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The Canadian IMP Pairs Championship medal winners (l. to r.): Andrew Lee, Richmond, BC and Zoran Peca, Vancouver, second place; **Bing Le**, North York & **Richard Chan**, Richmond Hill, winners; Mike Yuen, Vancouver and **John Duquette**, Oshawa, third place. Results of all events can be found on page 31.



Ex-partners and 1999 Canadian National Team Championship winners **Robert Lebi**, left, of Toronto, and **Nader Hanna** of Willowdale battled each other in this year's CNTC final, with Lebi emerging victorious.



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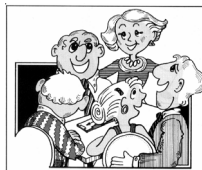
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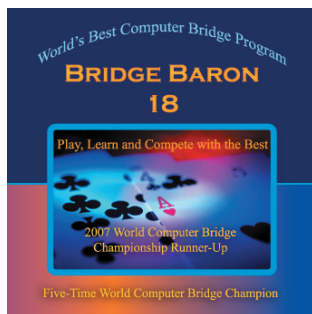
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Local players had a decent showing at the recent Canadian Championships. Robert Lebi was on a team which won the Canadian National Team Championship, while his ex-partner Nader Hanna came second, and Richard Chan and Bing Le won the Canadian IMP Pairs Championship. Diana Gordon and Linda Lee were on the runner-up team in the Canadian Women's Team Championship. Congratulations to them all.

John Carruthers

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- b) Appointing an Auditor,
- c) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at London, Ontario, the 11th day of January, 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, L Brawn, Secretary

For newer players

Defender's Corner II

Audrey Grant

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Continuing our defensive quiz from the last issue, we lead after the auction has gone:

West	North	East	South
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Pass			

In each case, we lead a heart from our broken sequence. After seeing the play to the first trick, imagine how to defeat the contract:

- What cards do we imagine our partner holds in the heart suit?
- How could our partnership get the five tricks we need?
- What could get in the way of taking our tricks?
- What should we lead next?
- What is the key point on the deal?

4.)	♠ K J 3	
	♥ 5 4	
	♦ Q 8 3	
	♣ K J 7 5 4	
(Us)		(Partner)
♠ 10 9 5		
♥ K Q 10 2		♥ 8
♦ A 6 4		
♣ 8 6 3		
	♥ 3	

After the king of hearts lead holds the trick, what should we play at trick two, and why?

5.)	♠ K J 3	
	♥ 8	
	♦ Q 8 5 4 3	
	♣ A 7 5 4	
(Us)		(Partner)
♠ 10 9 5 4		
♥ Q J 9 7 2		♥ 6
♦ A		
♣ 8 6 3		
	♥ K	

Upon winning our queen of hearts lead with the king, declarer leads a diamond to our ace. What do we next?

6.)	♠ K J 3	
	♥ 8	
	♦ Q 8 5 4 3	
	♣ A 7 5 4	
(Us)		(Partner)
♠ 10 9 5 4		
♥ Q J 9 7 2		♥ 3
♦ A		
♣ 8 6 3		
	♥ K	

Declarer wins the queen of hearts lead with the king and leads a diamond. What do we do next?

Answers:

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

Partner's heart eight is probably an encouraging signal since the six and seven are missing. We can picture that partner has the heart ace or the jack, or both. So, we should be able to develop tricks in the heart suit by continuing to lead it.

From the complete deal we can see that, if we switch to another suit at trick two, declarer has four spade tricks and five club tricks to take, enough to make the contract.

So, at trick two we should **lead the heart two**. If partner has the jack and declarer the ace, we will be promoting tricks in the suit and want to play the high card from the short side first. If, as on the actual deal, partner has the ace and declarer has the jack, we want to lead the third round of the suit from partner's side so that we can trap declarer's jack ... a defensive finesse. We can then take the ace of diamonds to defeat the contract.

The key point is that partner's encouraging signal lets us know it is safe to continue leading the suit, even though we have a broken sequence.

Since the heart three, four and five are all missing, it appears that partner is making an encouraging signal. We can imagine that our partner has something useful in the suit, either the ace or the ten. If it's the ace, we are poised to take tricks in the suit once we regain the lead; if it's the ten, we can safely continue leading the suit and drive out declarer's ace to promote winners in hearts.

From the full layout we can see that if we switch to another suit after winning the ace of diamonds, declarer has enough tricks to make the contract. In addition to the trick won with the heart king, declarer can take three spade tricks, four diamond tricks, and two club tricks.

So, after winning the diamond ace, we must **lead a low heart**, the seven or the two. On this deal, partner wins the heart ace and returns a heart, trapping declarer's ten. We take four heart tricks to go with the ace of diamonds. The key point here is that the encouraging signal tells us partner has help in hearts and we are on the right track to continue leading the suit.

