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Above. Kokish and the Nickell team celebrate after winning the USBC to represent the USA at the Bermuda Bowl in Monte Carlo, 2003 (Nick Nickell, Jeff Meckstroth, Paul Soloway, Bob Hamman, Dick Freeman, Coach K, Eric Rodwell).



Above. Kokish made the introduction speech for a former Kibitzer Editor upon his being inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame at the Summer NABC in Toronto.



Above. Producing a 40-page Daily Bulletin every day at the NEC Festival in Yokohama is obviously wearing Kokish down. Richard Colker (background) does the work while EOK has the fun. Kyoko Ohno assists in the fun.

Below. The pressure of trying to win the 2000 Forbo International Teams in Holland was evidently not too great for Kokish to bear. The Canadian Team was lauded for congeniality while winning!



The World's Best Bridge Coach: Eric Kokish

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Eric Kokish

BRIDGE CRUISE TO THE ORIENT

Hong Kong, China, South Korea & Japan
15 March - 8 April, 2006



Escorted by Barbara Seagram, Patti Lee & Alex Kornel
of Vision 2000 Travel & Kate Buckman Bridge Studio
aboard the HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE LINE ms STATENDAM

15 March	Fly Toronto to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific (premier airline). Flights from other cities can be arranged.		
17 March	Arrive Hong Kong 0755. Check into your room immediately upon arrival at the luxury Marco Polo Hong Kong Hotel in early a.m. (Vision 2000 is paying for these 2 extra hotel nights at start of trip.) Hong Kong, situated at the estuary of the Pearl River delta, was once the home of simple fishing villages. After more than a century of cultural and traditional commercial exchange, Hong Kong is now one of the world's great cities, where East truly meets West. You will be amazed at the hustle and bustle and life of this exciting city, and will not regret making a trip to this fabulous gateway to the Orient.		
18 March	Sightseeing in Hong Kong: Victoria Peak, with tram ride; Aberdeen fishing village; Stanley Market; pass by Repulse Bay. Breakfast included today. At Victoria Peak, the views of the harbour and Kowloon Peninsula from this 373-metre vantage point are simply breathtaking and should not be missed. Continue to Aberdeen Market for a unique opportunity to see the lifestyle of Hong Kong fishing folk at first-hand. Stanley Market has become a shoppers' paradise for both locals and visitors alike. Abundant shops sell a wide range of souvenirs and designer-label clothing at bargain prices.		
19 March	Evening dinner at Peking Garden Restaurant (included) with a visit to the Night Market.		
20 March	Cruise departs Hong Kong. Board ms Statendam, Holland America Cruise Line. Transfer to the wharf after breakfast (included) at hotel. Sail at midnight.		
		<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
21 March	At sea (Taiwan Strait)		
22 March	At sea (East China Sea)		
23 March	Shanghai, China (overnight)		0700
24 March	Shanghai		1700
25 March	At sea (Yellow Sea)		
26 March	Xingang, China(overnight)	0700	
	This is the port for Beijing. You will tour the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. These tours from the ship are optional and not included.		
27 March	Xingang		1930
28 March	Dalian, China	0800	2000
29 March	At sea (Yellow Sea)		
30 March	Pusan, South Korea	0700	1800
31 March	Nagasaki, Japan	0700	2300
1 April	At sea (scenic cruising in the Inland Sea of Japan)		
2 April	Osaka, Japan (overnight)	0700	

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Gross tonnage: 55,541
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BRIDGE CRUISE TO THE ORIENT (Cont.)



- 3 April **Osaka - DISEMBARK SHIP.** Upon arrival at Tempoan Pier, you will be met and transferred to your coach for a brief private tour of Osaka, including Osaka Castle. **Journey from Osaka to Kyoto.** Upon arrival at Kyoto, enjoy a sightseeing tour, including the old Imperial Palace and Heian Shinto Shrine with its inner garden. Accommodation is at Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto (2 nights). Nowhere else but in Kyoto is there such a happy blend of the old and new. You'll be here at the city's threshold, with hotel staff waiting to receive you with gracious and unobtrusive service. Warm smiles at the door and tasteful décor inside - every effort has been made to make you feel at home in this 1200-year-old city.
- 4 April **Sightseeing tour of Kyoto and Nara.** Breakfast is included. Excursion to Nara by chartered coach with an English-speaking guide to visit the Todaji Temple with its huge image of Buddha; Sacred Deer Park; and Kasuga Shinto Shrine, famous for its hundreds of stone lanterns. After your visit, transfer back to Kyoto to see the Niji Castle (the old Shogun residence); Sanjusangendo Hall, with its 1001 images of the Goddess Mercy; and Kiyomizu Temple.
- 5 April **Kyoto to Tokyo by Bullet Train.** Breakfast and lunch included.
0800 Transfer to Kyoto Station by chartered coach
0846 Leave Kyoto for Tokyo by super-express train (Bullet Train). Japan has some of the best train networks in the world. The quiet and fast Shinkansen link the major cities in Japan efficiently: their average speed is about 170 miles per hour. Our English-speaking guide will escort you through the railway station. Meanwhile, your luggage will be dropped off at your hotel.
Arrive Tokyo 1100. Arrive at Shinagawa Station and start your private sightseeing tour of Tokyo with an English-speaking guide. Visit the Imperial Palace (Koukyo), located in the centre of Tokyo where Edo Castle was in the 17th to 19th centuries. Some of the original gates, moats and stone walls remain in the area. Enjoy a tempura lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon's tour will show us the Meiji Shinto Shrine, its red gate built of cypress wood over 1700 years old; Asakusa Kannon Temple with its shopping arcade "Nakamise;" and the Ginza District, renowned worldwide for shopping opportunities.
Accommodation is at the Keio Plaza Hotel (2 nights). The hotel is located in Tokyo's dynamic New Metropolitan Center, in the heart of the city. This hotel offers 1450 comfortable rooms with modern facilities. Each room has a high-speed data port for 24-hour Internet access for guests with laptops. Each room offers a superb view of the city through wide picture windows. The hotel offers a great variety of outstanding restaurants and lounges. The JR subway lines and a variety of great shops are within easy access.
- 6 April **Tokyo free day.** Breakfast included.
- 7 April **Tokyo free day** (Vision 2000 is giving you a free extra night & day stay-over in Tokyo). Breakfast included.
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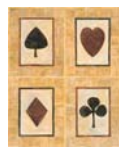
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Mon Apr 25	7.00 pm	ROOKIE-MASTER PAIRS. Rookies & Masters needed. Please register with Barbara, Bonnie or Francee.
Wed May 11	12.30 pm	ACBL CONTINENT-WIDE INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME (add \$2.25 pp). Hand analysis book. Extra master points.
Tue May 17	7.00 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & 0-50/0-100 CHAMPIONSHIP
CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND		
Fri May 20	12.30 pm	BAGELS @ 11:45 am & LECTURE WITH ALEX OPEN PAIRS/0-500 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Fri May 20	7.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & 0-20/0-50 CHAMPIONSHIP
Sat May 21	12.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Sat May 21	7.30 pm	SECTIONALLY-RATED OPEN PAIRS STRATIFIED/0-300 CLUB CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP
Sun May 22	12.30 pm	SECTIONALLY-RATED OPEN PAIRS STRATIFIED/0-300 CLUB CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP
Wed May 25	7.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & 0-20 NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP
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Tue Jun 7	12.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & 0-200 E-Z OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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Fri June 17 9:00am-12:00 noon - How to Locate Your Opponents' Cards

Wed Jun 22	7.30 pm	NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS Club Qual. Flts A/B/C. SECTIONALLY RATED. Red points.
Thu Jun 23	12.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & 0-200 E-Z OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Fri Jun 24	12.30 pm	LAURIE BRAND MEMORIAL GAME Special prizes to overall winners. Sandwiches & goodies will be served at 12:00 noon. \$5.00 extra pp. This is for Toronto Humane Society. Studio will send an additional \$2.00 pp
Mon Jun 27	7.00 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

**FRI, SAT, SUN, MON 1, 2, 3 & 4 JULY: MIDSUMMER
MADNESS SECTIONALLY-RATED TOURNAMENT (See page 7)**

Mon Jul 5	7.00 pm	OPEN PAIRS/0-300 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
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- ◆ PRIZES, LUCKY DRAWS & MASTER POINTS

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NOTE: TRANSPORTATION TO BRIARS NOT INCLUDED

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MIDSUMMER MADNESS TOURNAMENT

KATE BUCKMAN BRIDGE STUDIO
JULY 1-4, 2005
SECTIONALLY RATED



FRIDAY JULY 1

Bagels & Cream Cheese and Lecture	11:45 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs / 0-500 Pairs	12:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs / 0-300 Pairs	7:30 p.m.
Novice & Advanced Novice Pairs	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY JULY 2

Stratified Open Pairs / 0-300 Pairs	12:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs / 0-300 Pairs	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 3

Stratified Open Pairs / 0-300 Pairs	12:30 p.m.
Free Pizza/Beer & Wine for those playing in the 5:00 p.m. Swiss Teams	4:00 p.m.
Open Swiss Teams	5:00 p.m.
Intermediate Swiss Teams (0-300)	5:00 p.m.

