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## Editor's Note

Anyone who was fortunate enough to attend a special game at John Rayner's Mississauga-Oakville Club at some point over the past 33-odd years knows what a special club it was and is. Many a Saturday night were spent listening to Jim LeFrancois play guitar and recite bridge related poetry. Or John Fraser hone his hilarious stand-up act. Or Rayner himself conduct his own brand of performance art. We're all saddened to learn that John is getting out of the bridge club business. Last we heard a consortium was going to keep the MOBC alive by running it as a non-profit club.

Here's hoping they have success and that the spirit of Rayner's club will live on.

Andy Stark  
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# Beauty and the Bludgeon

By David Colbert

There is a certain beauty to our game sometimes: cooperating with your partner in the bidding or defense and having things turn out exactly as you hope—which leads to a nice result.

I thought this was happening to Mike Cafferata and me as we played against Judith and Nick Gartaganis on the third day of the round robin in the CNTC in Montreal last May. I held

♠ –  
 ♥ A K Q x x  
 ♦ A x  
 ♣ K 9 x x x x

At unfavourable vulnerability, it went 2 Spades by Nick on my right. Well, I was ready for this. We play Leaping Michaels: a rare bird that is necessary to get around otherwise awful bidding problems. I bid 4 Clubs showing a good hand with clubs and the other major, in this case hearts. Judith bid 4 Spades and Mike, bless his heart, slid a bid of 5 Clubs back through the screen. Nick passed and I could immediately see that Mike almost surely had the club ace and some values: enough that 6 Clubs should be easy and even seven might make if Mike didn't have a bunch of diamonds that he

couldn't pitch on my hearts. But I didn't bid quickly, I knew Nick was gauging me. I just considered for a few seconds then put 6 Clubs down as my bid. It went (Pass) - Pass and that darned Nick bid 6 Spades. He had, in fact, a normal weak 2 with AQ of spades and 4 small hearts and a doubleton queen of diamonds, but knew that the colours favoured taking a save and was not risking 1370 away. Even 4 down would only be 800.

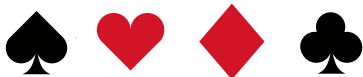
Well I wasn't done. I pulled another arrow out of my quiver and passed 6 Spades. This shows first round control and encourages partner to bid 7 Clubs. Sure enough 7 Clubs came back under the screen! This was a beautiful sight to me. This is why you play bridge. This was cooperative bidding, shooting for 2140 to bring back to our teammates. Mike actually did have AQxx of clubs and jack-spot of diamonds and the heart ten so seven clubs was cold.

And now came the blunt edge of the bludgeon. Judy didn't like the smell of things, and with Kxx x KT9xxxx xx she bid 7 Spades. She didn't know much, but her hand looked like it was shapely enough to restrict the penalty. She was right: 7 Spades goes for 500 and is a good save against 5 Clubs! This was a tough one to swallow: partners, with

different bidding entirely, defended 4 hearts for – 680.

We asked a few pairs and couldn't find any that got to the club grand slam; only one got to 6 Clubs. Sometimes justice does not prevail. In fact it laughs at us to expect it.

But I guess I'll keep playing. ♠



The full deal:  
Dlr North; E-W Vul.

♠ A Q J 10 8 7

♥ 9 5 4 2

♦ Q 5

♣ J

♠ 6 5 3 2

♥ 10 8 6

♦ J 8

♣ A Q 8 7

♠ --

♥ A K Q J 3

♦ A 6

♣ K 9 6 4 3 2

♠ K 9 4

♥ 7

♦ K 10 9 7 4 3 2

♣ 10 5



## The Wimp

By Don Brock

Many years ago while playing in a Regional KO, my RHO, John Moser opened 4 Hearts with no one vulnerable. I overcalled 6 Diamonds. Then Dave Baker, my LHO, bid 6 Hearts. It turns out that Dave was spot-on: 6 Hearts went for 500 while 6 Diamonds was cold for 920.

