 5NT is an indication of two places to play.
- (3.) I had general strength and controls, not localized.

Once again, David came up with the winning solution. He interpreted five notrump as some non-specific noise toward a grand slam. That, coupled with his hand of all four aces and the king of trump encouraged him to bid seven hearts; 13 easy tricks. Our hands:

♠ A 8 5 3

♥ A K J 5 2

♦ A

♣ A J 4

♠ K

♥ Q 10 9 8 6 4

♦ 8 3

♣ K Q 9 2

Finally, a play problem? My mission was to take nine tricks in three notrump. After a strong notrump sequence where we each showed our major suit length, the opening lead was a 4<sup>th</sup>-best six of diamonds.

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ Q 10 9

♦ A 7 3

♣ 9 7 6

♠ A 6 5

♥ A 7 5 2

♦ K 9

♣ A Q 8 2

I ducked in both hands after East played the jack of diamonds. He returned the suit, West following with the five (indicating that he had led from at least a five-card suit) and I was in with the king. I was hoping that West held the king of spade, so I led a low spade toward dummy, unfortunately losing the queen to the king. Now I knew that I was in trouble. A third round of diamonds was played and dummy was in with the ace, while I discarded the two of clubs.

I needed some kind of miracle, so I played the queen of hearts from the dummy. It went king, ace by me, eight by West. I played a heart to the ten next, won by East with the jack, establishing the heart seven as high. An encouraging three of clubs was

discarded by West. Okay, something good finally happened. West did not have an entry in the heart suit.

East now returned the four of clubs, indicating length. West had signaled positively in clubs. I believed them (based on their honest carding earlier in the match). I took my ace of clubs, ten, six and played a heart to dummy's good nine, West pitching the good ten of diamonds. I came back to my hand with the ace of spades, all following, and cashed the seven of hearts, West discarding the last high diamond! This made me sit up and reassess the situation before playing a card from dummy. I had seven tricks in: two diamonds, one club, three hearts, and one spade, with the queen of spades still in dummy for my eighth. Where was my ninth trick? Could it be in spades with the suit dividing 3-3? Why was West throwing away his good diamonds?

"Eureka", it hit me, he must have been dealt four spades and couldn't afford to throw one. This is the way I pictured the position with dummy (and West) yet to play:

♠ J 7

♥ —

♦ —

♣ 9 7

♠ 10 9

♥ —

♦ Q (discarded)

♣ K

♠ —

♥ 6 4

♦ —

♣ J 5

♠ 5

♥ 7 (led)

♦ —

♣ Q 8

So I threw the seven of spades from dummy and played a low club from hand, watching gleefully as the king appeared on the table. The queen of clubs was now my ninth trick.



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# NPC & Mom

## Mixed Emotions in Bali

### By Hazel Wolpert

I was honoured and excited to be the NPC of the Open Canadian Team. The team consisted of Nick and Judy Gartaganis, Paul Thurston and Jeff Smith and Dan Korbel playing with my son Darren. Without Nick and Judy I could not have taken on this job. They are pros in every way. Analyzing the conventions cards, preparing for the trip down to every detail and most of all their caring and support. They are a model too for all of us in partnership behaviour. They celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary while in Bali.

Paul Thurston was our tour guide and his research got us to some excellent restaurants. Paul's wife Joanne accompanied him. She and I watched many of the matches together on Yugraph. Jeff was very happy and enthusiastic (so much so, that in a moment of excitement, when we realized we had won the match against Mexico, he picked me up and cracked a rib). His exuberance always made things fun. Dan Korbel was always making sure that I was okay. I spent a lot of time with Dan and Darren.

I was warned by many who had experience of being NPC that it was an awkward job, dealing with egos and partnership disagreements. However, I have to say this was definitely not the case. The harmony on this team made things very easy and everyone took part in the line-up decisions. There were no disputes and no egos. The team was there to put their best effort in and play hard.

We started off well but had a couple of bad days in the middle part of the round robin. Other than Italy, who blitzed us, we beat most of the tougher teams. We had a good run towards the end and the teams in contention had some tough matches. It was a problem (although the round-robin matches are randomly drawn) that we found ourselves playing USA I (my other son, Gavin's, team) in the final match of the round robin. Gavin's team had a lock on qualifying, however, it was important to be first in the round robin to be able to select your quarterfinal opponent. My team needed a win to be in eighth position. You can imagine the anguish watching my two sons playing against each other. The end result turned out perfectly. We beat Gavin's team and qualified for the play-offs and Gavin's team held on to first place to win the round robin.

Here is where the fairy tale stops. Gavin's team chose our team for the quarterfinals. It was so difficult to watch knowing it was the end of the road for one of my sons. Canada had a bad run in the early few sets which put them behind by quite a bit but they made a nice comeback to make the match a tight one. Canada lost in the end but, overall, did themselves proud. Now it was time to watch Gavin play and hope his team triumphed. But as I said the fairy tale ending did not come about because he too lost, in the semifinals to Monaco.

We did have a medal (a gold) in the family won by Jenny (Gavin's wife) in the Venice Cup. The highs and lows were with me right through, but mostly pride and joy. Bali is a beautiful place and the experience was special.

## Newer Players' Corner



### THINKING BRIDGE

By Eddie Kantar

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#### Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

**Opening lead:** ♠9.

**Bidding commentary:** North is too strong to open one notrump, and East has a perfect weak jump overcall, the equivalent of a weak two-bid. North doubles for takeout, South has an easy

two-notrump bid, and North should raise to three notrump, knowing partner has a spade stopper. Plus, West figures to have the king of hearts, given the bidding, if partner doesn't have it.

**Defensive commentary:** The spade lead is obvious, and East should realize that partner cannot have three low spades and lead the nine. When leading a suit that partner has bid and you have not supported, the proper lead from three low cards is low. Had you supported spades, the proper lead would be the highest of three low. Given that East needs partner to have two spades, it is important to keep that second spade in partner's hand in case he has a side suit entry. Accordingly, East covers the nine with the ten, telling partner his spades are very strong.

**Play commentary:** Assuming East ducks the first spade, as South, you can read the spade position and dare not let the defense in as they have five spades to cash! Thus you must not lead clubs. Your best chance is to play West for the king of hearts, a card that figures to be in the West hand given the bidding and the lead, and lead the jack of hearts at trick two, the only card in your hand that allows to you counteract East's strong defensive play and take the next eight tricks. The trick is for declarer and third hand to picture the layout of the suit that has been led and play accordingly. If you lead a low heart from hand for the finesse, it will win, but you will not be able to return to your hand to repeat the finesse without letting West in, and he will return his other spade to sink your contract.

# BOOK REVIEW



*Clever Plays in the Trump Suit*, by David Bird, Master Point Press, Toronto, 2012, Trade Paper, pp 206.  
**Reviewed by Ian Totman**

This is an excellent book on how to improve your play by properly managing the trump suit. I found it so important that I think a title of “Essential Plays in the Trump Suit” would better describe the material it covers.