5.)

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

♠ A Q 7
♥ K 10 5 4
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ K 2

6.)

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

♠ A Q 7 2
♥ A K 10
♦ 10 9 7 6
♣ K 2

Partner's three of hearts is clearly a discouraging signal since we hold the two. We can picture that partner doesn't have either the heart ace or ten, so declarer must hold both of those cards. We can't take sure tricks in hearts or promote winners in the suit if we continue to lead hearts from our side. We need partner to lead the next round of hearts.

The full deal shows that declarer has nine tricks if we lead another heart at trick two: four spades, three hearts, and

two clubs. We must **lead anything except a heart** after winning the ace of diamonds. Then declarer has only eight tricks. If declarer continues to try to develop an extra winner in diamonds, partner wins and leads a heart, trapping declarer's ten. Now we win the race and establish enough tricks with the help of a defensive finesse to defeat the contract.

The key point in all these situations is that, after leading from a broken sequence, we need more information to decide whether to continue leading the suit.

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Andy Stark

Bridge is a lot like baseball. They share more than just a few idiosyncratic terms such as rubbers, diamonds and grand slams; in order to do well in both baseball and bridge you cannot let your emotions take over. You must remain focused and calm. If things are going well, stay cool because the next hand, or pitcher, might be dealing you a nasty unhittable curveball. Conversely, if things are going poorly, stay cool because you might be hitting a home run. Let's look at two local stars in action and see how they both stayed cool under pressure, one in the bidding, the other in the play.

Robert Lebi, playing with Dan Jacob of Vancouver recently won the Silodor Open Pairs, the first national pair event of the Spring Nationals held last March in Detroit. Having a good game and in contention for first place, Robert picked up:

♠ A 7
♥ A 8
♦ A K 7 6 4 3
♣ A 5 4

His side was vulnerable, the opponents were not. Jacob, North, dealt and passed. East opened the bidding with one club. Seeing he was too strong to overcall one diamond, Robert made a takeout double. The auction quickly skyrocketed: West bid two hearts, a weak jump shift, and Jacob jumped to four spades. East

passed and suddenly Robert had a decision to make: should he take another call or should he pass and table two-card trump support? Think for a moment what you would do.

Here's the full deal:

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

Robert, figuring his passed-hand partner might have opened a weak two with better spades, decided to pass and take the plus score, always a good tactic playing matchpoints. As you can see, declarer's only losers are three trump tricks, so bidding and making four spades was a good result. Anyone who bids over four spades, though, would receive a minus score and a terrible result.

When I asked Robert for some matchpoint advice to pass along to Kibitzer readers, he told me, "bid a lot for the lead, play the vulnerability and go for the cheapest minus score." And to that we might add, stay cool.

Another cool customer is Waterloo resident Dan Korbel. Last March, one sunny weekend between a blizzard and a snowstorm, nine teams from Southern Ontario tried to qualify for

the CNTC Final. Storming its way through the opposition was the team of Daniel Korbel, David Grainger, Arno Hobart and Darren Wolpert.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

After Korbel passed with the South cards, West opened one diamond and Grainger, North, doubled. East bid one heart and Korbel cuebid two diamonds to show a good hand. West passed, Grainger bid three clubs and East passed. Korbel bid four spades and everyone passed. The opening lead was the four of hearts.

This contract is a thin one, yet it's the type of contract good players not only bid, but make. What is their secret in making these thin contracts? By staying cool and putting pressure on the defence, oftentimes the defence hands you an impossible contract. Why? *Because they flinched first.* Watch how Dan Korbel gave himself the best chance of bringing four spades home.

Korbel won the opening heart lead with his ace. He then played a low spade towards the dummy's king, noting the fall of the ten. Judging the

spades to be 4-1, (right!) he played a low club towards his hand and inserted the eight. (Right again!) Korbel now eschewed another trump play to instead run some clubs at West.

So after the club eight held, he cashed the king and played another towards the ace-jack-ten in dummy. Playing on clubs effectively 'drew' West's trumps and kept control of the trump suit - instead of West getting a two-for-one special, Korbel offered him a one-for-zero. Now that's cool.

West ruffed the club with the spade four and tried to cash the heart jack but Dan ruffed that and reverted to trumps. West hopped up with his ace. The position was now:

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

West, apparently feeling threatened by the winning clubs in dummy, plunked down the ace of diamonds and shortly thereafter Korbel and Grainger were scoring up plus 420. Any calm-thinking defender can see that declarer is a trick short. Yes the clubs in dummy are good for two tricks, but where is declarer's tenth? Conclusion: there is no rush to cash the diamond ace as it

is not going away. Cool defence, in the diagrammed position, means exiting with a trump or a heart.

C'mon everyone, let's all stay cool and while we're at it, *take me out to the bridge game, take me out to the crowd*.