This was Dave's hand:

♠ K 7 4

♥ K 6 5

♦ Q 9 2

♣ Q 8 6 4

Upon further reflection if I held that hand I would be more likely to double 6 diamonds than sacrifice. I showed the hand to several people and nobody sacrificed.

Several weeks later I ran into Dave and asked why he had sacked on this hand. There was a long pause and then a little smile appeared on Dave's face. He said, "Because, Brock, you are a wimp!" The smile broadened and Mr. Baker said, "Now get away from me. I don't want to be near you." ♠



## The Wimp in action:

Many, many years ago, playing in the fourth session of a pairs game to determine which pair would represent Canada at the World Championships in Norway, the following hand came along:

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

On this hand the world bid one diamond and the world's partner bid one spade. The world (except the Wimp) then bid either two hearts or three diamonds. Now the world's partner bid 3NT. I took a slightly different view on the hand. After the one spade bid I decided there was no way I could describe my hand, so I thought I would try and find out more about my partner's hand, so I bid 2 Diamonds. Yes, I know, I could be passed out at 2 Diamonds.

My partner now bid 3NT, so then I jumped to six diamonds which turned out to be cold. In the printed write-out after this event, (with which I completely agreed), it stated that whereas 6 Diamonds was cold, there was no logical way to bid it.

Joyce and the late Duncan Philips won the event and the trip.

*Editor's Note:* I've been fortunate to play the occasional event with The Wimp, and for what he lacks in aggressiveness he makes up for with sound card play and solid bidding judgment. He's also fun to play with as he adds to his repertoire of stories. Here's one involving Don.

Back in the early aughts in one of those instant matchpoint events I opened one heart on something resembling:

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

Don responded two hearts and I bid three clubs, ostensibly a game-try bid, but as you can see here, a slam-try. Don surprised me somewhat with his bid of four clubs. I had never encountered that bidding sequence before. I drove to 6 Hearts which was cold as there were twelve tricks and only twelve tricks. However, also cold was 7 Clubs.

His bid of 4 Clubs showed an honour and some length in clubs. That was the key bid towards steering us to the only making grand slam. Don's hand:

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

I've been waiting for a similar sequence to come up for the past 16 years. ♠



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*David Sabourin (far left), Jeff Smith (far right).  
Isabelle Smith is on the Women's team going to India.*





# Bridge at the Local Duplicate in FLA

By Terry Bradley

I had planned to be in Central Florida in mid-April and was hopeful of hooking up with a bridge colleague for a game or two at one of the area's many duplicate clubs. We were unable to make that happen, so I contacted a nearby club and arranged a game through the manager / director. She suggested that Harold (not his real name) would be a good fit based on masterpoints and years of experience.

I met with Harold a few minutes before the game to prepare a card; he was certainly a congenial fellow who had on occasion played RKC, but, in his words, "always seems to forget it these days." OK, then regular Blackwood it is - other than that, his card was pretty standard. Actually there was no card per se. So I decided that I would just sit back and wait for a few hands where I could have some fun and maybe squeeze a few of the locals or even execute a nifty endplay.

On we went to table 2 after a couple of see-saw results on the first 3 boards—Harold twice led away from unsupported aces in suit contracts, but the gracious declarers gave us back the lost tricks. One good result and two average-minus results.

The boss, North, at table 2, was clearly not used to the role of being North. Instead of

leaving the first board (board #7) on the table after we got our cards, she decided that the table was too cluttered. So she placed the empty board on the side table thus leaving board #8 exposed, which indicated Harold as the dealer. Harold opened INT before I could place the empty board 7 to the table, so a shrill cry went out to summon the DIRECTOR—Harold must be scolded for his bid out of turn! My brand new partner claimed it was not his fault since North had hidden away the actual board we were playing—board 8 clearly showed him as the dealer. It did not matter to him that there were still cards in Board 8's sleeve.