The book focuses on the power of the trump suit. Its subjects include trump timing – should you draw all the defenders’ trumps straightaway, some of their trumps, or perhaps perform some other vital task first? – and situations where you need to unblock in the trump suit or to put a defender on lead with a trump. The reader will learn how to maximize the use of the entries provided by the trump suit, and how to perform a trump safety play or a trump avoidance play. Other important topics are how to survive a forcing attack on the long-trump holding and how to conjure extra tricks from the trump suit.

Some topics that resonated with me were:

- recognizing when to draw trumps (and how many rounds to draw)
- recognizing and combining chances
- handling bad breaks
- playing in seven- (or fewer-) card fits.

As always with David Bird, the writing is clear and the style is light and enjoyable. The format works well too – two to three chapters explaining a group of related topics followed by a quiz to help ensure you remember the material by working through examples.

Here’s an example that combines thinking ahead with good technique:

♠ A K 4

♥ —

♦ A K Q J 9 3

♣ A K 5 3

♠ —

♥ K Q J 10 7 6 4 3 2

♦ 6

♣ Q 7 4

♠ Q J 9 7

♥ 9

♦ 8 7 5 4

♣ J 10 8 2

♠ 10 8 6 5 3 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ 10 2

♣ 9 6

After West preempts with four hearts, you end up in a contract of six spades and get the lead of the king of hearts (East following). How do you play?

The author takes you through the thought process (you only need to worry about a 4-0 trump split), what you will need to do in that case (ruff

two clubs in hand) and therefore what NOT to do (ruff the heart lead in dummy or discard a club from dummy on the opening lead) or you go down! After discarding a diamond, a trump to the ace reveals the trump situation and you need to arrange to ruff two clubs in hand before playing diamonds through East until he ruffs in with an honour and is forced to lead from his other honour into your

ten-eight in hand and king-four in dummy ... an amazing escape!

All in all, a valuable addition to your library (assuming you also read what you have in your library). It will help improve your play of the hand and give you the confidence to find those extra chances when things look bleak. And possibly also improve your mood when partner places you in another 4-2 fit!



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## Changes to the Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC)

**By Nader Hanna**

The last few years have seen a significant decline in participation in the CWTC. In the 1990's it was common to have 16-20 women's teams compete for the honour of representing Canada at the World Championships. However, that number has steadily declined and this year only four teams competed in the CWTC in Toronto (a fifth team had to withdraw due to a medical emergency).

Declining participation in women's events is a North American trend (see *footnote*) not unique to Canada. In the USA, only six teams participated in the 2013 USBF women's trials to select the two

teams to represent the U.S. in this year's Venice Cup competition in Bali. Declining participation has also been noticeable in women's events at NABCs. For example, while 28 teams competed in the Wagar Knockout Teams at the 2006 Summer NABC in Chicago, only 13 teams competed in the same event this year in Atlanta and more than 25% of the participants were from Europe.

During the recent Canadian Bridge Championships (CBC) in Toronto, the CBF organized a meeting with the players participating in the CWTC to discuss their views on the reasons for the declining participation and ways of encouraging more women to participate in future CWTCs. As a result of the feedback received by the CBF, the following changes will be in effect starting in 2014:

- ◆ The trials to select the Canadian women's team will take place in the year before the world



championships (i.e., the 2014 trials will be for the selection of the Canadian team to compete in the 2015 Venice Cup). This will allow the trials to be held in the summer, thus allowing more women (specifically teachers) to participate. However, this means that the women's trials will be held separately and not as part of the CBC which is usually held in late May.

- ◆ To minimize the cost of holding the trials as a stand-alone event (not as part of the CBC) the trials will be held in conjunction with an ACBL Regional held in Canada during the month of July or August. At the moment the Edmonton regional (August 11-17) is the likely venue for holding the 2014 trials.
- ◆ There will be no CBF-subsidized Canadian women's team participating in the 2014 World Bridge Series (McConnell Cup) in Sanya, Hainan, China. The subsidy designated for 2014 women's team will be divided equally and added to the subsidies of the Canadian women's teams competing in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 World Championships.

Additionally, this year's experience showed that a team trial is not the preferred format when fewer than six teams participate. Accordingly, the following changes will also be in effect starting 2014:

- ◆ The deadline for teams to register for the CWTC, including the payment of a \$300 deposit, will be February 15.

- ◆ Should fewer than six teams register for the CWTC, the deposits will be refunded and the championship will be converted to the Canadian Women's IMP Pairs Championship (CWIPC). Pairs interested in participating in the CWIPC must then register their interest by April 15 and pay a deposit of \$150. Should fewer than 16 pairs register for the event it will be cancelled and all deposits will be refunded.
- ◆ The outcome of the CWTC or the CWIPC, as the case may be, will determine the women's team to represent Canada for the following year's world championship.

Thus, subject to meeting the eligibility requirements, the Canadian women's team will be determined as follows:

- ◆ Should a CWTC be held, the winners will represent Canada
- ◆ Should a CWIPC be held, the winning pair plus two of the next four pairs in the final standings (as described in the event's conditions of contest) will form the team representing Canada.

Should neither a CWTC nor a CWIPC be held, the CBF Board of Directors will form a committee to select the Canadian team.

*Footnote: Although this trend is not restricted to North America, the number of teams competing in European and World Championship events for women has slowly increased over the same period. The World Bridge Federation even conducts online tournaments restricted to women, a recent innovation. - Ed.*

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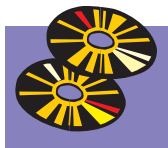
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## GRASS ROOTS EVENTS

**By Martin Hunter**

The Grand National Teams (GNT) and North American Pairs (NAP) are the two ACBL “grass roots” events. In these events, players can win red and gold points at the local level.

These competitions move through three stages: (1) Club qualifying games (2) Unit qualifying games and (3) District Finals, from which pairs/teams advance to North American Finals to represent District 2. (Spring for NAP and summer for GNT). Note: Recently, in our District, the NAP event has skipped the Unit Final stage and the GNT event has been run as a District Final only.

GNT competition is divided into four flights: Championship Flight (open to all), Flight A for players with fewer than 6000 masterpoints, Flight B for players with fewer than 2500 MP, and Flight C for Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MP.

NAP competition is divided into three flights: Flight A (open to all), Flight B for players with fewer than 2500 MP, and Flight C for Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MP.

Currently, in the NAP, the ACBL awards \$700 to each District winner and \$300 to each District runner-up to help defray expenses to the National Final. A third pair qualifies for the National Final without a subsidy. District 2 tops up the award to the runners-up, to match that of the winners. The ACBL pays the entries at the Spring NABC (a two-day event).

Currently, in the GNT, the ACBL offers no financial incentives to District winners. District 2 pays the team's entries at the Summer NABC (a 1- to 5-day event), if they exceed any other subsidy received.

It is worth noting that our GNT teams performed very well at the Atlanta NABC, with both our Championship and Flight A team advancing to the semi-finals, while our Flight B team made it to the round of 16.

### **What can be done to support our players in these events?**

Clubs can hold GNT qualifying games. Units can hold GNT Unit Finals. They both offer extra Masterpoints, half Red. Players are still eligible for the District Final. Your club can run one GNT Fund Raiser Game with a full sectional rating every year, for each of their sanctions. This game may be an individual, pair or team event. The revenues received by District 2 from all of these games help reimburse GNT champions for their entry fees at the NABC finals.