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On the Hunt for the Big Minus Ron Bishop

This is really a tale of two hands. For the first, let's go to a first-round knockout match in the Sheardown Teams at the recent Toronto Regional. You've been asked to complete a team of competent friends entered in this prestigious event as the squad's (undeniably) best player must finish a non-bridge job assignment in the afternoon. If you manage to get through this first match, he'll be coming in for the evening match. Early in the first half, you pick up this club-lead directing type of hand:

♠ Q 9

♥ 9 5 4 2

♦ 6 2

♣ A K Q J 9

You begin with one club and it goes one diamond, one spade, two hearts back around to you. You pass (as nothing else sensible comes to mind) and are surprised when LHO also passes. Partner's jump to four spades is greeted by a continuation of five hearts from your RHO. It seems that his previous bid of two hearts was intended as forcing (the opponents are the only vulnerable side). Looks like this is our first real decision point. Pass (surely not forcing at these colours since partner had two cuebids on the previous round to establish a force); or a pushy five spades?

Well, no one ever died from going minus 50 or so against vulnerable

opponents, so we elect the 'save' (?). It goes pass, pass, and RHO produces a quick six hearts. New problem! Doesn't seem sensible to pass with something approximating six red suit losers plus a reasonable lead, so we double – with some trepidation since auctions like this have been known to lead to frigid contracts. It goes all pass.

Our pick of the club ace reveals this dummy:

♠ J 7 5
♥ —
♦ K Q 10 8 7 5 3
♣ 10 8 4

Partner plays the seven of clubs (playing upside-down count-and-attitude); declarer contributes the three. Your next play is ...?

When given this opening lead and dummy as a problem post-session, a majority of the experts polled believed that partner was showing a negative attitude towards clubs. In my humble opinion, such a view is tunnel-visioned. No matter what the agreements one might have at lower levels about ace and king leads; when one doubles a high level contract and then leads the ace of one's own suit, it must ask for C-O-U-N-T. How many clubs are going to cash? You didn't double a slam on the off chance that we were going to cash the ace of your own suit plus the king of the same suit that partner might just happen to hold.

When partner shows an even number of clubs, you can try for a spade trick. The queen will win the trick, partner

admitting to possession of an odd number of spades but leaving you on lead. Partner's ten (surely from a seven-card suit) must indicate the desire for a diamond switch and he/she will duly ruff the first diamond. The result; plus 500. That is, unless you decided to attempt to cash a second club cash after seeing partner's seven at trick one (they too believed in the 'attitude' position while you thought it showed an odd number). Then your result will be minus 1660 which, when combined with teammates minus 650 (defending a contract of five spades), adds up – should we possibly say, 'subtracts down' – to minus 19 IMPs. You've succeeded in tracking down the Big Minus. Declarer's hand was:

♠ 6
♥ A K Q J 10 7 3
♦ A J 9 4
♣ 3

Fast forward to later that same evening, on the subway ride home from a not-so-successful evening match. Despite our contribution of minus 19 IMPs in the afternoon, our side had managed to win that match by a considerable margin; but when Darren arrived at the dinner hour he pronounced himself 'under the weather' so the team sent him home to recover. Without his able contribution, the team's generally poor play and lackluster bidding along with our opponents' occasional piece of brilliance, and general good fortune, combined to produce a sound defeat.

Joining us now on the Red Rocket transit is Michael, a member of

another unsuccessful team; his spouse is with him as is another friend and fellow bridge player who is catching an end of the tunnel ride home with them. I overhear Michael commenting to them on a hand that was played in his match; "... and I said to partner as we left the table that this hand had a potential adverse swing of 19 IMPs written all over it". Ah, I thought to myself, the "Big Minus"... must be the breeding season for them. I requested that Michael tell us the story of this hand. He recounted the following sad tale.

Picking up an unusual hand:

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

he attempted to counter his RHO's one-spade start with a Michaels' Cuebid. After that the auction progressed as follows:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At his teammates' table, the auction had a different start (and a decidedly different ending):

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♥	5 ♠
6 ♥	Double	Pass	Pass

Here is the complete hand:

♠ J 4 3 2
 ♥ K 6 2
 ♦ K Q 7 6 2
 ♣ 2

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

♠ A Q 9 8 7 5
 ♥ J
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ 8 6 5 4

Declarer at the spade table made his contract by the simple expedient of leading the spade jack from the dummy on the first round of the suit (the standard expert play). The other table's contract, the doubled heart slam, was cold. The par result of six spades doubled down one was nowhere to be seen.

No need to check the IMP table to see what the combination of 650 and 1660 are worth as it's a familiar beast. The "Big Minus" has raised its ugly head again.