Madame Director also appeared to be new to the job and said, "Oh for goodness sake, now I have to go get my book of rules." But soon, after some fuss, she decided that would be too time consuming, so she allowed Harold to take back his bid and for the bidding to proceed as normal. It wouldn't be a story if I did not end up as declarer in ... you guessed it, INT! I made exactly 7 tricks after endplaying poor South who was completely innocent in this debacle. (See the full deal at the end of the article.)

After the hand was over, North issued an edict that she, and only she, was allowed to handle (or mishandle) the boards going forward. In my best cowboy drawl, I said,

“Yes Ma’am.”

The Director herself was playing at table 3 with a larger than life well-tanned 70-something blonde who had all the accompanying gaudy jewelry, caked on make-up, ankle tattoo, and a Bronx accent right out of Hollywood. “You’re new here, she said - you remind me of that movie star, what’s his name ...?” “I have been told in the past that I look like Ned Beatty” “No, that’s not it,” she said, and then asked if I was old enough to remember the Brooklyn Dodgers. “Yes, that’s it—you remind me of Duke Snyder, the star center fielder from those great Brooklyn teams of the 50s.” Oo boy, wait till Marianne hears that this brazen hussy was hitting on me in broad daylight at the local community center. When I left the table, I thanked her for my new nickname, Duke. Fortunately, I did not remind her of the great Dodgers shortstop “Pee Wee” Reese.

The rest of the game was up and down, mostly up, so I decided to stay and wait for the results to be tabulated from the manual travelers. “Not so fast,” said Harold. “The director takes them home and brings the results to the next game.” I can hardly wait!

South opened one diamond, West, (Harold) doubled, North passed, and I, East, bid 1NT, ending the auction. South led a top diamond and received a discouraging signal from North, so she shifted to the heart eight. I won the heart ace in dummy then played a low spade, winning the king in hand, and then the club nine which lost to North’s queen. North played back a diamond to the six, nine and seven. South got out a heart—which I won in dummy. The club king was led and South won her ace. South exited with a low spade to dummy’s ace. I then cashed two high clubs as South pitched a spade. The lead was in dummy and this was the three-card ending:

	♠ J	
	♥ Q 10	
	♦	
	♣ --	
♠ 10		♠ 4
♥ 5		♥
♦ 8		♦ Q 10
♣		♣
	♠ Q	
	♥	
	♦ A J	
	♣	

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

I called for the spade ten, endplaying South into breaking diamonds—the diamond queen was trick number seven. Not bad, but nothing brilliant on my part. The real brilliancy would have been for South to unblock her spade queen at some point. ♠



# Follow the Yellow Brick Road

By David Baker

Players have frequently asked me what system or conventions they should use in order to improve their game. I always tell them that the best thing they can do is to learn to think their way through a problem. Terence Reese's books can teach you how to do it. Articles in the Bulletin by Mark Horton, Frank Stewart, and Larry Cohen exhibit a similar problem-solving style. There are many paths that lead to the yellow-brick road, but you have to deal with the Wicked Witch and the Flying Monkeys in order to reach The Land of Oz.



This hand, against the eventual winners, arose in the team game at the Cambridge Sectional:

Colin Lafferty

(The Wizard of Overzealousness)

♠ Q 10 6 2

♥ 10 6 2

♦ 6 5 3

♣ A K 8

Doug Andrews

(The Wicked Witch of the West)

♠ K 5

♥ K J 5 4

♦ A 8 7 4 2

♣ Q 5

Peter Hambly

(The Flying Monkey)

♠ J 9 8 4 3

♥ 8 3

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 9 7 3

Dave Baker

(Glinda, the Good Witch)

♠ A 7

♥ A Q 9 7

♦ K J 9

♣ J 6 4 2

After a third seat INT opener and a 2D overcall (showing diamonds and a major), OZ jumped to 3NT. The heart four went to the eight and nine (the three is missing). I have five sure tricks and it looks like I will have to play every suit for extra tricks. Tentatively, I am thinking two spade tricks, two or three hearts, one or two diamonds, and three clubs.