The ACBL Board has established a Grass Roots Fund, where revenues are returned to Districts to support NAP and GNT participants at NABC Finals. They have designated Grass Roots Fund Month as January, in 2014. Clubs can hold as many Grass Roots Fund games as they want in January, and also one Grass Roots Fund game in any month that does not “belong” to another fund.

Units can offer to Regionally-rated games at their Sectionals. This is a 40% boost in masterpoint payouts. \$4/table from these games is forwarded to the ACBL. If you designate the “Grass Roots Fund” as the beneficiary, that \$4/table will come back to our district so that we can boost subsidies for both our NAP and GNT champions.

Please encourage your Clubs & Units to make use of these opportunities.

Let's hope for the day when you can win a trip to an NABC to represent your District.



*Two recent letters have been sent to me by persons other than the author. They are significant enough to have a look at them here.*

*First, Peter Shearer writes about an idea developed by Abie Greenspan ....*

Abe's theory is that each tournament should have one or more expert non-players available as a 'designated bidder'. If something occurs at the table where an ethics violation *might* happen (e.g., one of the partnership hesitates so his partner might be tempted to take advantage of that), a designated bidder may be brought in to replace the player who might be tempted to take advantage of the hesitation. The designated bidder comes in with no knowledge of the facts that led to his being called in, so there is no advantage to either side at the table. The side that calls the director is given the option to allow the entrance of the designated bidder. If they decide not to avail themselves of this option, then the auction continues. In this case, the side that called the director has no recourse if they now get a bad score. In other words, they don't get two kicks at the can. It is also equitable because there is no average plus/average minus allocations which as some have pointed out in the article in question can be unfair to the field.

*Next, Paul Cronin weighs in on one of the factors in our not retaining new players*

...

There are three aspects to bridge: (i) bidding (ii) declarer play (iii) defence. There is an incredible amount of time spent on the bidding aspect, with little or no time being spent on the other two. Correct declarer play doesn't change – there can't be a new book to learn every five minutes – and the same is true for defence: the correct way to defend will be the same next year as it is now. So there is little, if any, money to be made in writing books or giving lessons covering those two aspects of the game. All the money is to be made in writing books and giving lessons on bidding, and new ones pour off the press every year. This is what new players find daunting when they walk into a tournament area, see the huge book display table, and think, "My God, how can I ever master all these things?" And they feel intimidated when they sit down at a table and find that their new opponents are using a totally different system than at the last table.

We do attract new players to the game, but ... we don't keep them. They leave, and they don't come back. Does that matter? Yes! The median age of ACBL members is now around 70, and the attrition rate in the future is going to be brutal.

How can we keep the new players? Bring the "game" back into bridge – let newcomers know that there's nothing wrong with keeping the bidding simple, and focus more on declarer play and defence. Do otherwise, and we may soon reach the point where there aren't enough players to make a game!



## TOURNAMENT WINNERS

**Barrie Regional**  
**Barrie, ON**  
**September 17-22, 2013**

**Tuesday Aft 299er Pairs** - Ronald Gutsell - Susanne Gutsell, Thornhill ON. **Tuesday A/X Pairs** - Robert Kuz, St Andrews MB; Barry Senensky, Toronto ON. **Tuesday B/C/D Pairs** - Norman Smith - Fran Smith, Minden ON. **Tuesday Eve 299er Pairs** - Gwynne Bell - Lynn Stevenson, Barrie ON. **Tuesday Evening Swiss** - Alan Lee, Willowdale ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON. **Wednesday Aft 299er Pairs** - Susan Romanko - Judy Keeping, Sudbury ON. **Tues-Wed KOs Bracket 1** - Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON; Jianfeng Luo - Edward Xu, North York ON. **Tues-Wed KOs - Bracket 2** - Elizabeth Leclair - Marc Fournier, Barrie ON; Michael O'Rourke, Baden ON; Mervyn McCormick, Alliston ON. **Tues-Wed KOs - Bracket 3** - Margaret Wynarchuk, Richmond Hill ON; Mary Lovrics, Don Mills ON;

Barbara Murray, Caledon ON; Joy Shapiro, Thornhill ON. **Tues-Wed KOs - Bracket 4** - J Mark Wolfe, Angus ON; Jan Gilewicz, Minesing ON; Robert Manning - Anne Manning, Egbert ON. **Wednesday Compact Bkt 1** - Stephen Goldin, North York ON; Gary Zlot, Toronto ON; Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON; Peter Deluca, Woodbridge ON. **Wednesday Comp KO - Bkt 2** - Jill Thompson - Josee Hammill, Toronto ON; D Munro - P Munro, Peterborough ON. **Wednesday Comp KO - Bkt 3** - Adrienne Taylor, Barrie ON; Sheila Pancer, Bell Ewart ON; Shirley Nicholls, Innisfil ON; Edward Mitchell, Scarborough ON. **Wednesday Open Pairs** - Allan Smith, Tiny ON; Bill Kertes, Toronto ON. **Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs** - Evelyn Storey - Ruth Campbell, Orillia ON. **Wednesday Eve 299er Pairs** - Judy Keeping - Susan Romanko, Sudbury ON. **Wed-Thu Compact KO** - Jack Shinehoft, Dundas ON; Michael Kammermayer, Oakville ON; Stephen Young, Mississauga ON; Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON. **Thurs Aft 299er Pairs** - Toni Lawson - Brenda Moffatt, Coldwater ON. **Thursday CKO - Bracket 1** - William Koski, King City ON; Marc Langevin - Martin Newland, North Bay ON; Jack Brown, Ottawa ON. **Thursday CKO - Bracket 2** - Richard Wan, Pinellas Park FL; Rose-Marie Bullis, Palm Harbor FL; G Kissel, Clearwater FL; Carol Dellandrea, North Bay ON. **Thursday CKO - Bracket 3** - Paul Gillis, Oakville ON; Vernon Beacock, Elmvale ON; Alison Burkett, Kitchener ON; Louise Hollingsworth, Waterloo ON. **Thursday A/X Pairs** - Helen Johnston, Ajax ON; Nancy Stewart,

North York ON. Thursday Gold Rush Pairs - Alan Wilson - Lesley Wilson, Port Elgin ON. **Thursday Eve 299er Pairs** - David Bull - Hillarie Woods, Creemore ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Ivan McQuillin - Mildred McQuillin, Kitchener ON. **Friday A/X Pairs** - Alice Anderson - Bill Anderson, Tillsonburg ON. **Friday B/C/D Pairs** - Basil Kalymon - Chris Robinson, Toronto ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Toni Lawson - Brenda Moffatt, Coldwater ON. **Friday Evening Swiss** - Andrew Russell, Bowmanville ON; Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK; Diane K.M. Gordon, St Catharines ON; Samantha Nystrom, Toronto ON. **Friday Compact KO Bkt 1** - Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Joy Phillips, Toronto ON; Dave Swarhout - Donna Swarhout, Newberry MI. **Friday Compact KO Bkt 2** - Denise Dykeman - Mario Rovinelli, Sudbury ON; Judy Keating - Fletcher Keating, Caledon ON. **Morning Side Series** - Michael O'Rourke, Baden ON. **Afternoon Side Series** - Sandor Olcsvary, Barrie ON. **Sat Afternoon 299er Pairs** - Ferdinanda Coolsma - Robert Rivers, Ancaster ON. **Fri-Sat KO - Bracket A** - Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON; Edward Xu - Jianfeng Luo, North York ON. **Fri-Sat KO - Bracket B** - Ted Boyd - Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge ON; Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON. **Fri-Sat KO - Bracket C** - Larry Riddle, Whitby ON; Ronald Stokal, Aurora ON; John Ebden - Lynda Ebden, Markham ON. **Saturday Compact - Bkt 1** - David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Alan Lee, Willowdale ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON. **Saturday Compact - Bkt 2** - Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON; Steven Mehta, Mississauga ON; Peter Deluca,