MONDAY JULY 4

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Stratified Open Pairs / 0-300 Pairs	7:30 p.m.

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Notice to All Clubs & Tournament Managers in Units 166, 246 & 249

If you plan to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the three Units that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have a historic weekend - they are set aside for you.

Kay Allen, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

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about placing an ad.

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Editor's Note:

The Kibitzer's cover-story streak of success continues unabated. Last issue's cover featured Audrey Grant and Barbara Seagram, both of whom have since had more honours accorded them. Audrey Grant has seen Unit 166 create an award for Bridge Teacher of the Year in her name, and the Unit presented Audrey the inaugural award at the Toronto Regional on March 16 of this year. Barbara Seagram has received the ACBL's 3-Star Club of the Year Award at the Spring Nationals in Pittsburgh. This means that the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio is considered to be the top bridge club in the ACBL! There are about 3200 bridge clubs affiliated with the ACBL.

The women join the previous cover-story successes of Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy (subsequently winning the NABC Swiss Teams and finishing second in the Spingold) and Percy Sheardown (to be inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame). Speaking of Shorty, the Goderich (Shorty's hometown) newspaper asked for (and received) permission to reprint our article on him for their readers. Word has it that this issue's cover boy, Eric Kokish, is actually considering playing bridge again some time soon in anticipation of further success.

John Carruthers, Editor

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

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Minutes of the Unit 166 Annual General Meeting

MINUTES of the annual and special meeting of the Members of The Ontario Unit No. 166 of the American Contract Bridge League held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on January 8, 2005 at the hour of 12:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

The President, Barbara Sims, took the Chair, and Irene Warner acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Notice calling the meeting having been mailed to all Members and a quorum being present, the Chairman declared the meeting to be regularly constituted. Waivers of notice signed by the Members present and all of the Directors and by the Corporation's Auditor were directed to be annexed to these minutes.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Moved by Bob Pezzack and seconded by Kay Allen that the minutes of the meeting of the Members held January 4, 2004 be adopted as published in The Kibitzer. Carried.

Financial Statements

The Auditor presented to the meeting the financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended August 31, 2003, together with his report thereon.

Moved by Sally Rewbotham and seconded by Nancy Strachan that the reading of the Auditor's report be dispensed with. Carried.

On motion made by Shirley Wright, seconded by Sheila Hodgkinson, and carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the balance sheet of the Corporation as at August 31, 2003 and the statement of income and expense and Members' equity for the year ended on the said date, together with the Auditor's report thereon, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

The Auditor then presented to the meeting the statement of financial position of the Corporation for the year ended August 31, 2004, together with his report thereon.

Moved by Shawn Mahood and seconded by Muriel Allen that the reading of the Auditor's report be dispensed with. Carried.

On motion made by Sheila Hodgkinson, seconded by Shawn Mahood, and carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the statement of financial position of the Corporation as at August 31, 2004 and the statement of income and expense and net assets for the year ended on the said date, together with the Auditor's report thereon, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

Confirmation of Election/Appointment of Directors

Moved by Joan Eaton and seconded by Sally Rewbotham that the election/appointment of Muriel Allen, Andy Brownbill, and Paul Cronin to the Board of

Directors be and is hereby confirmed. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

On motion made by June Strachan, seconded by Shirley Wright, and carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT G. J. Westfall, C.A., be and he is hereby appointed Auditor of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of Members at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Directors.

President's Report

Bridge players in Unit 166 had a full year for competition in 2004. There were two successful Regionals, seven Sectionals and the Oakville IN Sectional. In addition, Canadian Bridge Week was held in St. Catharines in June. Players from our Unit were on the winning Women's, Men's and Senior Teams. This entitled them to represent Canada at the World Olympiad in Istanbul in November. What a wonderful opportunity for the experience of international play!

The Niagara Regional was chaired this year for the first time by Fred Andreychuk. Fred has chaired the St. Catharines Sectional for many years and also co-chaired the CBW. He has a terrific group of volunteers who are to be commended for their hospitality at these tournaments. The Unit is very fortunate in that Fred has agreed to be the next President of the Board.

The Labour Day Sectional in Toronto, now at the Holiday Inn on King, has once again become a successful three-day event. We appreciate the sponsorship of Toronto Games.

There is a new editor of the Daily Bulletins for our tournaments, also from the Niagara area. Jerry Smee is doing excellent work much appreciated by all.

The new members of the Board are Flo Belford and Shawn Mahood. It is Flo who organizes the school game at the Toronto Regional. Last year there were 35 tables in play of young and keen new players from schools throughout the Unit.

The Unit has established a new award to recognize the contributions of Unit 166 members who are dedicated to the teaching of bridge. This is to be named the Audrey Grant Award. Fittingly, the initial recipient will be Audrey Grant, a bridge educator renowned throughout the ACBL.

Again, thanks to all the players in Unit 166 who contribute to the considerable success of our bridge community.

Confirmation of Proceedings

On motion made by Bob Pezzack, seconded by Shawn Mahood, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors of Unit 166 enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last meeting of Members be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting then terminated.

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

Statement of Income and Expense and Net Assets

For the year ended August 31, 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Gross income from tournaments (Schedule 1)	159,590	147,357
Membership fees	14,061	11,963
Kibitzer table fees	8,808	12,605
Kibitzer advertisements	13,222	10,089
STAC Fall	1,622	1,117
STAC Spring	2,096	1,561
Interest	<u>3,524</u>	<u>4,741</u>
	202,963	189,433
EXPENSES		
Tournament expenses (Schedule 1)		
- Directing	39,046	43,956
- A.C.B.L.	16,987	17,876
- Unit	7,392	7,423
- Site	22,370	21,674
- Administration	20,797	18,817
- Hospitality	11,077	12,484
- Committee	3,452	3,417
- Transfer to District 2	<u>4,363</u>	<u>5,252</u>
	125,484	130,899
Directors' meetings	2,176	2,853
Fees		
- Treasurer	1,000	1,000
- Executive Assistant	4,800	4,800
- Auditor	800	800
- Various events	1,100	1,300
- Kibitzer Editor & Typesetting	9,200	9,200
Kibitzer printing and mailing	21,492	24,980
Kate Buckman Award	1,491	1,131
Travel and hospitality grants	7,500	0
Sundry	<u>9,452</u>	<u>6,308</u>
	184,495	183,271
Excess of income over expenditures	18,468	6,162
Unrestricted Net Assets, beginning of period	138,999	132,873
Unrestricted Net Assets, end of period	157,467	138,999

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

Statement of Restricted Net Assets
For the year ended August 31, 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of period	53,350	-
Transfer from Reserve for Future Nationals		50,660
Interest during the year	<u>2,362</u>	<u>2,690</u>
Balance, end of period	55,712	53,350

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

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario)
Statement of Financial Position
As at August 31, 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Bank – Canadian	68,989	16,968
Cash in Bank - U.S.	15,804	42,326
Cash held in trust	200	200
Short term investments at market value (Note 2)	81,000	81,514
Accounts receivable	14,057	21,834
Prepaid expenses	<u>17,811</u>	<u>4,783</u>
	197,861	167,625
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	1,466	2,932
OTHER ASSETS (Note 4)	0	0
Long term investments at market value	<u>41,739</u>	<u>39,376</u>
	241,066	209,933
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	8,599	4,657
GST Payable	6,625	330
Reserve Funds – Associations (Note 5)	<u>12,663</u>	<u>12,597</u>
	27,887	17,584
NET ASSETS		
Restricted (Note 6)	55,712	53,350
Unrestricted	<u>157,467</u>	<u>138,999</u>
	213,179	192,349
	241,066	209,933



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Kate Buckman's Wins ACBL Club of the Year Award !



Barbara Seagram, owner and manager of the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio, poses with Carol Robertson, director of Club and Member Services for the ACBL. The club Seagram and her husband, Alex Kornel, run in Toronto, was selected as the top three-star ACBL club in the annual Jane Johnson Star Clubs of the Year competition. There are about 3200 bridge clubs affiliated with the ACBL.

The award is given each year to the One-Star, Two-Star and Three-Star Bridge Clubs that best demonstrate the community spirit, positive attitude and extraordinary commitment to service that Jane Johnson embodied. One award is given in each star category. Clubs are nominated for the awards by their members.