It must be right to start spades before my club entries are gone. Ace and another



spade draws the king. WWW is a good player who would have likely ducked smoothly with three spades. I let his club switch ride to my jack since he might have led from queen-third. On the third club he pitches a diamond. Opponents usually discard from their longest suit first. On the spade queen, I throw my last club while he throws another diamond. It's time for the diamond suit.

I start with a low diamond from dummy. FM plays the queen on the first diamond and WWW wins my king with the ace and leads a diamond back. I now have eight tricks in with the heart ace to come.

It looks like we might have won a bunch of IMPs on this board, but you should never take anything for granted. This is the end position:

OZ	
♠	10
♥	10 6
♦	--
♣	--
WWW	FM
♠	--
♥	K J 5
♦	--
♣	--
G-GW	
♠	--
♥	A Q 7
♦	--
♣	--

On the lead of the heart queen, WWW wins the king as I unblock with the ten. The forced heart return allows me to make four.

As it turned out, even though we thought we had a good round against them, we

were tied after the other seven boards of the match were compared. So the overtrick might have been critical if they got to 3NT at the other table. Alas, our non-vulnerable teammates had a bidding misunderstanding and went for 1100.

The best advice I have for those of you who aspire to improve your game is this: Ask yourself over and over and over again: WHY? ♠





# Storybook Ending in the CSTCs

Kib: If you played baseball as a child then chances are, in some sandlot somewhere, you dreamt of this: bottom of the 9th, down three runs, home crowd on its feet, ailing slugger at the plate, two outs, two strikes, bases loaded and KA-BAM, grand slam home run to win the World Series. The bridge equivalent of this baseball dream scenario is remarkably similar: last board of the match, down 11 IMPS, and oh hey, what a coincidence—scoring up a grand slam for the one-IMP victory in a National Final. For once the Hollywood ending happens in real life.

Following are excerpts both printed and spoken from various members of the CARRUTHERS team (John Carruthers/Joey Silver, Michael Roche/John Rayner, Martin Kirr/Katie Thorpe), winners in dramatic fashion of the 2015 Canadian Senior Teams Championships, which were held in Montreal last May.

Katie Thorpe: We were feeling pretty confident going into the finals. We'd won 10 of our 11 matches in the qualifying round robin and had our semifinal opponents, (who were down 73 IMPS), withdraw after three quarters. In the first quarter of the final against HEINO

(Peter Herold/Ken Scholes, Gerry McCully/James Galand), a 29-IMP lead maintained that confidence. However, over the next 30 boards, we turned that 29-IMP lead into a 34-IMP deficit. In the fourth quarter, an early board gave us renewed hope:

(The board numbers do not match those on the BBO play record because we started play on Board 23 and finished with Board 22 at both tables, thus playing them in the order 23-30, then 16-22.)

Board 49. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A J 10 7 6

♥ 7 2

♦ J 10 7

♣ J 7 6

♠ Q 5 4 3

♥ 10 8 6 4

♦ 9 4 2

♣ K 3

♠ K 9

♥ 9 5 3

♦ 8 6 3

♣ A Q 9 5 4

♠ 8 2

♥ A K Q J

♦ A K Q 5

♣ 10 8 2

West	North	East	South
Galand	Silver	McCully	Carruthers
—	—	Pass	1♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	1♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	1NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Strong: 17+ unbalanced/18+ balanced
2. Game-forcing, 8+ HCP, 0-2 controls, any distribution
3. 18-19 balanced

Galand led the nine of diamonds and Carruthers claimed nine tricks. Plus 600 to North/South.

At our table:

West	North	East	South
Kirr	Scholes	Thorpe	Herold
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Transfer to spades

Martin Kirr: I knew South had diamonds, 18-19 HCP, no spade fit, and probably good hearts as Katie did not double the three-heart bid. So I made the IMP lead of the king of clubs. It went king-six-four-eight. I had nothing better to do than continue clubs. It went three-seven-ace-deuce, and for a moment I thought I blew it, that declarer must have the queen. But then Katie played the club queen at trick three and I knew it was a plus position for us as she cashed out. Katie had played the ace of clubs before the queen to show me she held a spade card—a thoughtful play.