Woodbridge ON; Leo Herdan, Thornhill ON. **Saturday Compact - Bkt 3** - Leonard Dale - Mary Ellen Dale - John Lamarre - Dale Mackenzie, Barrie ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Gur Baykal - Margaret Baykal, Markham ON. **Saturday Gold Rush Pairs** - Judi Henwood, Ennismore ON; Sally Giles, Ashburn ON. **Saturday Swiss Teams** - Malcolm Collins, Dundas ON; Barbara Wood - Jacqueline Syer - Gail Lambacher, Oakville ON. **A-X Swiss** - Shan Huang - Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Richard Chan, Markham ON. **B-C-D Swiss** - John Ellis - David Douglas - John Storey - Sandra Douglas, Toronto ON. **299'er Swiss** - Maureen Short - David Short, Collingwood ON; Carole Gibson - Shirley Moore, Meaford ON.

**Bay Of Quinte  
Trenton, ON  
October 4 - 6, 2013**

**Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs** - Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Robert Hollow, Madoc ON. **Fri Eve Strat 299er Pairs** - Tom Fleming - Janice Fleming, Plainfield ON. **Sat Aft Strat 299er Pairs** - Donna McLellan, Toronto ON; Cathy Hogg, Pickering ON. **Sat Morn Strat 299er Pair** - Ronald Wilson - Phyllis Wilson, Markham ON. **Strat Open Pairs, 2 Sess** - Paul Thurston - Joanne Thurston, Wellington ON. **Open Swiss Teams** - Hans Jacobs - Debbie Bennett, Brighton ON; Charlotte St Amant, Trenton ON; Lyn Stevens, Peterborough ON. **Sun Morn 299er Swiss Teams** - Diana Farquharson - Judith Smith - Katherine Shortall - Victoria Williams, Belleville ON. **Sun Aft 299er Swiss Teams** - Diana Farquharson - Judith Smith - Katherine Shortall - Victoria Williams, Belleville ON.

**Blue Mountain Sectional  
Collingwood ON  
October 18-20, 2013**

**Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Maria Moore, Lakeland FL; James McGregor, Collingwood ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Lina Sawitz, Collingwood ON; Ona Senkus, Wasaga Beach ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Don Brock - Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Janice Chappelle - Dorothy Henley, Meaford ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Judy Aluin, Collingwood ON; Jennifer Aluin, Thornhill ON. **Saturday Open Pairs** - Edith Ferber - Louise Hollingsworth, Waterloo ON. **Saturday Eve 299er Pairs** - Virginia Elliott, Toronto ON; Steven Norris, Palgrave ON. **Sunday Morn 299er Teams** - David Bull - Rowland Fleming - Hillarie Woods, Creemore ON; John Roland, Toronto ON. **Sunday Open Swiss Teams** - Bill Anderson - Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON; Wendy Dooley - Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON. **Sunday Aft 299er Teams** - Susan Hartman - Lyonel Hartman, Wasaga Beach ON; Todd Reynolds, Ravenna ON; Eleanor Swan, Collingwood.

**District 2 STAC  
District 2  
October 21 - 27, 2013**

1 33.63 Gary Zlot, Toronto ON. 2 33.46 Jim Coote, Orillia ON. 3 29.56 Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON. 4 29.32 David Johannsson, Sudbury ON. 5 27.53 Andrzej Niewiadomski, Scarborough ON. 6 24.65 Jan Gilewicz, Minesing ON. 7 23.41 Jeremy Smees, St Catharines ON. 8 20.26 Reg Pitre, Woodstock ON. 9 20.26 Claire Pitre, Woodstock ON. 10 19.03 Avinash Saxena, Sarnia ON.

**Heart Of The North Sectional  
Temiskaming Shores  
October 25-27, 2013**

**Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Lloyd Harris - Michel Malette, Sudbury ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Louky Fournel - Claude Fournel, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Normand Malette - Donald Malette, Sudbury ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - Margaret Corbett, Sudbury ON; Wilma Castonguay, Chelmsford ON. **Saturday Morn Open Pairs** - Jennifer O'Hara - Luc Bigras, Sudbury ON. **Saturday Morn 299er Pairs** - Peter Greco, North Bay ON; Raymond Fournier, Sturgeon Falls ON. **Saturday Aft Open Pairs** - John Biondi, North Bay ON; Robert Lamothe, New Liskeard ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Rachel Martineau - Jacqueline Vachon, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Saturday Eve Fast Pairs** - Alan Young, New Liskeard ON; Jennifer O'Hara, Sudbury ON. **Sunday Morn 299er Swiss** - Rachel Martineau - Jacqueline Vachon - Lise Santerre, Rouyn-Noranda QC; Rosaire East, Rouyn-Noranda QC. **Sunday Aft 299er Swiss** - Raymond Lendt - Bob Smith - Verna Wisniewski, Sudbury ON; Madeleine Fex-Tinkis, Lively ON. **Sunday Open Swiss** - Lloyd Harris - Michel Malette, Sudbury ON; Frances Freeman - Dale Freeman, Englehart ON.

**Oshawa & District Sectional  
Oshawa ON  
November 2-3, 2013**

**Stratiflighted A/X Pairs** - Mike Fernane - Phyllis Jones, Brampton ON. **Stratiflight B/C/D Pairs** - Bruce Becker - David Ryder, Toronto ON. **A/X Swiss** - Shan Huang, Toronto ON;



Richard Chan, Markham ON; Yan Wang, Scarborough ON; Jianfeng Luo, North York ON. **B/C/D Swiss** - Gordon Harron - Bill Swerdon, Mississauga ON; Donald Morrison, Oakville ON; Mark Pickett, Toronto ON & Joseph Mantell, Thornhill ON; Thambi Sivarajah - Vincent Kwong - Sandra Wong, Markham ON.