The criteria for a club's winning the awards are:

1. The club is a real part of the community.
2. The club works as a family. The members are responsible for the health of the club, sharing duties of directing, cleaning up, scoring, partnering and hosting.
3. The club members actively promote the club.
4. The club provides services to new and needy members.



2004 Unit 166 Players of the Year

Category	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
Rookie	Murray Shapcott	Hui-Zhi Song
Junior Master	Robert Spencer	Robert Spencer
Club Master	John Vincent	John Vincent
Sectional Master	Janine Bibb	Chandra Marathe
Regional Master	Stephen Foster	Stephen Foster
NABC Master	Lesley Thomson	Lesley Thomson
Life Master	Gail Lambacher	Donna Fettes
Bronze Life Master	Sheldon Pearlman	Nathan Rosen
Silver Life Master	Lewis Richardson	Fred Day
Gold Life Master	Tom Buttle	Tom Buttle
Diamond Life Master	Jonathan Steinberg	Linda Wynston



2004 Unit 238 Players of the Year

Category	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
Rookie	Dianna Cooney	Dianna Cooney
Junior Master	Rita Guinard	Rita Guinard
Club Master	Jennifer O'Hara	Jennifer O'Hara
Sectional Master	Roger Chenier	Mario Rovinelli
Regional Master	Peter Minogue	Peter Minogue
NABC Master	Sheila Ross	Sheila Ross
Life Master	June Smith	Shirley Mantle
Bronze Life Master	Edna Dreisinger	Edna Dreisinger
Silver Life Master	Joseph Sauro	Brian Bezo
Gold Life Master	Colin van Wallegham	B. Udeschini

2004 Unit 246 Players of the Year

Category	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
Rookie	Alex Telfer	Alex Telfer
Junior Master	Yoneen Shub	Yoneen Shub
Club Master	Joan Clifford	Frances Ash
Sectional Master	Lorna Wagner	Wayne Lucas
Regional Master	Ian Findlay	Anna Dosseva
NABC Master	Pamela Nisbet	Mary Alton
Life Master	David Cohen	Chelliah Murugesu
Bronze Life Master	Sharon Bain	Kevin Bosley
Silver Life Master	Daniel Lavee	Harold Baba
Gold Life Master	Gavin Wolpert	Douglas Markovic
Diamond Life Master	Danny Schamehorn	Danny Schamehorn

2004 Unit 249 Players of the Year

Category	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
Rookie	Casey Vandeputte	Casey Vandeputte
Junior Master	Donna Hoppe	Donna Hoppe
Club Master	Barbara Foell	Ralph Middleton
Sectional Master	Joan Viidik	Marti Johnston
Regional Master	Sef Johnston	Sef Johnston
NABC Master	Marilyn McGilvray	Barbara Kains
Life Master	Barbara Goertz	Edith Ferber
Bronze Life Master	Richard Dittman	Cindy Mahn
Silver Life Master	John Moser	Jeanne Colton
Gold Life Master	Alice Anderson	Alice Anderson
Diamond Life Master	Bill Anderson	Bill Anderson

The World's Best Bridge Coach: Eric Kokish



"Coach K" in a More Serious Moment

To be considered the best in the world at anything is an incredible accomplishment. Toronto's Eric Kokish is acknowledged by most experts as the best bridge coach in the world today. While such judgments often have a measure of subjectivity about them, there can be no doubt that his record of success is unparalleled: Kokish-coached teams and pairs have won medals in the all major World Bridge Federation Championship events: the Bermuda Bowl, the Olympiad Teams, the Venice Cup and the Rosenblum Cup. The list of Kokish-coached countries failing to win a medal in World Championship play is shorter than the list of those which have won a medal.

In the early 1970s, having just finished a degree at McGill University, Kokish

was beginning to make a name for himself playing with an equally-young group of players from Montréal: Joe Silver, George Mittelman, Peter Nagy, Henry Cukoff. The group came under the tutelage of Sam Gold, one of the most-revered of Canada's early bridge stars. It was not long before Kokish had great success: he and Silver won the 1974 Vanderbilt in Vancouver and he and Nagy garnered the World Open Pairs silver medal in New Orleans in 1978. He was barely 30.

After returning to McGill in the 1980s to take a law degree and finally realising that what he wanted to do was bridge, not law, Kokish went into bridge full-time. He moved from Montréal to Toronto a few years ago, where he has lived ever since, except for a brief stay in Indonesia as their full-time bridge coach (the Indonesian team have been salaried professionals for years, paid by their government). The unsettled political situation in Djakarta mandated an early return to Canada.

It is now no surprise when a Kokish-coached team wins a World Championship; all this success did not escape the attention of Nick Nickell, the architect of arguably the current world's-most-successful bridge team. The Nickell team now employs Kokish as a coach/consultant to prepare them for major North American and World Championship events. He prepares system summaries, defences and partnership profiles for them.

Kokish's duties as a coach still allow him to play occasionally, and in addition to winning five CNTCs, he took time out to play on the Canadian teams which won a silver medal in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl and bronze medals in the 1982 and 1990 Rosenblums. He

has also won prestigious invitational events in Japan and the Netherlands: the Epsom Teams and the Forbo International Teams, respectively.

But what does Eric want to do when he grows up? He wants to write a book. You see, Kokish has another skill at which he is one of the best in the world and that is as a writer/editor. He is probably the bridge writer with more pages to his credit than any other without ever having written a book.

Kokish's writing output is prodigious all the same: he is the editor of the WBF News, the official newsletter of the World Bridge Federation; he is an associate editor of The Bridge World; and he is the editor of daily bulletins from various bridge tournament around the world, the premier examples of which are those of the NEC Bridge Festival held in Yokohama each February. These are without a doubt the best of their kind. See for yourself at www.jcbl.or.jp. Kokish has also been the bridge columnist for both the Montréal Gazette and the Toronto Star.

We hope that this failure to author a book will be remedied soon, but we have no idea how he will find the time to do it!

Audrey Grant Wins Inaugural Audrey Grant Award



Unit 166 has created a new award, to be named after the most famous bridge teacher in the world today, Audrey Grant, and awarded annually to a top teacher in the area. With decades of innovative teaching in Toronto high schools and the world of bridge, Grant has brought more students to the game of bridge than any other teacher since Charles Goren.

Grant's textbooks, co-authored with husband David Lindop, have long been the ACBL standard for teaching beginners how to play. She has written more than two dozen books on bridge and is the editor of a monthly bridge magazine for beginners, Better Bridge.

Grant was honoured at the Toronto Easter Regional in a presentation at the Royal York Hotel.

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Bridge through the Eyes of a Chess Player

Ian Findlay

In the mid- to late-eighties when I was ranked somewhere in the top 10 in Canada in chess, I used to submit annotated games for publication in the national magazine. I'll try annotating a bridge hand the same way, but whereas the chess game would take 5-8 hours to play, the bridge hand only took 5-8 minutes. I shall use the same symbols as annotating a chess game where...

- ! = strong
- !?! = interesting
- ?! = dubious
- ? = weak

The deal was played on Sunday evening, December 26, 2004, at the Regal - St. Clair Bridge Club. I was sitting South, playing in a high stakes game of Chicago where everyone switches partners every four deals.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 8 6
 ♥ A 8 6 5 2
 ♦ A 10 8 3
 ♣ Q 5

♠ A 2 5
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ A J 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 NT?!
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

I was losing, so I decided to try to win back some money by opening one no trump a bit light (!!). West led the spade queen, ostensibly asking for the unblock of the jack.

Trick 1 W:♠Q N:♠6 E:♠4? S:♠2
 Not sure why East did not unblock the jack of spades.

Trick 2 W:♠K! N:♠8 E:♠J! S:♠5
 West, after long thought, decided that the four of spades was encouraging and besides, he had never played with East before, who might not know to unblock.

Trick 3 W:♠10 N:♥2 E:♠3 S:♠A
 After these three tricks I had to form a plan. It looked like spades were splitting 5-3, hence, I could not risk letting West in by playing on hearts. I had one spade, two hearts, hopefully three diamonds, and two clubs, for eight tricks. It looked better to play on diamonds first, since there was only one way to play that suit to ensure keeping West off lead when that was possible, and I might get some more information about the hand. So...

Trick 4 S:♦Q W:♦K N:♦A E:♦2
 Trick 5 N:♦3 E:♦J S:♦5 W:♦4
 Trick 6 E:♥3 S:♥K W:♥7 N:♥5

With East leading a heart, I was certain at this point that he must hold the king of clubs.

Trick 7 S:♦9 W:♦6 N:♦10 E:♣3?!
 If East was going to pitch one club and one heart, it would have been better for him to pitch the heart first, since it would be harder for declarer to infer he started with five clubs.

Trick 8 N:♦8 E:♥4 S:♣2 W:♦7
 This was the moment of truth. So far, West's hand was:

♠ K Q 10 9 7
 ♥ ??(?)
 ♦ K 7 6 4
 ♣ ?(?)