Katie: That resulted in one down and

12 IMPs to us. A few IMPs went back their way until, with three boards remaining, the score was HEINO 130 - CARRUTHERS 100.

Board 58. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kirr	Scholes	Thorpe	Herold
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In mildly-swinging, state-of-the-match mode, Marty went low with his scattered values and passed me out in two diamonds. Peter Herold, South, led out three rounds of spades, giving Kenny Scholes a ruff. I still had the queen of diamonds and the ace of hearts to lose, but I could arrange to ruff my third heart in the dummy after one high trump, for plus 90.

At the other table ...

West	North	East	South
Galand	Silver	McCully	Carruthers
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1. 11-13			

Silver led a fourth-best four of hearts. Galand won that with his eight and tried the ace and king of diamonds. When they failed to break, he led a third round of the suit. In with the queen of diamonds (Silver obligingly discarding the three and two of hearts), Carruthers shifted to the seven of spades. Declarer played the three, offering a mild insult to South, who would have shifted to the jack of spades had he held that card. That meant seven tricks for the defence, down three, minus 300, for a 9-IMP gain.

HEINO 130 - CARRUTHERS 109

Board 59. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Galand	Silver	McCully	Carruthers
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass			

1. Precision: 16+ HCP
2. 8+ HCP, 5+ diamonds

Silver led the king of hearts. Galand won with dummy's ace and led the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. When declarer then led out the ace and king of spades and continued with a diamond, he was one down, losing two spades, one heart and one diamond. Plus 50 to North/South.

At our table ...

West	North	East	South
Kirr	Scholes	Thorpe	Herold
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3♥ <sup>4</sup>	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Game-try; asks for the cheapest suit in which you'd accept a game try
2. Would accept a help-suit try in clubs
3. What about diamonds
4. Not necessarily in diamonds, but would accept a heart try

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The same king of hearts was led, again won with dummy's ace. Kirr, however, led the deuce of diamonds from dummy, inducing Herold to play the three. When the eight won the trick, Kirr led out the two high trumps, getting the bad news there, crossed to dummy with the king of clubs and came back to hand with the ace of diamonds. The ace and queen of clubs were played to discard hearts from the dummy, to leave this ending:

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

When West played the jack of hearts to North's queen, Scholes had only hearts and clubs remaining. The ensuing ruff-sluff allowed Kirr to get rid of the losing diamond from his hand while ruffing in the dummy with the ten of spades to make his contract. Plus 420 to East/West.

## Go on the Offense!

Tired of going down in a cold contract and being asked by your partner why you took the line of play you did? Vancouver's Cam Doner uses this retort: "Well, how would you have made it the way I played it?"

## HEINO 130 - CARRUTHERS 119

That seemed like a minor miracle. The major miracle was still to come.

Board 60. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Galand	Silver	McCully	Carruthers
—	—	INTI	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
I. 14-16			

McCully claimed 12 tricks for plus 1440 as soon as the dummy appeared.

Joey Silver: Michael Roche, who was sitting out, approached JC and me as we finished earlier so we were out in the lobby. Mike had his iPad—he had been watching the match on BBO.

Michael Roche: They've got one board to play and we're down 11 IMPs.

John Carruthers: Then we have no chance. The last board is flat. They bid six notrump at our table and had 12 tricks on top with no hope of a thirteenth



except on a squeeze, which does not work because Joey has the jack of hearts to guard that suit while I guard spades.

Michael: But they can make seven clubs.

JC: But there's no way to bid it.

Michael: I can't watch.

Katie: Marty Kirr's visualization skills are second to none. This was our auction ...