## Niagara Falls Regional Niagara Falls, ON November 5-10, 2013

**Charity Open Pairs** - Mary Gorkin, Boca Raton FL; Jeremy Smee, St Catharines ON. **Niagara KO Brk 1** - Jonathan Steinberg - Shan Huang, Toronto ON; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON. **Niagara KO Brk 2** - Robert Bambrick - E Davis, Ottawa ON; Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON; Danny Ioannidis, Grassie ON. **Niagara KO Brk 3** - James Thomson - Edgar Bromley, Oakville ON; Rose Garritsen - John Garritsen, Etobicoke ON. **Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs** - Doug Elliott, Egmondville ON; Thomas Rajnovich, Goderich ON. **Wed A/X Pairs** - Colin Harrington - Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON. **Whirlpool KO - A** - Joan Eaton - Doug Baxter - Nader Hanna, Toronto ON; Christine Urbanek, Tonawanda NY. **Whirlpool KO - B** - Dennis Glazebrook - Sandra Smee - M Maureen Clark, St Catharines ON; Sharon Stevens, Vineland STN ON. **Whirlpool KO - C** - Jane Krangle - Andrea Iceruk, Toronto ON; Jean Collins, Thornhill ON; Margo Davidson, Minden ON. **Thursday Gold Rush Pairs** - Arlene Klapman - Angela Mancini, Toronto ON. **Thursday A/X Pairs** - Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA. **Compact KO Teams 1 - I** - Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON; Stephen

Mackay - Richard Chan, Markham ON; Randal Davidson, North York ON. **Compact KO Teams 1 - II** - Kathy Pollock, East Amherst NY; Thomas Koralewski, West Seneca NY; Davis Heussler, East Aurora NY; Judith Padgug, Amherst NY. **Compact KO Teams 1 - III** - Kathy Cohen, Scarborough ON; Frances Ash - Esther Climans, Thornhill ON; Patricia Penty, Aurora ON. **Maid Of The Mist KO - I** - Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Hans Jacobs - Debbie Bennett, Brighton ON. **Maid Of The Mist KO - II** - Robert Marcus - Kathy Guinyou, Toronto ON; James Gray, Murrysville PA; James Carroll, Lyons NY. **Maid Of The Mist KO - III** - Diane Jamieson - Alison Burkett, Kitchener ON; C. Deaun Moulton - Susan Lawton - Rosslynn Shortt, Waterloo ON; Janice Flossbach, Orillia ON. **Friday A/X Pairs** - Barry Senensky - Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON. **Gold Rush Swiss Teams** - Liz Bryers - Janet Glazebrook, St Catharines ON; Donald Munroe, St. Catharines ON; Max Rutherford, Mississauga ON. **Saturday Morn 299er Pairs** - William Carroll - Arnold Hagel, Burlington ON. **Sat. Compact KO- I** - Gary Westfall, Brampton ON; Roman Klein - Andrew Firko, Oakville ON; Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON. **Sat Compact KO -II** - Robert Marcus - Kathy Guinyou - David Promislow - Hugh Currie, Toronto ON. **Sat Compact KO - III** - Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Thea Davis, Eden Mills ON; Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge ON; Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON. **Sat Compact KO - IV** - Pat Fung - Harry Shen, Guelph ON; Lin Murong - Jake Liu, Waterloo ON. **Sat Aft 299er Pairs** - Janet Campbell - Don Campbell, Toronto ON. **BCD Stratiflighted Pairs** - Jacqueline Britz - Joel Britz, Toronto

ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Mark Donovan, Kingston ON; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA. **Evening KO Teams** - Lane Byl, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON; Bernie Johnson - Lorna Johnson, Ridgeway ON; Mahendra Thaleshvar, St Catharines ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - Peter Hambly, Hanover ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams** - Susan Wain - Gary Holmes, Toronto ON; Henry Schmidt, Etobicoke ON; Vivienne Whitworth, Richmond Hill ON. **Sunday 299er Swiss Teams** - Richard Shannon, Niagara Falls ON; Roberta Burkell - Ann Perez - Sheila Marcantonio, St Catharines ON. **Morning Side Game Series** - Mirdza Jaunzemis, Hamilton ON & Sally Tindale, Stoney Creek ON. **Afternoon Side Series** - Christy Kellogg, Buffalo NY & Elbert Hargesheimer III, Hamburg NY. **Evening Side Series** - Maxime Nault, Montreal QC.

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**Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Moira Hollingsworth - Dianne Aves, Waterloo ON. **Friday Aft 299er Pairs** - Jean Belfour - William Belfour, Orillia ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - David Wilson, Stratford ON; Marjorie Wilson, Toronto ON. **Friday Eve 299er Pairs** - William Belfour - Jean Belfour, Orillia ON. **Saturday Morn 299er Pairs** - Paul Radigan - Jim Lafferty. **Saturday Open Pairs** - William Woodcock - Deanna Tomas, Sarnia ON. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - Guy Murray - Sheila Murray, Kincardine ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss** - Debbie Feldman - Christopher Cowan, Oakville ON; Jill Thompson,

Toronto ON; John Rayner, Mississauga ON. **Sunday B/C/D Swiss** - Henryk Nowak - Malgorzata Lukasiak, Mississauga ON; Andrew Kita, Scarborough ON; Kris Korczynski, Oakville ON. **Sunday 299er Swiss** - Marilyn Campbell - Lindsay Sleightholm - Jim Wright, St Thomas ON; Lonnie Hudson, London ON.

**District 2 North American  
Pairs Finals  
Mississauga ON,  
Tillsonburg ON,  
Toronto ON,  
Winnipeg MB  
November 24, 2013**

**Flight A** - Leonard Doerksen - David Brough, Winnipeg MB. **Flight B** - Doug Cote, Woodstock ON; Ross Driedger, London ON. **Flight C** - Janusz Malz - Janusz Poniatowski, Kitchener ON.

**Phoenix NABC  
Top 10's**

**Baze Senior KO Teams**  
9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>: **Robert Lebi-  
David Lindop**

**Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs**  
8<sup>th</sup>: **Barbara Seagram-  
Alex Kornell**

**Reisinger BAM Teams**  
5<sup>th</sup>: **Les Amoils**

**Keohane North  
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	<u>Mornings</u>	<u>Afternoons</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	Closed	Open Game 1:00 pm We Have Bagels!	Closed
<u>Monday</u>	Classes	Open Game 12:30 pm	Open Game 7:00 pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	Classes	Supervised Play 12.15 Open Game 12:30	Team League 7:15 pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	199 <sup>er</sup> Game 9:15 am	Open Game 12:30 pm	Open Game 7:15 pm
<u>Thursday</u>	Classes	Open Game 12:30 pm	299 <sup>er</sup> Game 7:00 pm
<u>Friday</u>	Classes	Open Game 12:30 pm We Have Bagels!	Open Game 7:30 pm (Optional Pool)
<u>Saturday</u>	Classes	Non-Life Master Game 1:00 pm	Closed

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# Gateway to the North Sectional

## March 28-30, 2014

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### Schedule of Events

**Stratification of all events determined by pair or team average**

#### Friday March 28, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Open – A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500  
Stratified 299er Pairs

Newcomer Pairs 0-50 fewer boards, more relaxed

#### Saturday March 29, 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Open – A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500  
Stratified 299er Pairs

Newcomer Pairs 0-50 fewer boards, more relaxed

**Free Light lunch provided between Saturday sessions**

#### Sunday March 30, 10:00 am

Stratified Swiss Teams 2 Session Play Through

Based on Average Master Points A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-499