If I thought the clubs were divided 4-2, it would be best to play the queen of clubs at this point and duck East's king. From East's' discard of the club and the play of

the hearts, I suspected LHO to be 5-3-4-1. In that case, I had to hope that he had the singleton ten, nine, or eight of clubs. Continuing...

Trick 9 N:♣Q E:♣K S:♣A W:♣10
 Trick 10 S:♥10 W:♥J N:♥A E:♥9
 Trick 11 N:♣5 E:♣8 S:♣4! W:♣7
 and now East was end-played.

Trick 12 E:♣9 S:♣J W:♠9 N:♥6
 Trick 13 S:♣7 W:♥Q N:♥8 E:♣6
 Checkmate!

Note that it would have done East no good to pitch two clubs, since I would play the queen of clubs and duck the king. This hand made me feel as good as playing a nice chess game, but it only took eight minutes!

Here is the complete deal:

♠ 8 6
 ♥ A 8 6 5 2
 ♦ A 10 8 3
 ♣ Q 5

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

♠ A 5 2
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ A J 7 4 2

Turkish Delights (?)

Ray Jotcham

Jotcham was on the winning CNTC team last year, and thus qualified to represent Canada in the Olympiad Teams with Lew Richardson, David Lindop, Michael Cummings, Jim Priebe and Steve Mackay; Paul Thurston was NPC.

The World Bridge Olympiad is now a memory. My impressions of Turkey are wonderful (and inexpensive) cuisine, very friendly people, and traffic chaos. If you miss your bus, wait about ten to twenty

seconds: that's how long it will be until the next one comes.

The bridge was a mixed bag. There were some brilliancies, and many gaffes. As usual, the teams that had the fewest disasters came out on top. Here is a selection of these...

The Worst-Bid Hand of the tournament against us was the following hand, held by a Dutch player:

♠ A K 2
 ♥ K 6 5 4
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ 7 5 4

After his partner's one spade opening, he bid Jacoby Two No Trump. To my way of thinking, this is a terrible call, even playing five-card majors. If partner has five low spades (a worst-case scenario), there is a 32% chance of losing two or three trump tricks. But with a fourth trump, the chance of losing two trump tricks is reduced to 10%. Moreover, with no ruffing values, this hand might be better played in no trump, or perhaps even hearts, if partner can bid them. Proponents of the Losing Trick Count will notice that the hand is approximately an eight-loser, and thus is only a limit raise. Okay, end of sermon.

♠ A K 2
 ♥ K 6 5 4
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ 7 5 4

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

♠ Q J 6 4 3
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ 7 6 5 4
 ♣ A Q

The opening bidder called four spades, ending the auction, and giving rise to the

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Best-Played Hand of the tournament against us. West led a heart, won by the king in dummy. A low diamond was played, with East playing low and West winning the nine. This was good play: with both top diamond honours, East might have played one of them; with ace fourth, he might have gone up as well. West returned a heart, won by South. A low diamond, ducked in dummy, lost to the king, with East continuing a high heart.

Jansma ruffed the heart high and had to avoid a second attempt at a trump promotion by not playing another diamond. Therefore, he pulled trumps, and threw West in with a diamond. West could cash two diamonds, but had to concede two tricks in clubs. Down one was a marvelous result on this hand.

The Best-Bid Hand of the tournament against us was by an Icelandic pair:

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

♠ A
 ♥ K J
 ♦ Q J 10 9 7 6 5 2
 ♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
–	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Double	7 ♥
7 ♠	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Seven hearts would have been an easy make. I managed to save a few IMPs by bidding seven spades, but it was still a

major loss as our teammates missed the grand slam.

The following hand gave rise to some heated discussion after the event. With both sides vulnerable, as West you pick up:

♠ A K J 9
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ 10 9 4 3

The bidding proceeds:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	4 ♥	5 ♣	5 ♦
Double	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
??			

Five diamonds was probably lead-directing. What is your call?

Partner's pass over five hearts suggests a willingness to bid on. However, the question is how strong are his clubs? If his clubs are strong enough, what about his spades? At the table, the holder of this hand doubled, collecting 800, but losing 12 IMPs. In the post mortem, Our team captain called this a "mechanical" type of decision. If partner was saying that he had very good clubs and no heart losers, then you, holding no fast losers in diamonds and spades, *must* bid six clubs.

The following deal was rather frustrating:

♠ J 10 9 6
 ♥ 5 3 2
 ♦ J 8 7 2
 ♣ 9 3

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ Q 10 9 8
 ♦ K 6 4
 ♣ A Q J

♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ A J 6
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 10 8 7 6 2

♠ A K 3
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ A 10 9 5
 ♣ K 5 4

My opening bid of one no trump was passed out, and on a heart lead, I had my work cut out for me. I thought my best chance was to catch a doubleton queen in spades. It didn't drop, and eventually I came to one heart trick, two spades, two diamonds and a club for the Spanish lover result, Don Juan.

My counterpart at the other table got the same lead and tried a low spade from hand. This lost to the queen in the East hand. Back came a low club, ducked to West's jack. After cashing two hearts, West got out a spade, won by declarer who cashed his other honour, clearing the suit, and then played ace and another diamond.

The ghost of East's low club return now came home to haunt him. If declarer had the queen of diamonds and not the king of clubs, West must win the diamond king and then play clubs to inflict the most damage on the declarer. So West rose with the king, crashing his partner's queen, defeating the contract only one trick when three down was in the bag. To prevent this from happening, West should return a high club spot, denying the king. Then East will be allowed to win his diamond queen to return another club.

Could I have done any better? Yes! If I win the second heart, and exit a heart, West becomes continuously end-played, and must allow me to score two diamonds, three spades, a heart and a club. Can the defence do any better? Again, yes! Double dummy, let East duck the first heart. Declarer must now win the heart, and East will have several entries to play clubs, preventing declarer from winning a club trick, while establishing an extra winner for the defence. Down two.

Canadians did make their mark in one respect. A senior pair had an auction with

an undiscussed leap to five clubs at one point in the proceedings (one heart-one no trump-three diamonds-five clubs). The partner of the five-club bidder thought this showed a long club suit, and passed with the singleton ace. The 1-0 fit did not play well: trumps broke poorly (8-4)! The holder of the eight-card suit had never bid despite being the dealer and having a second chance over one no trump. He held: ♠ 109, ♥ K2, ♦ 2, ♣ KQJ98765!

Later in the week, the same pair had a cue bidding auction, with yet another bid of five clubs. This time, however, disaster was avoided when the five-club bidder slipped a note for his partner onto the bidding tray saying, "Don't pass!" (*With the permission of his amused opponent, who had heard about the earlier debacle.*)

Standing on Your Head

David Lindop

(Continuing our series for newer players. Reprinted from Better Bridge with permission of the editor, Audrey Grant.)

After going down in a contract, we might think, "I couldn't have made that even if I were standing on my head." Well, maybe that's the problem. Some contracts are easier to make if we look at them from a totally upside-down perspective.

Consider this deal. We are in four spades and West leads the ace of hearts.

♠ A K J 4

♥ J 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ Q 7 3 2

♥ 9

♦ K 7 5 2

♣ J 6 4 3

There's a heart loser, a potential diamond loser unless the missing diamonds divide



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3-3, and three club losers. Two too many. What can we do?

If we draw trumps, we won't be able to ruff both our diamond loser and a club loser. If we don't draw trumps, the opponents may be able to ruff one of our diamond winners.

Hold on! What if we look at the hand from dummy's perspective? We still have five losers, but now they consist of three heart losers and two club losers. The advantage is that it's easier to see what to do about our losers. We can plan to ruff two heart losers in the South hand.

If West leads the heart ace and continues with the king, we ruff in the South hand. We cross to the North hand and ruff another heart. Then we draw trumps and the hand is over. We lose a heart and two clubs. If the diamonds divide 3-3, we can discard one of the club losers.

The technical term for this type of play is 'reversing the dummy.' We are making the dummy the master hand. We ruff losers in our hand and use dummy's hand to draw trumps.

Sometimes we need to be careful with entries when reversing the dummy. On our next hand we reach four hearts and the opening lead is the diamond queen.

♠ 8 4 3
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ A 8 3
♣ 7 6 4

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ A K 7 3
♦ 7
♣ A K 8 3

From declarer's perspective, it doesn't look so good. We have three spade losers and two club losers to worry about. We might

be able to ruff a spade and a club in dummy, but it looks like a lot of work.

Let's see if it's any easier standing on our head...there are still five losers: two spades, two diamonds and a club, but now it's easier to see what to do. We'll ruff two diamond losers in our hand and use dummy's queen-jack-ten-nine to draw trumps. That should work even if the missing hearts are divided 4-1.