West	North	East	South
Kirr	Scholes	Thorpe	Herold
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	1♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2♥ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>4</sup>	Pass
3♥ <sup>5</sup>	Pass	3♠ <sup>6</sup>	Pass
4NT <sup>7</sup>	Pass	5♣ <sup>8</sup>	Pass
5♥ <sup>9</sup>	Pass	6♣ <sup>10</sup>	Pass
7♣ <sup>11</sup>	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Four-card suits up the line unless weak. With a one-bid hand, diamonds can be bypassed to bid a major.
2. Promises at least 4 clubs
3. 4th-suit forcing
4. Natural, usually 3-card support unless 4=1=4=4 or 4=0=4=5
5. Values in hearts
6. Spade concentration
7. Roman Key Card Blackwood (with diamonds as trump)
8. 1 or 4 key cards
9. Queen of trumps ask
10. Queen of diamonds and king of clubs
11. Choice of grand slams

Marty reasoned that my three-spade bid, showing a concentration there, must contain the king-queen of the suit as, otherwise, I'd have bid three notrump after he'd shown values in hearts.

Marty: When Katie bid three spades I knew she was not a drop dead minimum as she might have bid 3NT.

Katie: Then when I showed the queen of diamonds, he visualized a losing heart (if I had one as I could have been any of 4=2=3=4; 4=1=3=5; 4=1=4=4; or 4=0=4=5) being discarded on the fourth diamond. A spade ruff in his hand would provide the thirteenth trick if I had only four clubs. So he bid seven clubs. I'd have converted to seven diamonds with four-card support. Exactly as Marty had visualized, on the king-of-hearts lead, I arranged to ruff a spade in dummy and discard my losing heart on the fourth round of diamonds for plus 2140. That was 12 IMPs to us.

JC: Once a diamond was not led we knew Katie would make it.

Marty: It took her less than a minute to play.

Joey: But how could anyone lead a diamond? For all the opening leader knew he might be picking up his partner's jack-fourth. The heart king lead is normal.

Katie: When we came out to imp with our teammates, they all knew we had won but they didn't tell us.

John Rayner: Actually it was a surprise to me, too. I was in my hotel room watching on BBO and it appeared with two and a half boards to go that we would lose. So I came down not knowing the last three results.

Katie: We impd and re-impd, added and re-added. I do not recall a more exciting finish to a match. The only way it would have been more exciting was if we scored in the same order we played, with the grand slam coming last.

Kib: Final score: CARRUTHERS 131 - HEINO 130. The only thing missing

was Joe Carter bouncing around the base paths. Team CARRUTHERS will represent Canada at the World Senior Championships in Chennai, India, in October later this year. There probably isn't a Denny's over there but if there is and if you go, be sure to order the Grand Slam. ♠



JS

*Joey Silver cannot contain his exuberance as he helps his partner John Carruthers celebrate JC's induction into the Canadian Bridge Federation Hall of Fame. Congrats, JC!*

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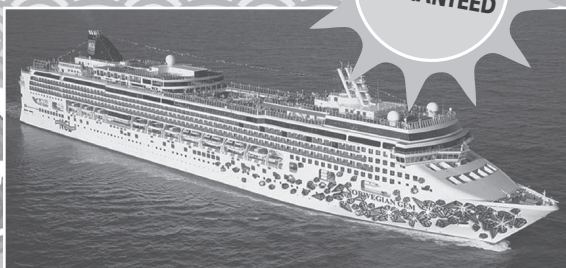
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# Correspondence

Just read recent kibitzer. In John Cunningham's article he refers to his left hand opponent as a pumpkin. I wonder if this "pumpkin" gets the kibitzer and recognizes he's the person described. I have no idea what a "pumpkin person" is; I suspect it may not be flattering.

Allan Coyne  
Breslau, ON

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John Cunningham responds...

Hi Andy,

Considering that I'm highlighting yet another of my strange mistakes, I'd not have thought one would dwell on my disparaging the (specific) opposition. It's not like there's any reason to imagine their bid was suspect, is there? Nor am I in any way identifying the person - so hopefully it's a general comment of my lack of civility to the community at large rather than anyone feeling personally attacked. How could they (or I) remember that far back, anyway?