So both Michael's team and mine have succeeded (on totally unrelated human-dealt hands) in tracking down a trophy big minus – not the record-setting minus 24-pointer, but a big one nevertheless. I believe that Arno Hobart long ago told me he had once "lost 'em all" – perhaps he was ably assisted on that occasion by the world-famous 'big minus' guide, Harmon Edgar. Wonder what happened to that dear fellow anyway; perhaps he has since retired. After all, once you've found the "Biggest Minus" what else is there left to play for?



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Mel Marcovitz

Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 3
♣ 9

♠ K J 8 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ J

♣ K Q 10 7 3

♠ 7 3

♥ 10 9

♦ Q 4

♣ A J 8 6 5 4 2

♠ A Q 10 9

♥ A K 6 5 4

♦ A K 5 2

♣ —

West North East South

— — 3 ♣

Double

5 ♣ 5 ♦ Pass Pass?

6 ♣? Pass Pass 6 ♦?

Pass Pass Pass

This deal occurred in a local club game. After North had played the hand competently, making seven, and marked up the score, my partner (West) told me that she had managed to keep them out of a grand slam! I simply sat there in stunned disbelief, figuratively zipping my lip.

The names have been omitted to protect the guilty as well as the innocent.

Correspondence



To the Board members of Unit 166,

Since the appearance of Paul Cronin's article on this subject in the recent issue of *The Kibitzer*, there has been an exchange of correspondence between Paul and me. At his suggestion, I ask you to place this topic, and the ideas for making the policy more effective, on the agenda of the next meeting of the board.

Regards, Chuck Arthur

This was my original letter to Paul:

Dear Paul,

I read with some interest your article in the most recent issue of *The Kibitzer*. I had concluded that that the policy of Zero Tolerance was dead, if not officially, then ipso facto. No mention of this (in an official capacity) ever occurs at sectional tournaments in the area that I attend. Your statement "... if he or she determines that this was the case, then an immediate penalty of ¼ of a board ..." is without foundation.

It was perhaps two years ago that one of my opponents was being extremely rude to his partner and I called the director under this policy. The director issued him three lashes with a wet spaghetti noodle. I challenged him, (paraphrasing) asking what the "Zero" in "Zero Tolerance" meant to him. He replied that he still had some discretion in this area. Perhaps he determined that my complaint was frivolous, but I doubt it, else he would have told me so. I have not called a director on such a matter since that incident - I would

like to say that this is because behaviour has improved since, but sadly, this is not the case. I am very unlikely to be calling the tournament director under this policy in the future.

A rule that is not enforced is just like not having the rule in place at all. Perhaps directors should be penalized for not enforcing the policy.

Regards, Chuck Arthur

To: Unit 166 Members

From: Sally Rewbotham, President
Unit 166

Ah, Zero Tolerance!

This has been a topic of some concern for your Board members for some time. We addressed this at the 2007 District 2 Board meeting and again at the 2008 District meeting. We have also carried out lengthy discussions at the Unit board table.

As a result of those conversations we have communicated our concerns to the directing officials at ACBL. They were surprised to hear from us because they believe we are better behaved than almost all other players. (I suggested that we must just have higher expectations!) We asked that the Zero Tolerance Policy be enforced as intended in all of the Unit 166 tournaments. Further, we have asked our directors to announce, at the beginning of each session, that Zero Tolerance is the rule at our tournaments, that good behaviour is expected, and that penalties will be assessed.

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"club" department at the ACBL and, if you are a Unit 166 club owner who would like one, please let me know or contact the "club department" and get several for your club. Many of our clubs have this kind of information posted and I applaud them for it. This information will also be posted at our tournaments.

This issue is important to your Board members. We work very hard to make sure that tournaments are fun for our players. We all need to make extra effort to make the experience fun and enjoyable for all of us.

Let's get together on this. It's one of those "part of the solution, not part of the problem" kinds of issues.

I need to add one other part to this. There are too few of us entitled to throw stones including me so let's be good. Eh?

Thanks, Sally Rewbotham

To the editor,

Bridge players are egoists. It is a common trait. Years ago, Howard

Schenken won second place hands down in a survey amongst tournament players as to relative ranking amongst them. Supposedly, everyone placed themselves as first.

In his Menagerie series, Victor Mollo contemplated a handi-capping system, such as in golf, at the Griffins. There was grouching from Papa and the Hog, who professed not to care about the money, of course. That was to be expected. What surprised Mollo was that the meek rose up against the idea. The Walrus; the Toucan, could not abide the comparisons. Surely they were not as bad as these others. Surely not.

Pretty well all of us have an exaggerated idea of our bridge ability. Which brings me to Friday afternoon at the Sheardown KO. During the half time break I strolled within earshot of a player on the opposing team, who had sat out, commenting to his teammate that sometimes these B players get lucky. The second player had been dwelling on a three no trump contract's failing because of an

improbable (to him) lead. He was muttering something about the Italians.