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams – Two Single Sessions

**This is a zero tolerance tournament.**

**Please let the Directing Staff know if someone negatively affects your enjoyment of this tournament.**

**Fees:** Friday & Saturday \$10 / session; Sunday \$100 / team includes lunch

\$3 extra for non- or unpaid ACBL members

Newcomers Pairs \$6 / session + \$2 for non- or unpaid ACBL members

#### **Tournament Co-chairs:**

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# BRADFORD SECTIONAL

## April 5 & 6, 2014



Please join us for fun & bridge at the *spacious* Portuguese Cultural Centre, 767 Simcoe Road  
Corner of Simcoe Rd & Canal Rd, Bradford, ON

### Event Schedule

#### Saturday, April 5

Compact KO – 2 sessions (limit of 4 team members).....1 & 6:30 pm  
Stratified Pairs (A/X and B/C/D) - single sessions welcome.....1 & 6:30 pm  
Swiss Teams – single session.....6:30 pm

#### Sunday, April 6

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.....11 am & TBD  
(Playthrough - lunch on site)

Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0-3000

Flights B/C/D: B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-299

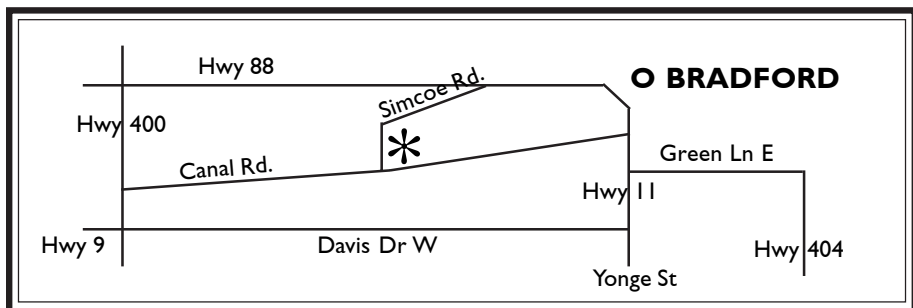
**Intermediate/Novice Games:** Separate games each day as numbers permit.

**Entry Fees:** \$12 per session for ACBL members (additional fee for non-members), \$5 for students, and SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE for players who have never played in a Tournament before – 1 **FREE** session.

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**Directions:** Hwy 400 to Canal Road (just north of Hwy 9), go east on Canal Road 5.6 km to Simcoe Road, turn left (north) on Simcoe, go over bridge and you're at the site, 767 Simcoe Road. If coming from the east, Hwy 404 to Green Lane, west to Yonge St. (Hwy 11), turn right (north) and proceed up Yonge 7.2 kms to Bridge St. (just past a bridge) which quickly becomes Canal Road, turn left (west) and proceed 3.2 kms to Simcoe Road, turn right, go past the bridge and you've arrived.

# Toronto Easter Regional 2014

## Tuesday, April 15 – Sunday, April 20

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

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qualify for overall/gold awards. Players may play with different  
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Free 0–5 Games for Newcomers Thursday and Saturday  
at 1:00 p.m. .... Don't miss it!  
0–299er games every afternoon at 1:00 and every evening at 7:00  
Tuesday – Saturday. 0–299 Swiss Teams on Sunday at 10:00 am.



# Schedule



## Tuesday, April 15

Stratified Pairs (A:Open, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)..... 11:00 & 4:00 pm  
 Bracketed KO 1 (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> sessions)...(3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> on Wed).....1:00 & 7:00 pm  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A/X: Open/2000,  
 Gold Rush B: 300-750, C: 0-300).....1:00 & .7:00 pm

## Wednesday, April 16

Morning Bracketed KO (1<sup>st</sup> session)...(continues Thurs, Fri..) .....9:00 am  
 Stratified Pairs (A: Open, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)..... 11:00 & 4:00 pm  
 Bracketed Swiss Teams.....1:00 & 7:00 pm

## Thursday, April 17

Morning Compact KO...1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>...(3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> on Fri.) .....9:00 am  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A/X: Open/2000,  
 Gold Rush B: 300-750, C: 0-300).....11:00 & 4:00 pm  
 Percy Sheardown Open KO (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>)...(continues Friday).....1:00 & 7:00 pm  
 0-5000 KO (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>)...(Bracketed; continues Friday).....1:00 & 7:00 pm

## Friday, April 18

Stratified Daylight Open Pairs  
 (A:Open, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750).....11:00 & 4:00 pm  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A/X: Open/2000,  
 Gold Rush B: 300-750, C: 0-300).....1:00 & .7:00 pm  
 Bracketed KO 3 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)...(3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> on Sat.).....1:00 & 7:00 pm

## Saturday, April 19

Stratified Senior Pairs (A:Open, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)..... 11:00 & 4:00 pm  
 Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A/X: Open/2000,  
 Gold Rush B: 300-750, C: 0-300).....11:00 am & 4:00 pm  
 Compact KO.....11:00 am & 4:00 pm

## Sunday, April 20

Stratiflighted\* Swiss Teams (7 matches of 7 boards).....10:00 am & TBA  
 Stratified Fast Pairs (Leave By 3:30pm!)  
 (A: Open, B: 2000, C: 750).....10:00am & TBA  
 Sunday Flights: A:Open, X:0-3000, B: 1000-2000,  
 C: 500-1000, D: 0-500 and 0-299 if numbers warrant

## *Intermediate and Newcomer Players*

### **0-299 Master Points**

EVERY AFTERNOON AT 1:00 P.M. &  
EVERY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M.  
(SATURDAY – 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.)

***GUEST SPEAKERS 1 hour before first session on  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
for players with 0–5 masterpoints***

## *Side Game Series*

Mornings 9:00 am; Afternoons  
1:00 pm; Evenings 7:00 pm

**Series 1** Mornings (Wed-Fri)

**Series 2** Afternoons (Tue-Sat)

**Series 3** Evenings (Tue-Fri)

Play any 2 sessions in a Series to  
qualify for overall awards

## *Evening Swiss Teams*

Single sessions

7:00 pm Tuesday  
through Friday

4:00 pm Saturdays

***FREE on Thursday at  
1:00 pm!!!!***

## *Contacts*

For tournament information (including partnerships), visit:  
[www.unit166.ca](http://www.unit166.ca)

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[regionalvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:regionalvolunteer@gmail.com)

For people interested in caddying (or for family members interested  
in caddying), email: [regionalcaddies@gmail.com](mailto:regionalcaddies@gmail.com)

Tournament Chairperson:  
David Halasi 647-281-7629 [halasid@rogers.com](mailto:halasid@rogers.com)

This tournament has Zero Tolerance For Unacceptable  
Behaviour! If someone negatively affects your enjoyment,  
please report this to the tournament staff.



The Credit Valley Bridge Association  
**BRAMPTON SECTIONAL**

**26-27 April 2014**

**Region Of Peel Agricultural Society  
12942 Heart Lake Rd., Caledon, L7C 2J3**

**From the east, west or south:** From Hwy 401 go north on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd.(10th exit). Go west (left) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately **3 km north**.

**From the north:** Take Hwy 10 south until it merges with Hwy 410. Stay on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. Go west (right) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately **3 km north**.