Strangely, I imagined "pumpkin" to be a somewhat affectionate term—not quite up there with Dame Edna's "Possums."

John Cunningham  
Toronto, ON

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Hi Andy,

It was interesting to read Carole Coplea's article 'Wake-up Call' in the latest Kibitzer. Let me add a few comments, however.

It is important to distinguish between the future of the ACBL and the future of bridge; they are not at all the same thing. The ACBL is an organization that exists to run tournaments – in fact, in the simplest terms, its business objective is to sell master points (curiously, it continues to debase the currency so that what it sells has less and less value, but that's another story).

I stopped playing organized bridge about 7-8 years ago, basically because I realized I wasn't having fun anymore. I have never cared about collecting masterpoints, I just

enjoyed the competitions themselves. But that had ceased to be the case. Litigious and/or obnoxious opponents, ever more complex and impenetrable alerting rules, appeals committees, even the sheer expense of participating, were among the factors that decided me to quit. Tournament bridge has come a long way since I used to drive to a Sectional to play in an old-style Open Pairs event (you remember those, where you actually had to qualify to play in the second session?). Unfortunately, most of the changes are not for the better. As a consumer, with rare exceptions, one is asked to accept less and less for more and more.

The ACBL is a self-perpetuating organization whose movers and shakers have a vested interest in things remaining as they are. So while I applaud the recent initiative towards radical reform from a group led by Bob Hamman, it seems very unlikely that those who run the ACBL will vote to remove themselves from the trough (oops, I guess I meant to say 'table'). And the ACBL doesn't actually see its mission as promoting bridge (see above). So while it pays lip service to youth programs, the effort is largely cosmetic.

In any case, it's far from clear to me that youth programs are where the effort should be going. One thing I've done in the last few years is to start teaching bridge again, and a couple of things became clear to me quite quickly. First, the real driving force behind getting people into bridge is not the ACBL, but the grass roots bridge teachers. Second, their classes are made up not

of teenagers, but of adults. Bridge isn't going to compete with video games and Facebook in a youth market. It is the 40+ demographic, the empty-nesters, the couples looking for something new to do together, that should be the target group. But not with the aim of making them care about the ACBL and masterpoints, because 99.9% of them never will anyway. The key is to get them excited about this fascinating game, and have them simply enjoy playing it. It has been really rewarding for Linda and me to teach real beginners in our community in Florida, and then a couple of years later to find that they are starting to set up their own social games and just have a good time playing bridge. They don't need no stinkin' masterpoints.

That's what the future of bridge is all about, not the ACBL.

Ray Lee  
Toronto, ON



*Michael Kenny & Jonathan Steinberg  
won the Canadian Imp Pairs  
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**Fri. Aft. Stratified Pairs** (Flt. A) Lloyd Harris, Sudbury - Joseph Sauro, Oakville; (Flt. B) Marie Gonnella, Sturgeon Falls - Jeanine Kuik, Sudbury; (Flt. C) Raymond Lendt - Bob Smith, Sudbury

**Fri. Aft. 299ers** (Flt. A + B + C) Daisy Worth, Haileybury - Eileen Elliott, New Liskeard

**Fri. Aft. Newcomers 0-50** (Flt. A + B) Pat Bailey - Susan Hemmerling, Sudbury

**Fri. Eve Stratified Open Pairs** (Flt. A) Frances Freeman - Dale Freeman, Englehart; (Flt. B + C) Leo Provencher - Michel Piche, Rouyn-Noranda, QC

**Sat. Am Open Pairs** (Flt. A) Marc Langevin, North Bay - Michel Malette, Sudbury; (Flt. B) Alan Young - Douglas Martin, New Liskeard; (Flt. C) Linda Frotten - Mariann Zima, North Bay

**Sat. Am 0-50** (Flt. A + B) Karen Follis - Katherine Eckler, North Bay

**Sat. Am 299er Pairs** (Flt. A) K. Ross McArthur, Ajax - Don Newman, Sundridge; (Flt. B + C) Kathy Deacon, Owen Sound - Linda Baker, New Liskeard