We were all even at the half. "B players" indeed. Well, yes, my partners, nice people, could be thought of as B players. But me? Me?

In the second half the pair we played against conducted a clinic - a convincing exhibition. It would have been a pleasure to watch in other circumstances. We lost handily - shades of the Toucan. Time to rethink - what is a B player anyway?

John Cunningham

Dear Mr. Carruthers,

We would be grateful if you would consider including the following in the Kibitzer.

Sincerely, Paul Muter

Some Advantages of Online Bridge Paul Muter and John Furedy

We play once a week in an ACBL tournament on Bridgebase Online. We have compiled the following list of some of the advantages of these games compared to club games.

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In spite of the above, most players prefer to play in clubs for obvious reasons, and we hope that clubs continue to thrive. But we also hope that they try to adopt some of the desirable features of the online games.

Dear John,

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Both bridge clubs were exceptionally nice but the bridge club in Stockholm Bridgeklubben St Erik is the finest and largest I have ever visited in all our travels. It holds 100 tables and has a dining area. There are 2500 members. We were greeted by a charming man, Kjell Lorndy (pronounced Shell), who spoke excellent English. The director, was Kalle Persson. The experience was a highlight of our trip.

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George Retek

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When the night is darkest, your faucet is dripping every third second and your favourite sports team has lost six games in a row...that’s how a bridge player feels when he picks up these cards:

♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ 9 8 4
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 6 3 2

This is what happened to me as South in the Knockout Teams final of a Florida Regional tournament. The bidding was fast and furious.

West	North	East	South
John Fognaught	Leo Weniger	Marvin Ferguson	George Retek
1 NT ¹	Pass	4 ♣ ²	Pass
4 ♠ ³	Pass	7 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 15-17
2. Gerber
3. 2 aces and a minimum

Here is the complete deal (See top of next column):

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 9 6 5
♣ Q 10 8 4

♠ A K 6
♥ A J 7 3 2
♦ Q 7
♣ J 9 7

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K 5
♦ A K J 10 2
♣ A K 5

♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ 9 8 4
♦ 8 4 3
♣ 6 3 2

Partner led the spade jack, taken with the ace. When declarer played off his five diamond winners, it became obvious that Partner held both the missing queens, otherwise declarer would have claimed 13 tricks. To protect Partner, one needs to cling to those three ‘worthless’ clubs and declarer cannot succeed. It is important to retain one’s concentration no matter how unimportant the cards may appear to be.

This is the position as the last diamond is played:

♠ —
♥ Q 10 6
♦ —
♣ Q 10 8

♠ —
♥ A J 7
♦ —
♣ J 9 7

♠ —
♥ K 5
♦ 2
♣ A K 5

♠ —
♥ 9 8 4
♦ —
♣ 6 3 2

Partner discards after, and must discard the same suit as declarer.

Declarer actually discarded a club, and so did Partner.

When you first looked at the hand, could you have predicted that the setting trick would be the tiny six of clubs? Accurate signalling on defence allowed North and South to hold on to the correct cards. At the other table, our teammates Betty and Steve Surasky stopped in six no trump to win 14 IMPs and secure the victory.

A Midsummer Night's Dream Quiz

1. USBF Trials. Each year, the United States Bridge Federation (ACBL plus ABA) conducts Trials to select the USA's international teams. This was a problem from the quarterfinals.

Dealer East. Neither Vul. IMPs

♠ —

♥ A K J 9 7 5

♦ —

♣ K Q 7 6 5 3 2

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

Yes, this hand really occurred! What would you bid as West?

Some chose to bid five diamonds, Exclusion Key Card Blackwood for clubs. They got lucky (sort of) when East showed two key cards outside diamonds. They tried seven clubs.

Brad Moss, however, playing with Fred Gitelman, found a better bid. What was it? **Five hearts.** Clubs were agreed, so Gitelman was forced to at least six clubs. Had he held the heart queen and club ace, he'd have known what to do. In any case, Gitelman bid six clubs and Moss passed.

North leads the ace of diamonds, apparently attaching no credence to your auction.

♠ —

♥ A K J 9 7 5

♦ —

♣ K Q 7 6 5 3 2

♠ A Q 7 6 5 3

♥ 8 4

♦ 10 9 2

♣ A J

You ruff the diamond ace and play the heart ace, to which all follow. Now what?

Solution: The best play for your contract, after ruffing the diamond ace, is to play ace and a low heart, planning to ruff a heart in dummy if necessary.

On the actual layout North was 3=1=6=3:

♠ J 10 4

♥ 3

♦ A J 7 6 5 4

♣ 10 9 8

so ducking the second heart was absolutely necessary. This play can only lose if North wins the second heart and can play a third, forcing you to ruff in dummy, and then trumps turn out to be 4-0. South cannot hurt you if he wins the second heart.