**SATURDAY APRIL 26**



**Stratified Pairs** – 2-session playthrough  
A=2000+; B=750–2000; C=0-750

**Stratified 299<sup>er</sup> pairs** - 2 single sessions  
1/2 price for players with 0-5 MPs.

**Stratified 49<sup>er</sup> pairs** - 2 single sessions  
1/2 price for players with 0-5 MPs.

**All Game times:** 11:00 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.

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

**SUNDAY APRIL 27**

**0–199 Swiss Teams**

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

**Stratiflighted A/X & B/C/D Swiss Teams**

Playthrough – 45 minute break at midpoint

A=2500+; X=0-2500; B=0–1500;

C=0–750;D=0–300

**Game time:** 11:00 am

Stratification will be determined by the average master points of team members.



**\*\*\* *Enjoy the hospitality and finish early!* \*\*\***

**Entry Fees:** \$12/player/session for ACBL members;  
\$15 for non-members in Open events

**Tournament Chair:** Lee Daugharty - [calendar@interlog.com](mailto:calendar@interlog.com)



# The Peterborough Sectional 2014

Sat, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sun, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* New Location \*\***

**McDonnel St. Activity Centre**

**577 McDonnel Street**

**\*\*Lots of Free Parking\*\***

**Saturday May 3, 11am & TBA** (Approximately 2:45)

Playthrough – lunch for sale on site

**Open Pairs - Stratified A/X & B/C/D** – single sessions welcome

**199 Pairs** (Single Sessions)

**Sunday May 4, 11am & TBA**

Playthrough – Swiss Chalet dinner for sale on site

**A/X Swiss Teams** (A=3000+, X= 0–3000)

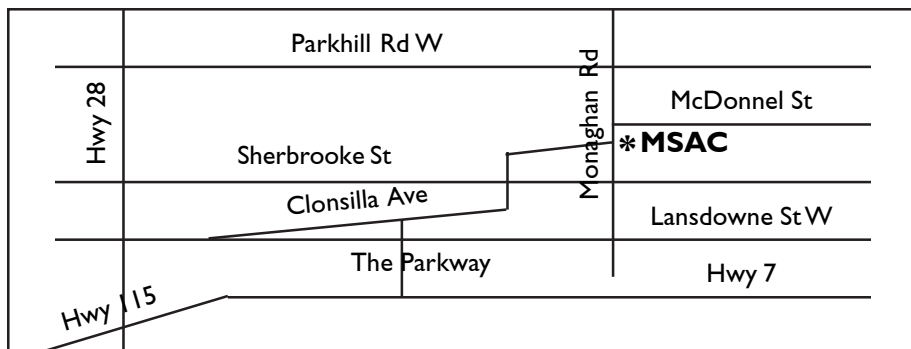
**B/C/D Swiss Teams** (B=750-1500, C=300–750, D=0–300)

**199<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams** (Single Sessions)

Entry Fees: \$12 per session for ACBL members (additional fee for non-members), \$5 for students, **SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE** for players who have never played in a Tournament before - 1 FREE session.

Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Haney (705) 738-3100  
ron@unit246.com

Partnerships  
Birte Ayer (705) 874-3028  
birteayer@bell.net



# Sudbury Sectional

May 23-25, 2014

Royal Canadian Legion  
Falconbridge Branch 336  
66 Edison Rd.  
Garson, ON P0M 1S0  
(705) 693-2114



**Stratifications of all events determined  
by pair or team average**

## Friday May 23

**1:00 & 7:00 pm**

Stratified Open

A: 1500+; B: 500-1500 C: 0- 500

Stratified 299er Pairs

Newcomer pairs

0-5 fewer boards more relaxed

## Saturday May 24

**10:30 am & 3:00 pm**

Stratified Open

A: 1500+; B: 500-1500 C: 0- 500

Stratified 299er Pairs

Newcomer pairs

0-49 fewer boards more relaxed

## Sunday May 25

**10:00 am**

Stratified Swiss Teams

2 sessions Playthrough

Stratified A: 1500+; B: 500-1500 C: 0- 500

Stratified 299er Swiss & Newcomer

Swiss (if numbers warrant)

**Accommodations are 7 km from the  
playing site**

### **Ambassador Hotel**

225 Falconbridge Rd  
Sudbury ON 705-566-3601

### **Comfort Inn**

440 Second Ave N  
Sudbury ON 705-560-4502

### **Marriott Fairfield Inn**

490 Barrydown  
Sudbury ON 705-560-0111

### **Chateau Guay Motel**

2865 Kingsway  
Sudbury ON 705-566-1501

### **Moonlight Inn & Suites**

350 Moonlight Ave  
Sudbury ON 705-566-0321

### **TownePlace Suites by Marriott Sudbury**

Rating: 2.5 Stars

1710 The Kingsway, Sudbury, ON, P3B  
0E4 Canada  
1-866-500-4938

**Cost \$10 per session. Sunday teams \$100 includes lunch. \$4 extra for Non-ACBL**

**Hospitality** after Friday evening sessions & between Saturday sessions

**Tournament Chair:** Norm Malette, normmalette1951@gmail.com

**Partnerships:** Linda Anderson, randerson002@unitz.ca

Sudbury Bridge Club (705) 675-1772, sudburybridge@gmail.com

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Open Championship Flight - No masterpoint limits

Flight A - Under 6000 masterpoints

Flight B - Under 2500 masterpoints

Flight C - Non-Life Master under 500 masterpoints

(All as of September, 2013)

You and your team could represent

District 2 in the North

American Final, July 16-20,

2014, to be played at the

Las Vegas Summer NABC

(July 16-27).



- ◆ All players must be paid-up ACBL members and residents of District 2
- ◆ Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 members
- ◆ The District Finals will take place on Saturday, May 24 & Sunday, May 25, 2014
- ◆ The format will be a Round Robin followed by a Knockout

**For details, consult the District 2 website:  
([www.acbldistrict2.org](http://www.acbldistrict2.org))**

**DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR - Martin Hunter  
[martinhunter@primus.ca](mailto:martinhunter@primus.ca); 905-858-7683**

# Announcing the KW Summerfest Sectional

## May 31 and June 1, 2014



### Featuring:

- ♣ Located in the Beehive Lounge of the Hespeler Arena, close to the 401. Free and copious parking is available.
- ◇ Coffee, tea and homemade goodies will be available throughout the tournament, and there is easy access to a variety of local restaurants.
- ♠ Competitive prices and ACBL members with 0-5 master points play for free.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Saturday May 31** (12:30 pm start)

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions).....12:30 pm and 6:00 pm

199<sup>er</sup> Pairs (Single Sessions).....12:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Single Session Open Entries Welcome

#### **Sunday June 1** (11:00 am start)

Stratified Open Swiss Teams (Playthrough)

199<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)



**Stratification:** A: 1500+ B: 750 - 1500 C: 0 - 750

Stratifications by average of pair and team

**Game fees (including HST):** \$11.00/ACBL member per session; \$120.00/team for Sunday Swiss, including a Swiss Chalet dinner. ACBL Members with 0-5 MP play free - Sunday dinner costs \$7.00. For non- or unpaid ACBL members, add \$3.00 for Open games, \$1.00 for 199<sup>er</sup> games.