There's one small problem. There aren't many entries to the North hand once the ace of diamonds is gone. We can overcome that challenge by being careful in the trump suit.

We win the ace of diamonds and trump a diamond with the king of hearts. Then we can use the three of hearts to cross back to the North hand. We play the last diamond and ruff it with the ace of hearts. Now we can use the heart seven to again cross to dummy so that we can draw any outstanding trumps. All we're left with are two spade losers and a club loser.

Even though there's no sorcery involved, it can certainly look that way. Look at the next hand. We are in a contract of six spades and have to turn two diamond losers into one.

♠ A Q 10
♥ Q J 5
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A J 7 3

♠ K J 8 7 3
♥ A K 9 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 2

There are no losers in spades, hearts or clubs, but there are two diamond losers. From this side of the table it looks pretty hopeless. We might consider ducking one diamond, winning the second, then drawing precisely two rounds of trumps

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before playing four rounds of hearts to discard dummy's remaining diamond. We would plan to ruff a diamond in dummy. That could work if the same player had four heart and three spades. He'd have to follow to all our hearts, and even though his partner would show out on the third heart, our two rounds of trump would have exhausted those in his hand. But that's unlikely to work.

Time to bring out the magic wand and transfer ourselves to the other side of the table. At first glance, this seems to make things worse. We now have three club losers to go along with the two diamond losers. Perhaps, however, we can see a solution to our problem. We could plan to ruff all of the club losers in our hand and later discard a diamond loser on South's extra heart winner. We'll use the ace-queen-ten of trumps in dummy to draw the opponents' trumps. All that's needed is for the opponents' trumps to divide 3-2.

This seems a better plan. Let's see how it works. We win the first trick with the diamond ace, play a club to the ace and ruff a club. We come back to the dummy with the heart jack and ruff another club. We can cross to the ten of spades and ruff dummy's last club. This is what's left:

♠ A Q
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ —

♠ 8
 ♥ A K 9
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ —

We play the spade eight to dummy, draw the opponents' last trump, and take our heart winners. Voilà! All we lose is a diamond at the end. Notice that we ruffed our three clubs with, in order, the seven,

the jack and the king of trumps, using the three and the eight to lead to dummy's high ones. There was no need to hoard the big trumps in our hand, so we reduced the chance of an over-ruff by using the highest ones we could afford on the club ruffs.

Standing on one's head takes practice, but it gives us an interesting perspective!

The 'Rules'

Debbie Bennett

There are multitudes of rules that can be applied to bridge in order to simplify the game. Some are 100% mathematical calculations, others are guidelines only. Let's start with one of the most well-known and common rules, the 'Rule of 11'.

This rule is applied when a fourth-best opening lead is made. It is mostly used when the contract is no trump as this is when players will underlead aces and honours most frequently. Simply put, subtract the spot card that is led from eleven. What you have left is the number of spot cards in the three remaining hands that are higher than the opening lead.

By adding dummy's spot cards and your spot cards together you can arrive at the number of cards concealed in the hidden declarer's hand. Both third hand and declarer now know with 100% certainty how many cards in each other's hands are higher than the opening lead.

If you or your opponents lead third and fifth best, the rule of 10 and 12 apply: 10 is applied to fifth-best leads and 12 is applied to third-best leads. (The general rule is that of 15: 4th-best+11; 3rd best+12 and so on. Use whatever gimmicks you like to make this easy to remember. Remember to ask your opponents what

their opening leads are! You are entitled to this information.

Next is another 'Rule of 15'. When trying to decide whether or not to open the bidding in fourth chair with a minimum hand, try applying these 'rules.' Total your high card points (HCP) and the number of spades in your hand. If the total is 15 or higher, open the bidding. If you are still unsure as to whether you should open the bidding or not, this rule can be extended to the 'rule of 18.' Add the number of hearts in your hand as well: if the total is 18 or better, again, open the bidding. If these requirements are not met, I suggest that you do not open the bidding. If you cannot compete against the majors, why open the bidding for the opponents only to sell out and defend two of a major. If they didn't want to open in first or third seat, it's a good idea not to give your opponents a second chance. Again, this is a guideline only.

One more rule to mention is the 'Rule of 20.' This 'rule' has become very popular in the past few years. It is to be applied to hands that are marginal opening bids, mostly in first and second seat. Total the number of cards held in your two longest suits and add them to your total HCP. If the total is 20 or 21 and you have two defensive tricks, then open the bidding. If the total is 19, DO NOT open the bidding. If the total is 22, ALWAYS open the bidding. Again, this is a guideline.

This 'rule' does not apply to opening a hand light in third seat. People have different ideas as to what constitutes a third chair opener. When using some form of Drury, third hand will often open very light with a major suit, knowing that it has protection from getting to the three-level and taking a minus. When opening a minor in third chair, I prefer to have a relatively normal opening bid and a suit

that I don't mind my partner leading, but that is a personal preference. I believe that second seat should have the lightest opening bid (this is where the 'rule of 20 comes in). If you choose to pass in second seat, you are putting partner (in fourth seat) under a lot of pressure. Team matches are often won and lost in the battle for part scores.

Sectional Challenge

Andy Stark

Recently I had the opportunity to play in two local sectional tournaments with two very good players. Numerous interesting and educational deals came up, and here is just a sampling. See how you would have fared on these three deals.

1. Pairs. South Dealer. Both Vul.

♠ K 5
♥ A K 4
♦ K Q 7
♣ A K 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	You
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
			??

North's three diamonds is natural and game-forcing. What do you bid now?

2. IMPs. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ K Q J 8
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A K J 10 5
♣ —

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	You
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	4 ♠ ²	Pass	4 ♣ ¹
			??

1. Club shortness, values for game
2. Cue bid, slam interest

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3. IMPs. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ A 5 3
 ♥ A Q J 10 9 6 4
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ J

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	You ??

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦ ¹
Pass	5 ♥ ²	Pass	5 ♠ ³
Pass	5 NT ⁴	Pass	6 ♣ ⁵
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	??

Results:

1. With the first hand, you should rebid four diamonds. For his three diamond bid, partner should have five good diamonds and quite often six. Why bid three no trump when you have such great diamond support and wonderful outside controls? As soon as partner responds three diamonds, you should know you are in slam territory. The first order of business: support with support.

The auction continues:

1. 0 or 3 key cards
2. Do you have the diamond queen?
3. Yes I do, plus I have the spade king
4. We have all the keycards, what else do you have?
5. Club king

Now what on earth is that six-spade bid all about? Obviously, we hold all the aces, and Partner is interested in a grand slam, otherwise he would have signed off in six diamonds or six no trump. At the table I thought Partner was asking me to bid six no trump, seven diamonds or seven no trump - whichever I thought was the best contract. So do you bid a grand slam

or not? And which one do you bid if you do?

I chose to bid seven diamonds at the table and partner claimed 13 top tricks. It was a tie for top in the Flight A Pairs field in the St. Catharines Saturday game. Give yourself a Mount Everest of a top if you bid seven no trump. Partner's hand:

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

(That was quite an auction by your Partner! - Ed.)

2. With the second hand you should bid five clubs. This bid shows a club void. You should cooperate and keep describing your hand. Now it gets very interesting. Here is how the auction continued at our table:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♣	Double	Pass
Redble(!)	Director!		

The affable Eric Platt arrived on the scene and explained to West that his call was illegal and must be replaced by any legal call. East replaced the blue Redouble card with a green Pass card. Back to you. Now what?

You could redouble (a legal call for you!) to show first round club control, but that would be redundant since you have already showed a club void. You could show first-round diamond control by bidding five diamonds, or you could retreat to five hearts.

At the table I bid five diamonds, but it sure didn't feel good. The trump support of jack-nine-fourth wasn't really what you would call great support. Partner continued on to slam and West doubled

the final contract. Six hearts doubled was down one since we were off the ace-king of trumps. Minus 100. Yuck.

So if you reigned in your exuberance in time by retreating to five hearts at an earlier opportunity, then give yourself 8 IMPs. (The opponents at the other table also failed to reach the optimum contract).

A funny side note to this hand: we had continued on to the next board when Eric returned to the table to inquire into our previous result. I said, "Six hearts doubled down one." Eric replied, "Sorry about this folks, but I checked the rule book and it states, "After the illegal call, that player's partner must not bid again, she must pass at every future opportunity." East, the illegal redoubler then asked, "Ever *again*, or just on that hand?" Fortunately for West, the ruling was, "Just on that hand."

3. The third problem hand is a relatively straightforward one. Two passes to you and you hold that lovely five-loser collection. Is it to be one heart or four hearts? If you bid four hearts (shame on you), it will go all pass. If you open the bidding with one heart, the auction will continue:

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
2 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♣	??

Now what? Do you jump to game by bidding four hearts? Or do you bid a side-control ace with three diamonds or three spades? Or do you cue bid four clubs?