Did Moss follow up his great bid with great declarer play? Sadly, no — he played a high heart, went to the club

ace and played a heart to the jack. North ruffed and exited with his third trump. One off.

2. Bonn Nations Cup. The German Bridge Federation invites 20-24 national teams to Bonn on Ascension Day each year to play in the Nations Cup. This year, the German National Team won, defeating Ireland in the final. See if you can match Michael Gromöller's defence on the following deal.

Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K Q J 7 4 3
♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ 2
♣ 6 5

♠ A 2
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ K J 4
♣ 7 4 2

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

1. 4+ spades
2. Help-suit game try

The Irish pair of David Greenwood and Rex Anderson were playing transfer advances in competition, thus the double, showing spades. You decided to make a game try (would you?) and North went directly to game.

You lead the ace of hearts, two, six, three, and continue with a heart to Partner's queen, which is ruffed by declarer, who plays the queen of diamonds. Do you put the king on

that? Assuming you do, what do you do next?

Solution: You have two tricks in and the ace of spades is your third. Where is the fourth to come from?

Declarer has no high cards in spades or hearts, only the queen in diamonds - what's left for him is solid clubs, so Partner will not provide any assistance there. However, you must ask yourself why did declarer not simply start trumps, planning to run clubs afterward, or at worst ruff one in the dummy if they prove to break unfavourably. If he started with four spades, that is what he would have done. The conclusion we reach is that he has only three spades and was afraid we'd win the second trump and have hearts to cash. So why not simply ruff hearts in his hand? That's what he's planning to do; he needed to open a line of communication between his hand and the dummy by surrendering a diamond. So, what can we do about it? Let's look at the full deal.

♠ K Q J 7 4 3
♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ 2
♣ 6 5

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

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 3
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A K Q 10 9 3

Two rounds of hearts and a diamond have been played. Declarer has only two trumps left. If you play a heart,

diamond or club he has an easy time. So it must be a spade - and it must be the deuce of spades!

That is the defence only Michael Gromöller found - even more impressive with the short spades hidden. Declarer won, ruffed a heart and tried to cash three clubs to pitch his last heart, but Andreas Kirmse, East, ruffed with the trump his partner carefully preserved for him. Great defence.

3. **CNTC.** This declarer play problem is from the final of this year's Canadian Team Championships.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

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

West showed two key cards, the trump queen and no kings. How would you play on the four of clubs lead?

Solution: This looks easy, doesn't it? Ruff a couple of diamonds in dummy, draw trumps and claim. When it looks that easy, ask yourself what can go wrong? Here is what can go wrong...

If you win the club ace, as many did, play ace and ruff a diamond, then duck a club, South wins and plays another

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diamond to the jack and king. Look what happens...

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

The proper play is to duck the club, win the diamond return, and only then ruff a diamond. Now you can afford to cash one high trump from the dummy, getting the bad news. Cash a second spade, play ace and ruff a club, isolating that menace and run spades. West is pulverized.

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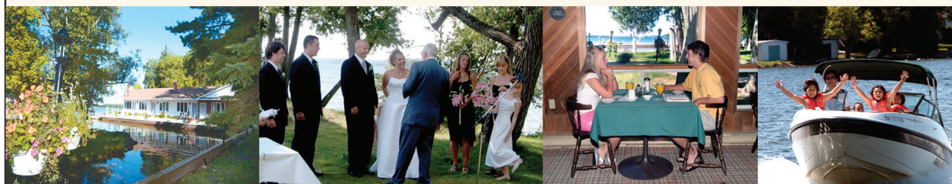
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 John Ghent, Oakville ON; Allen
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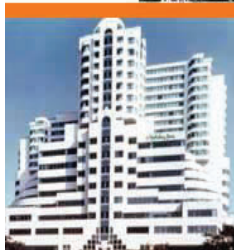
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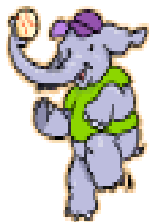
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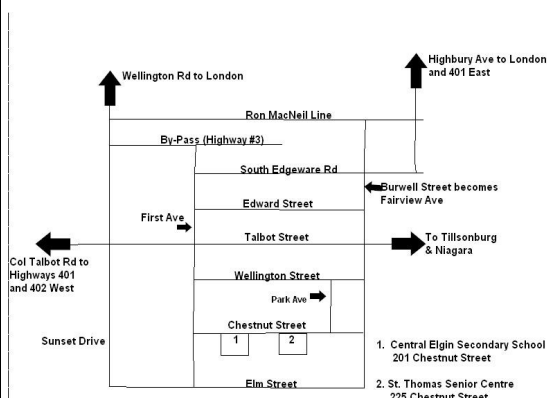
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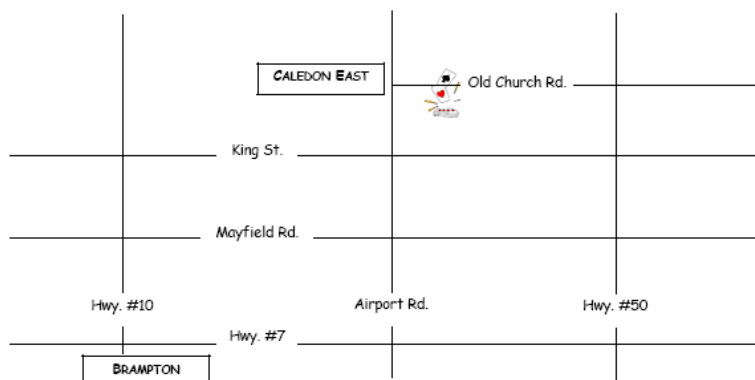
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- Players **MUST** reserve for the district final location and flight at www.unit246.com.
- It is strongly recommended that you check the reservation website to make sure the location/flight you are going to has enough reservations for the required minimum 5 table game. If not, you may choose to play at another location.