**Tournament Coordinator:** Ted Boyd (519) 740-9614 [boyds@conestoga.net](mailto:boyds@conestoga.net)  
**Partnerships:** Alison Burkett (519) 885-6035 [aburkett@galleryonthegrand.com](mailto:aburkett@galleryonthegrand.com)

**Location:** Hespeler Arena, Beehive Lounge, 640 Ellis Road West, Cambridge, ON N3C 4K1; Tel. (519) 740-4681, Ext.4605

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

# THORNHILL ( MARKHAM )

## SECTIONAL

**Saturday, June 28 – Sunday, June 29, 2014**

After a 5 year hiatus it's back!!!

A Sectional at the Thornhill Community Centre!

Please join us for fun, silver points and great hospitality.

### Event Schedule

#### **Saturday, June 28**

Stratified Pairs 1 & 6:30 pm

*Two session event, single entries welcome*

Compact KO's (Limit of 4 players per team) 1 & 6:30 pm

Single-session Swiss Teams 6:30 pm

#### **Sunday, June 29**

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 am. & TBD

*Playthrough, lunch on site*

Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0-3000

Flights B/C/D: B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-299

#### **Entry Fees**

\$12 per session for ACBL members (additional fee for non-members),  
\$5 for students, and SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE for players who  
have never played in a Tournament before – 1 **FREE** session.

#### **Intermediate/Novice Games**

Separate games each day as numbers permit.

#### **Tournament Chair**

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

#### **Partnerships**

Sally MacRae, sally\_macrae@yahoo.ca, 416-488-4332

#### **Location**

Main floor, south end of the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755  
Bayview Ave., Thornhill. The Centre is on the northwest corner of  
Bayview and John St. John St. is between Steeles Ave. and Hwy. 407.

**\*\*LOTS OF FREE PARKING\*\***



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# REGIONAL LONDON BRIDGE



## TOURNAMENT



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Must specify "London Bridge Tournament" at

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- Single-session entries welcome

#### **Stratiflighted games**

A/X - A: Unlimited; X: up to 2500;

B: 1000 - 2000; C: 500 - 1000; D: 0 - 500

**Stratified Games by MP or team average**

A: 2000+; B: 750 - 2000; C: 0 - 750

**Note: When an event has an upper MP limit, all players must have fewer than that number of master points**

#### **Side Game Series**

Play 1 or more sessions with the same or different partners.

Must play at least two sessions in the event to be eligible for gold point awards.

#### **Gold Rush Pairs**

Players must play both sessions to be eligible for gold point awards.

#### **Tournament Chair**

Dwight Bender [dwightbender@execulink.com](mailto:dwightbender@execulink.com)

#### **Partnerships**

Siobhan Scannell [chivon@sympatico.ca](mailto:chivon@sympatico.ca)



## Tuesday July 8

Stratified A/X Pairs.....	10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session).....	7 pm

## Wednesday July 9

Forest City Bracketed Knockouts (1st & 2nd).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified A/X Pairs.....	10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session).....	3 pm
London Side Game Series (1st of 5).....	7 pm
HCP Evening Compact KO 1 (1st of 2).....	7 pm

## Thursday July 10

Forest City Bracketed Knockouts (3rd & 4th).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (A/X).....	10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Swiss Teams (750/300).....	10 am & 3 pm
London Side Game Series (2nd & 3rd of 5).....	3 pm & 7 pm
HCP Evening Compact KO 1 (2nd of 2).....	7 pm

## Friday July 11

Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (1st & 2nd).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs.....	10 am & 3 pm
Newcomer Pairs (0-99).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session).....	3 pm
London Side Game Series (4th of 5).....	7 pm
HCP Evening Compact KO 2 (1st of 2).....	7 pm

## Saturday July 12

Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (3rd & 4th).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified A/X Pairs.....	10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300).....	10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (Two sessions).....	3 pm & 7 pm
London Side Game Series (5th of 5).....	7 pm
HCP Evening Compact KO 2 (2nd of 2).....	7 pm

## Sunday July 13

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (A/X) (B/C/D).....	10 am
(Playthrough) (Entry fee \$152 per team, includes lunch)	

More information at [www.londonregionalbridge.ca](http://www.londonregionalbridge.ca)



# International Fund Regional Toronto

September 16 -21, 2014

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Bruce Elliot Bracketed KO Teams (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions).....1 & 7 pm  
Charity Stratified Open Pairs.....7 pm

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Morning Side Game Series (1<sup>st</sup> of 4 sessions).....9:30 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series (1<sup>st</sup> of 4 sessions)..... .1 pm  
Eric Murray Bracketed KO Teams (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions).....1 & 7 pm  
Bruce Elliot Bracketed KO Teams (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> sessions).....1 & 7 pm  
Stratified A/X Open Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
Gold Rush B/C Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
99er Pairs (single session games).....1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series (1<sup>st</sup> of 4 sessions).....7 pm

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Morning Side Game Series (2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 sessions).....9:30 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series (2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 sessions).....1 pm  
Sami Kehela Bracketed KO Teams (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions)....1 & 7 pm  
Eric Murray Bracketed KO Teams (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> sessions).....1 & 7 pm  
Stratified A/X Open Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
Gold Rush B/C Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
99er Pairs (single session games).....1 & 7 pm  
Evening Side Game Series (2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 sessions).....7 pm

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Morning Side Game Series (3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 sessions).....9:30 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series (3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 sessions).....1 pm  
Compact Bracketed KO Teams I.....1 & 7 pm  
Sami Kehela Bracketed KO Teams (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> sessions)....1 & 7 pm  
Stratified A/X Open Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
Gold Rush B/C Pairs.....1 & 7 pm

99er Pairs (single session games).....1 & 7 pm  
 Evening Side Game Series (3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 sessions).....7 pm

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20**

Morning Side Game Series (4<sup>th</sup> of 4 sessions).....9:30 am  
 Afternoon Side Game Series (4<sup>th</sup> of 4 sessions).....1 pm  
 Compact Bracketed KO Teams II.....1 & 7 pm  
 Stratiflighted A/X Open Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
 Stratiflighted B/C/D Open Pairs.....1 & 7 pm  
 299er Pairs (single session games).....1 & 7 pm  
 Evening Side Game Series (4<sup>th</sup> of 4 sessions).....7 pm

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21**

Stratiflighted A/X Swiss Teams.....10 am  
 Stratiflighted B/C/D Swiss Teams.....10 am  
 299er Swiss Teams.....10 am

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**STRATIFICATION**

Stratified 99er Games	A=50-100 B=20-50 C=0-20
Stratified 299er Games	A=200-300 B=100-200 C=0-100
Stratified A/X Games	A=1500+ X=0-1500
Gold Rush B/C Games	B=300-750 C=0-300

**Stratiflighted Events**

A/X Games	A=3000+ X=0-3000
B/C/D Games	B=1000-2000 C=500-1000 D=0-500

# Tournament Trail

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17-19 Collingwood  
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27-2 District 2 STaC  
28 Rookie-Master Game (Clubs)

### NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

14-16 Stratford  
27-7 Fall NABC, Providence, RI

**Deadline for the Summer 2014 Kibitzer: March 15, 2014**

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