At the table I bid four clubs to express slam interest. Partner could very well hold the right cards to make slam a good prospect.

After I had rebid four clubs, West doubled and my partner bid four diamonds. East passed and I bid four hearts. After West passed, North bid four spades! Now, I could bid six hearts with confidence. Here were the two hands:

♠ Q
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ K J 10 6 4
 ♣ 8 7 6 3

♠ A 5 3
 ♥ A Q J 10 9 6 4
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ J

As you can see, six hearts is an excellent contract. Partner knew I was interested in slam, and having bid 'only' two hearts the first time, he felt able to show his controls.



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Fri Eve Flight A Pairs: Daniel
Korbel; Bill Koski

Fri Eve 0-200 Pairs: Inez Clarke;
Aslam Ghauri

Fri Eve Strat B/C Pairs: David
Robinson; Don McCrossan

Sat Aft 0-5 Pairs: Linda Lickley;
Kay Bury

Sat Aft 0-20 Pairs: John Higgins;
Donna Higgins

Sat Aft Side Game: Lorraine
Herlick; Vivian Berish

Sat Aft 0-200: Chi-Hong Sun;
Velumylum Thanga

Sat Senior Pairs: Ted Telford; Hugh
Currie

Sat KO Teams A: Andy Stark;
Martin Hunter; Dave Colbert;
Keith Balcombe

KO B: I More; Andrew Risman;
Janice Berklin; Allan Barrett

KO C: Shea O'Loughlin; Henry
Przysieszny; Scott Franklin;

Leo Upenieke

KO D: Csaey Vandeputte; Bruce
Roberts; Joam Viidik; Tony Viidik
Sat Flt A Pairs: Paul O'Hara; Roisin
O'Hara

Flt B Pairs: Peter Peng; Mike Peng

Flt C Pairs: Rebecca Kalbfleisch;
James Kalbfleisch

Fri Eve Side Game: Ron
MacDonald; Lee Woods

Sat Eve 0-200 Pairs: Debra
Kestenberg; Anne Sinclair

Sun AM 199er Swiss Teams: Craig
Pyke; Glen VanDusen; Norm
Shunka; Robert Chang

Flt A Swiss Teams: Daniel Lavee;
David Grainger; Jenny Ryman;
Gavin Wolpert

Strat B/C Swiss Teams: Sellamutto
Jeyanathan; Thuaiappah
Ramachandran; Thambialiah
Kanagaraja; Thamba
Gengetharan

Sun Aft 0-200 Swiss Teams: Eamon
Walsh; Natalie Silverstein; Sally
Bannister; Barb Doherty

76th Western Ontario, Jan 28-30, 2005

Fri Aft Open Pairs: Leszek
Wroblewski; Janusz Pruski

Fri Aft 199er Pairs: Bob Sward;
David Queen

Fri Eve Open Pairs: Dwight
Bender; Jerry Richardson

Fri Eve 199er Pairs: Mircea
Giurgeu; David Longstaff

Sat Aft 199er Pairs: Larry
Clipperton; Gary Price

Sat Open Pairs: Daniel Korbel; Bill
Koski

Sat Eve 199er Pairs: Paul Prince;
Tad Stawski

Sun AM 199er Teams: Susan
Edwards; Judy Brown; Georgina
Little; Marilyn Wilson

Sun Flt A Swiss Teams: Matthew Mason; Daniel Korbel; Bill Koski; Dwight Bender

Flt B Swiss: Tony Huys; Mark Navackas; Robert Lawton; Rudy Oetliker

Flt C Swiss: David Nagy; Bea Woodman; James White; Armeen Qayoom

Sun Aft 199er Teams: James Drew; Terry Pierce; Barry McLuhan; Jeanette McLuhan

50th Niagara District, St.

Catharines, Feb 4-6, 2005

Fri Aft Open Pairs: Roman Klein; Sally Rewbotham

Fri Aft Women's Pairs: Linda Lehoux; Fran McLister

Fri Aft 199er Pairs: Don Krikorian; David Morrison

Fri Eve Flt A Pairs: John Ross; Bev Ross

Flt B/C Pairs: Patricia Teeter; Jan Andreychuk

Fri Eve 199er Pairs: Judith Padgug; Robert Padgug

Fri-Sat Compact KO: Robert Hall; A Buis; Maynard Kumm; Ellen Kumm

Sat Aft 19er Pairs: Dian Petrov; Sergei Akachinski

Sat Flt A Pairs: Vincent Demuy; John Ross

Flt B/C Pairs: John Mackay; Mike Lessard

Sat Eve 199er Pairs: Ivan Tavchar; Nellie Tavchar

Sat KO Bracket 1: Marlene McFadden; Jack McFadden; Nancy Strachan; Flo Belford

KO Bracket 2: Graeme Mckechnie; Diane McKechnie; Joel Britz; Jacqueline Britz

Sat Late Nite Teams: Randal Davidson; Bill Woodcock; Susan Harbour; Daniel Korbel

Sun AM 199er Teams: John Kirsits; Martin Pieterse; Barbara Pieterse; Paula Kotowski

Sun Aft 199er Teams: Ken Meier; Aage Pettersen; Jane Larcom; David Larcom

Sun Strat Swiss Teams: Paul Thurston; Rick Delogu; Dave Colbert; Keith Balcombe

Barrie Friendship Day, Feb 13, 2005

Swiss Teams: Martin Hunter; John Duquette; John Ross; Don Brock

199er Swiss Teams: Paul Campbell; Marc Brenner; John Rose; Grant Weston

Sudbury Sectional, Feb 25-27, 2005

Fri Eve Open Pairs: Jean Aceti; Ellen Hamilton

Fri Eve 199er Pairs: Jeanine Kulk; Marie Gonella

Fri Eve Eze Bridge Pairs: Pam Sauerbrei; Connie Beaudry

Fri Aft Open Pairs: Bill Moffatt; Anne Harris

Fri Aft 99er Pairs: Beverley Jarrett; Conrad Jarrett

Sat Aft Open Pairs: Frances Freeman; Dale Freeman

Sat Aft 99er Pairs: Monique Grenier; Margaret Corbett

Sat Eve Open Pairs: Douglas Martin; Alan Young

Sat Eve 99er Pairs: Dianna Cooney; Rita Guinard

Sun AM 99er Teams: J Palmer; Irene Corbeil; Paul Corbeil; Jacques Bidal

Sun Aft 99er Teams: Denis Wood; Mary Hiley; Rita Bennetto; Roy Bennetto

Sun Open Swiss Teams: Terry Beange; Brij Garg; Rizwan ul-Haq;

Hart House Sectional, Toronto, Mar 4-5, 2005

Fri Eve Open Pairs: Grant
Mckinnon; William Woodfine

Sat Aft Open Pairs: Danny
Schamehorn; Bill Koski

KO Teams Bracket 1: Jenny
Ryman; Gavin Wolpert; Andy
Stark; John Carruthers

KO Bracket 2: Chris James;
Thomas James; Patrick Fournier;
Melissa Giguère

Sat Eve Strat Pairs: Karl
Hemmerich; Dorothea Waxler

Sun Strat Swiss Teams: Steven
Larivière; Amir Farsoud; Bill Kertes;
Ina Demme

Oshawa Swiss Teams, Mar 19-20, 2005

Sat A/X Swiss Teams: Zuwei Shan;
Bernie Huang; Helen Hackner;
Lewis Richardson

Sat B/C/D Swiss Teams: Bing
Wong; Sonia Ostroff; John
Hinphay; Allan Monteiro

Sun A/X Swiss Teams: Dave
Colbert; Doug Baxter; Keith
Balcombe; Andy Stark

Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams: S Korde;
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North American Open Pairs "C"

3. Lesley Thomson; Stephen Foster
10. Doug Oman; Peter Minogue

Open Pairs

8. David Grainger

Silver Ribbon Pairs

10. Roman Klein; Ron Sutherland

Mixed Pairs

7. David Baker; Fran Chivers

49er Pairs

2. Joan Dixon

Open Swiss Teams

6. David Grainger; Daniel Lavee

Women's Swiss Teams

5. Joan Eaton
7. Jenny Ryman

Mazel Tov !!!