For more information, please contact:

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299^{er} GOLDEN HORSESHOE SECTIONAL DUPLICATE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

ALL AWARDS 100% SILVER

October 25th & 26th, 2008

*More playing space!
Free parking!*

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ♣ All intermediate and novice bridge players
- ♣ Anyone who would like to play against different players of their own caliber
- ♣ Everyone who would like to meet bridge players from other clubs and cities
- ♣ No partner for this event? We can help!

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

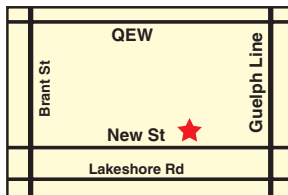
- ♠ To get tournament experience
- ♠ To earn silver points. To become a Life Master, you need 50 silver points ...get some here!
- ♠ To earn points against "Non-Life Masters"
- ♠ Convenient location to residents of the Golden Horseshoe and beyond

Stratification for all events: A: 0-299, B: 0-100, C: 0-50
Plus: A separate section for 0-20 if attendance warrants

Burlington Seniors' Centre 2295 New Street, Burlington ON

(QEW Exit 102 Guelph Line, South 2 Km to New St, West ½ Km)

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October 25th**

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Stratified Pairs - 2:00 pm
\$11.00 per player/session
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**Sunday
October 26th**

Swiss Teams - 10:00 am
8 matches of 6 boards
\$88.00 per team of four
Short meal break after the fourth match
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OSHAWA

November 8-9, 2008



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

Stratiflighted Pairs..... **1:00 & 7:00**
Flight A/X (separate); Strat B/C/D
Single session pairs welcome

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.. **11AM**
(Second session TBA)
Flight A/X (separate); Strat B/C/D
Playthrough
**On-site break with food
provided**
Separate single sessions, if
numbers permit

Flighting: A=3000+ X=0-3000
B= 0-1500 C= 0-750 D= 0-300

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Oshawa
One block north of 401
on LVIV Blvd.

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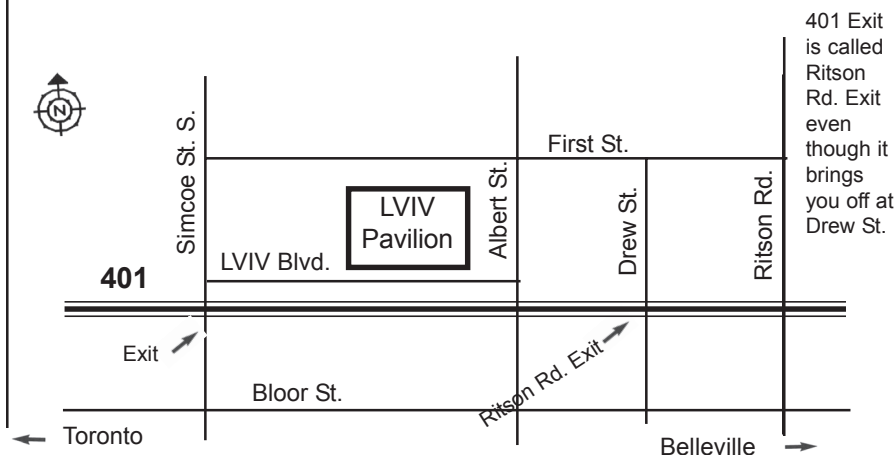
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Hoppy Carnwith 905-655-4594
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**Onsite break with food
provided during Sunday
team games**

**No smoking permitted in
the playing area**



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AGARA FALLS REGIONAL

NOVEMBER 11-16, 2008

Tuesday, November 11

Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (1st session of 4) 7:00 pm
Charity Open Pairs 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 12

Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (cont'd) .. 9:00 am 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Senior Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (1st / 2nd sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st session) 1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (1st session) 7:00 pm
Swiss Teams (single session) 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 13

Compact Bracketed Morning KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4) .. 9:00 am
Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & final sessions) . 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Senior Swiss Teams 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd session) 1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd session) 7:00 pm

Friday, November 14

Compact Bracketed Morning KO Teams (3rd & final) 9:00 am
Early Bird Swiss Teams (single session) 9:00 am
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Senior Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Maid of the Mist Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd session) 1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (3rd session) 7:00 pm
Swiss Teams (single session) 7:00 pm
Night Owl KO Teams 11:00 pm

Saturday, November 15

Early Bird Swiss Teams (single session) 9:00 am
Maid of the Mist KO Teams (3rd & final sessions) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Senior Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (final session) 1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series (final session) 7:00 pm
Swiss Teams (single session) 7:00 pm
Night Owl KO Teams 11:00 pm

Sunday, November 16

Senior Swiss Teams 10:00 am
Flight A/X Swiss Teams 10:00 am
Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams 10:00 am
299er Swiss Teams 10:00 am

0 - 299er Games Every Day

0 - 20 & 99er Games (single sessions)
if numbers warrant

*Reserve before Oct 10, 2008 and request the
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(same phone number for all three)*

The Skyline Inn

Crowne Plaza (playing site)

The Sheraton on the Falls

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1 (800) 519-9911

Sheraton on the Falls

\$109.00.....Single or Double

Crowne Plaza Niagara Falls

\$99.00.....Single or Double

Skyline Inn

\$69.00.....Single or Double

Add \$10.00 each for 3rd or 4th person at any of above.

◆HOSPITALITY EVERY NIGHT

◆OVERALL & SECTION TOP PRIZES

◆FREE PARKING

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All games are stratified

Strats: A □ 1250+ B □ 500-1250 C □ 0 - 500

StratiFlighted Events

A/X A □ 3000+ X □ 0 - 3000

B □ 1000-2000 C □ 500-1000 D □ 0-500

26th Annual Festival Of Bridge Sectional
(Last tournament before the holidays)

STRATFORD

November 21 - 23, 2008

Friday November 21

Senior (55+) Pairs, Open Pairs &
Stratified 299er Pairs 1:00 PM
Senior (55+) Pairs, Open Pairs &
Stratified 299er Pairs 7:00 PM

Saturday November 22

Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 PM
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) 1:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) 7:00

Sunday November 23

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 AM
(Playthrough)
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
(Playthrough) 11:00 AM

*Refreshments for sale during the
half hour break between sessions*

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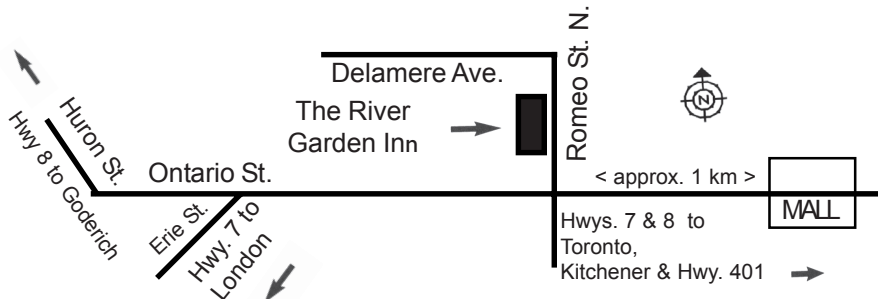
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- ♠ Rooms all have balcony or double entrance

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GAME FRIDAY NIGHT!





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Mon	9.30	Lesson Series with Hazel	12.30 12.30	Open Stratified Game Side Game	7.00 7.15	Newplicate Bridge w/ Steve Open Stratified Game
Tue	9.15	Duplicate Bridge with Bagels & Coffee	12.30 12.30	Open Stratiifed Game 0-300 Game	7.00 7.30	Pre-Game Lesson w/ Int Duplicate Beginner Bridge Lessons
Wed	9.15	Bridge Clinic w/ Steve - Improve Your Game	12.30 12.30	Open Stratified Game Side Game	7.15	Team League Night
Thu	9.30	Pre-Game Lesson & Practice Hands with Hazel	12.30	Open Stratified Game	7.15 7.15	Open Stratified Game - Free Play Challenge 0-300 Game
Fri	9.00	Pre-Game Lesson Friendly Game with Bagels	12.00 12.30	Bagels & Cream Cheese Open Stratified Game	7.15	Open Stratified Game
Sat	9.30	Bridge Practice with Steve	12.30	Open Stratified Game with an Optional Pool	7.15	Open Stratified Game
Sun		Closed	12.30	Open Stratified Game		Closed

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