The following southern Ontario players won championship events at the Bermuda Regional in January:

Mon-Tue Compact KO Teams:

Brigitte James; Muriel Allen;
Marlene McFadden

Tue Eve Novice Pairs: Mary Akin;
Mary Daniher

Wed-Thu Compact KO Teams:

Jean Aceti

Fri Aft Novice Pairs: Kate Hedges

PORT FRANKS SECTIONAL

Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 2005

Saturday June 25

Open Pairs (2 sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Pairs (under 300 MP, 1 session) 1:00 pm
Pairs (under 300 MP, 1 session, strat.) 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 26

Open Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA
Swiss Teams (under 300 MP) 10:30 am & TBA

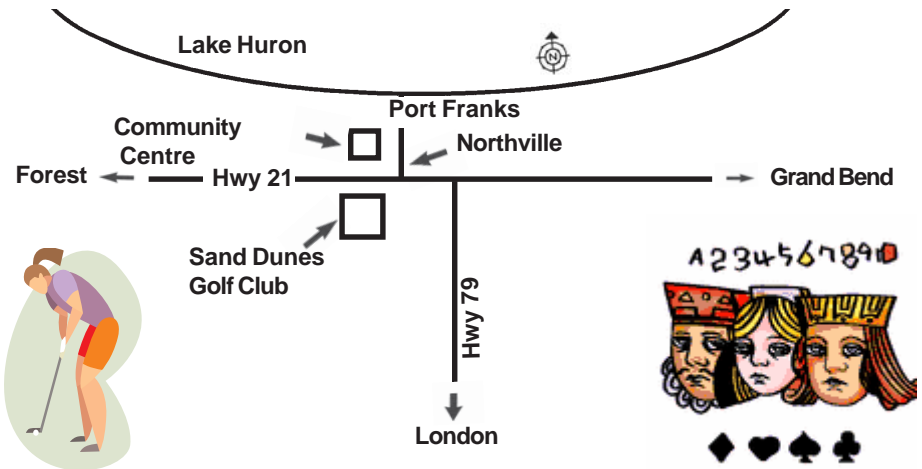
Free coffee & refreshments after game Saturday and before game Sunday.
Light lunch Sunday between sessions.

Partnerships: Mavis Reffell, 519-238-1239 or seth@ezlink.on.ca

Tournament Chair: Jean Potthoff, 519-243-3026 or jpotthof@execulink.com

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TOURNAMENT SITE: COMMUNITY CENTRE, PORT FRANKS, ONTARIO



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London Regional Bridge Tournament 2005

Tuesday July 12:

Stratified Pairs (0-300/1250/Inf)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 4 sessions)	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions)	7:00 pm
0-20, 0-50, 0-100 Pairs	7:00 pm

Wednesday July 13:

Bracketed Morning Knockout Teams (1st session)	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs (0-300/1250/Inf)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
London Bracketed Knockouts (1st & 2nd)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 4 sessions)	1:00 pm
0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100 Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 5)	7:00 pm

Thursday July 14:

Bracketed Morning Knockout Teams (2nd session)	9:00 am
Senior Stratified Pairs (morning & afternoon 2 sessions)	9:00 & 1:00 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (0-300/1250/Inf)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 4 sessions)	1:00 pm
London Bracketed Knockouts (3rd & 4th)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100 Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 5)	7:00 pm

Friday July 15:

Bracketed Morning Knockouts (3rd session)	9:00 am
Morning Compact Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2)	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs (0-300/1250/Inf)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 4 sessions)	1:00 pm
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (1st & 2nd)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100 Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 5)	7:00 pm
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams (One session)	7:00 pm
Midnight Charity Speedball Knockout Teams	11:00 pm

Saturday July 16:

Bracketed Morning Knockouts (4th session)	9:00 am
Morning Compact Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4)	9:00 am
Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Senior Stratified Pairs (0-300/1250/Inf)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Saturday Compact Knockouts	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (3rd & 4th)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100 Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (5th of 5)	7:00 pm

Sunday July 17:

Stratified Swiss Teams	10:00 (playthrough)
99er Swiss (0-100)	10:00 (playthrough)
Seniors Stratified Swiss Teams (0-300/1250/Inf)	10:00 (playthrough)

Newcomer, 49er and 99er games every session. Prizes. Speaker Program.

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

Stratified: C: 0-300 B: 300-1250 Ax: 0-2500 A: 2500+

Accommodations at the site: (Please reserve under "Bridge Tournament" for special rates)
Hilton Hotel 300 King Street, London, Ont. (519-439-1661)

Find maps and further information online at www.unit249.ca/LondonRegional.html



JULY 29 - 31, 2005

(Civic Holiday Weekend)

Spirit Sectional

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION



Barrie, ON

Friday, July 29

Stratified Pairs: Open & 199ers.....1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
(Single sessions)

Saturday, July 30

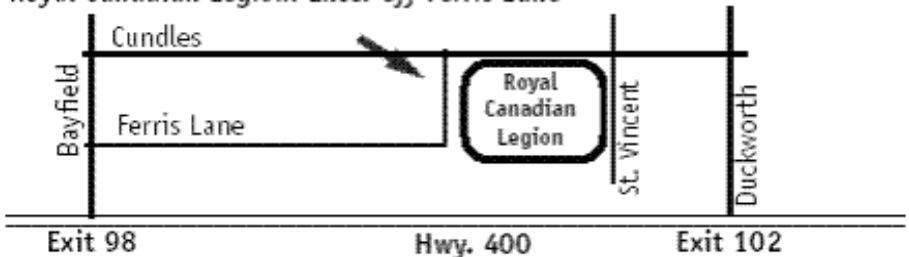
Stratified Pairs: Open & 199ers.....1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
(Single session entries welcome)

Sunday, July 31

Stratified Swiss Teams: Open & 199ers.....11:00 am
(Playthrough - Light lunch between sessions)

Open - A: 1500+; B: 750-1500; C: 0-750

Royal Canadian Legion: Enter off Ferris Lane



Tournament Manager: Marc Fournier (705) 735-6424

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Markham Sectional Tournament



August 6-7, 2005

Saturday, August 6, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Stratified Pairs: 0-300/1000/Unlimited
Compact KO Teams
Side Games

Sunday, August 7, 11:00 a.m. & TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams:

A = Unlimited; B = 500-1000; C = 0-500
199ers (0-199) & Newcomers (0-100) Single Sessions



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Prizes & Snacks

Tournament Organizer:

Nick Wong

(905) 477-6582

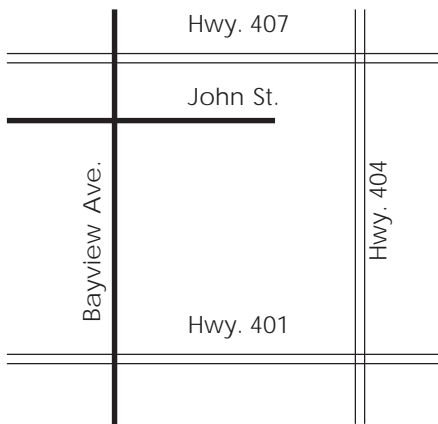
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26th GOLDEN LEAF SECTIONAL

TILLSONBURG
August 12, 13, and 14th, 2005



FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th

1:30pm Stratified Senior's Open Pairs
1:30pm Stratified Open Pairs
1:30pm Stratified I/N 199'ers
7:30pm Stratified Open Pairs
7:30pm Stratified I/N 199'ers

Free wine and cheese after Friday night's session
Free snacks after Saturday night's session
Free coffee/tea & donuts wake-up Sunday morning
Free luncheon between sessions on Sunday
Free coffee/tea. Pop is available

Tournament Chair *Bob Burns:*
519-842-5392 rwburns@sympatico.ca

Partnerships *Doug Rogers:*
519-842-8508 djrogers@sympatico.ca
Director-in-Charge *Mrs. Nancy Hart*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th

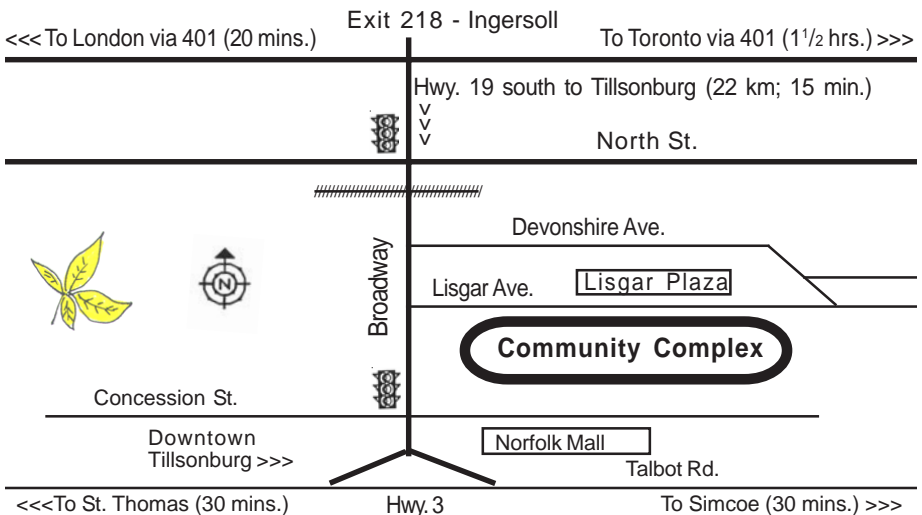
1:30pm & 7:30pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs Playthru (single sessions welcome)
1:30pm Stratified I/N 199'ers
7:30pm Stratified I/N 199'ers

Open Pairs & Teams Strats:
A=1250+; B=300-1250, C=0-300
Flight A=2500+, 0-2500;
Flight B=300-1250, 0-300
I/N 199'ers Strats:
A=50-199; B=20-50; C=0-20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th

11:00 am & TBA Stratified Open Swiss Teams
11:00 am & TBA Stratified I/N 199'ers Swiss Teams

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Cambrian Shield Regional

August 16-21, 2005
 Howard Johnson Plaza, 50 Brady Street
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OPEN SCHEDULE

Strats: A = 1500+ B= 500-1500 C = 0-500
 A/X: A= 3000+ X = 0-3000

TUESDAY AUGUST 16

FRIDAY AUGUST 19

Stratified Women's Pairs 1:00 & 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00pm

Bracketed KOs (3rd session) 9:00 am
 Bracketed KOs (rounds 1 & 2) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17

SATURDAY AUGUST 20

Bracketed KOs (1st session) 9:00 am
 Stratified Swiss Teams 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Bracketed KOs (final) 9:00 am
 Bracketed KOs (rounds 3 & 4) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
 Stratiflighted Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

THURSDAY AUGUST 18

SUNDAY AUGUST 21

Bracketed KOs (2nd session) 9:00 am
 Stratiflighted Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Swiss Teams - Playthru 10:30 am

****Continuous Pairs every session Tue to Sat** Flight A/X separate; Flight B & C stratified**

INTERMEDIATE / NEWCOMER SCHEDULE (0-300)

All I/N events are single session

Strats A = 200-300; B = 100-200; C = 0-100

Also Separate Games for players with 0-20 master points (FEWER BOARDS)

Strats A = 10-20; B = 5-10; C = 0-5

THURSDAY AUGUST 19

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

0-300 Stratified Pairs 1pm
 0-300 Stratified Pairs 7pm
 0-20 Stratified Pairs 7pm

0-20 Stratified Pairs 1pm
 0-300 Stratified Pairs 1pm
 0-300 Stratified Pairs 7pm

FRIDAY AUGUST 20

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

0-300 Stratified Pairs 1pm
 0-300 Stratified Pairs 7pm
 0-20 Stratified Pairs 7pm

0-300 Stratified Swiss 10:30 am

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Labour Day Sectional

September 3-5, 2005

Saturday September 3

Bracketed KO Teams 9 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m.
Marlin's Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1 & 7 p.m.
Intermediate & Newcomer Games -
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 (2 separate sessions) 1 & 7 p.m.

Sunday September 4

Bracketed KO Teams 9 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m.
Toronto Games:
Stratified Pairs Flights A (IMPs) B & C (Matchpoints) 1 & 7 p.m.
Flight A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 (2 separate sessions) 1 & 7 p.m.

Monday September 5

Stratified Swiss Teams & 299er Swiss Teams 11 a.m. & TBA
Flight A = 3000+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500 X = 0-3000

Section Tops - Candy - Newcomer Trophies

Tournament Chairperson:

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**55th
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SECTIONAL
BRIDGE TOURNAMENT
SEPT. 9-11, 2005**



Tournament Chair: Bob Thornhill 519-657-5557

Partnerships: Joe Hurst 519-782-3279

Stratification for all Open & Senior Pair Events: A=1500+; B=500-1500; C=0-500

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

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1:00 pm Single Session Open Pairs	7:00 pm Single Session Open Pairs
1:00 pm Single Session Senior Pairs	7:00 pm Single Session 199er Pairs
1:00 pm Single Session 199er Pairs	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

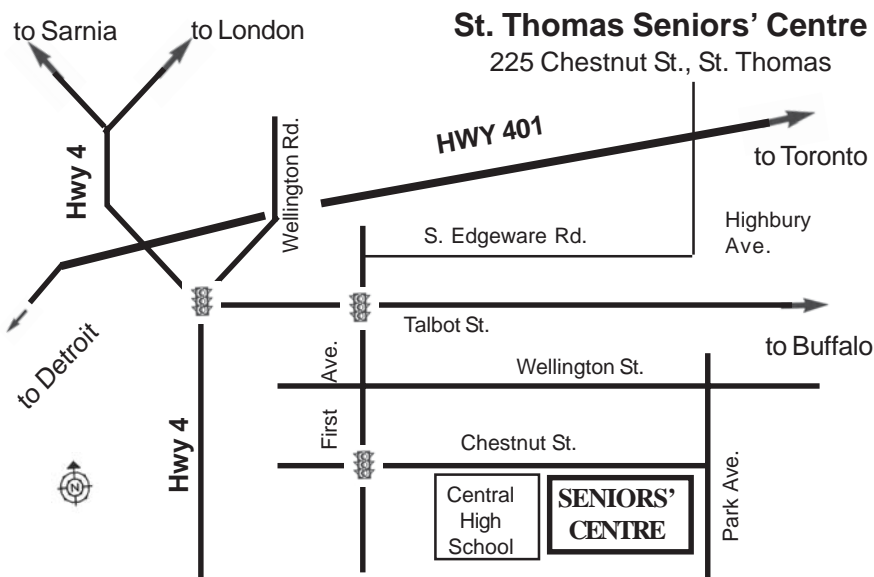
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1:00 pm & 7:00 pm 2-Session Open Pairs Playthrough
{Single session entries welcome for the 2nd session}
1:00 pm Single Session Open Pairs
1:00 pm Single Session 199er Pairs 7:00 pm Single Session 199er Pairs

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

**** A light meal will be provided between sessions at no additional cost ****

11 am & TBA Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
Flight A=1500+ Plays separately; Flight B=500-1500; Flight C=300-500 (Flights B&C play together); Flight D=0-300 Plays separately if attendance warrants



Bay of Quinte Sectional

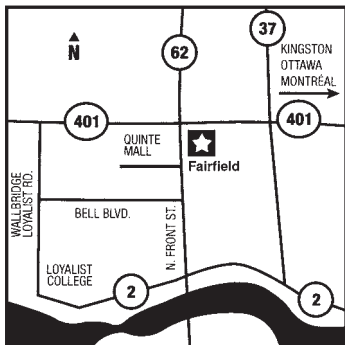
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FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs * 7:30pm

SATURDAY

Bracketed KO Teams 9:30am, 1:30pm
(3 sessions) and 7:30pm

199er * 1:30pm, 7:30pm
(0-50/50-100/100-199)

Stratified Pairs * 1:30pm

Stratiflighted Pairs * 7:30pm
(A/X play separately)

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:30am
(2 session play-through)

199er Swiss Teams 10:30am
(2 single sessions) and 3:30pm

Lunch will be served between sessions

**denotes single sessions*

Stratification:

A Open; B 500-1000; C 0-500

Correspondence



To the Editor:

Occasionally I get the opportunity to play with a fine bridge player who has far more than the normal amount of imagination. Such a player is Andy Stark. Andy's imagination has got us many excellent results and the occasional clunker.

On one occasion, Andy doubled Allan Graves in a six-spade contract with a Yarborough and a void in trump. I had him covered, and the contract went down. This was an extremely good result because most players were in the slam down one, but nobody else was doubled. Graves was enthusiastic in his praise of Andy's action.

Several months later, playing in Detroit, I opened one no trump, Andy bid Stayman, found out I had spades, and in spite of the fact that he only had three spades, he bid four spades because he had a stiff club. I went down for a zero. Andy worked on the hand and found a double dummy way to make the contract. Because we had had a good game, I checked the scores to see what this would have done for us. It was the same zero because everyone else was in three no trump making four. Frankly, I enjoyed this zero just as much as I did the top board for two reasons: 1) Andy's imagination, 2) I had another Andy story to tell.

I am convinced if we got a group of Andy's partners together, we could write a book based on Andy's imagination.

Bev Brock

Schools Bridge Update

The school bridge program is continuing to grow with new classes each year. If you are interested in learning more about teaching school bridge please call or e-mail me at 905-876-0267 or fbelford@sympatico.ca

Flo Belford

Toronto Regional Success

On Wednesday, March 23, the Toronto Easter Regional saw 47 tables of youngsters playing at the Royal York Hotel.

Attention Bridge Teachers

As the Education Liaison for our unit, I would like to compile a current list of bridge teachers so that I can keep you informed of upcoming events for you and your students. Please phone or e-mail the following information to Flo Belford 905-876-0267 or fbelford@sympatico.ca

- Name
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- Number of adult students you teach in a year
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Tournament Trail

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10-15 **Farmington Hills MI Regional**
11 International Fund Game
27-29 Peterborough*
28-Jun 4 CBF Bridge Week*
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3 & 4 Worldwide Bridge Contest
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