**Sat. Aft. Open Pairs** (Flt. A) Dennis Stobo, Sudbury - William Koski, King City; (Flt. B) Alan Young - Douglas Martin, New Liskeard; (Flt. C) Leo Provencher - Michel Piche, Rouyn-Noranda, QC

**Sat. Aft. 299ers** (Flt. A + B) Sylvia Smith - Dianne Hastings, Orillia; (Flt. C) Ken Langille - Colette Gagne, Sudbury

**Sun Aft 299ers Swiss** (Flt. A + B) Judith Cronin - Anne Seaton - Jeanne Warwick Conroy, Sudbury, Helen Bolander, Garson

**Stratified Swiss Teams** (Flt. A) Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON; Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Frances Freeman - Dale Freeman, Englehart; (Flt. B) Terry Beange - Klazina Cummings - Mario Rovinelli - Ellen Hamilton, Sudbury; (Flt. C) Raymond Lendt - Bob Smith - Mary Guy, Sudbury - Shirley O'Neil, Val Caron (tied with) Andrew Aitchison - Donald Lamorie - Anne Marie Burton, North Bay - Raymond Fournier, Sturgeon Falls

**Brampton Sectional**  
**Caledon, ON**  
**April 25-26, 2015**

**Saturday Am 299er Pairs** (Flt. A + B)

Barry Spinner – Raymond Procwat, Hamilton;  
(Flt. C) Sandra Pineau – Sandy Graham,  
Campbellville

**Saturday Am 49er Pairs** Carolyn Leigh,  
Etobicoke – Renette Bourgeois, Toronto

**Saturday Open Pairs** (Flt. A + B + C) Steve  
Overholt – Sudhit Patwardhan, Etobicoke

**Saturday Aft. 299er Pairs** (Flt. A + B)  
Evelyn Newbould – Linda Reid, Brampton;  
(Flt. C) Indarjit Ahluwalia – Krishna Saith,  
Mississauga

**Sunday Am 199er Swiss** (Flt. A + B)  
Graham Howes - Jane McNamee, Etobicoke  
- Lezlie Cullen, Toronto - Paul Pointet,  
Mississauga; (Flt. C) Donald Hopkins – David  
Fox – Lois Evans – Ron Evans, Hamilton

**Sunday Aft. 199er Swiss** (Flt. A) Graham  
Howes - Jane McNamee, Etobicoke - Lezlie  
Cullen, Toronto - Paul Pointet, Mississauga;  
(Flt. B) Ken McManus - Yousuff Mottiar -  
Michael Maurice, Fergus - Ian Raynor, Guelph

**Sunday A/X Swiss** (Flt. A + X) David  
Cohen, Thornhill - Ken Collins, Richmond  
Hill - Miroslav Kovacevic, Markham -  
Aleksandar Vujic, Toronto

**Sunday B/C/D Swiss** (Flt. B + C + D)  
Peter Yuen, Scarborough - Walter Jaworski,  
Toronto - Raymond Procwat - Barry Spinner,  
Hamilton

**Peterborough Sectional**  
**Peterborough, ON**  
**May 2-3, 2015**

**Saturday Am 199er Pairs** (Flt. A + B)

Steven Norris, Caledon – Dennis Kolody,  
Mississauga; (Flt. C) Wanda Zyla, Warkworth  
– Joyce Gibson, Toronto

**Saturday A/X Pairs** (Flt. A) Stephen Mackay,  
Markham – Ray Jotcham, Scarborough; (Flt. X)  
Dwight Goden – John Curley, Peterborough

**Saturday B/C/D Pairs** (Flt. B) Peter  
Hayward, Port Hope – William Fox,  
Peterborough; (Flt. C) Philip Smith,  
Peterborough – J Chris Davies, Lakefield;  
(Flt. D) Margo Davidson – Thomas Davidson,  
Minden

**Saturday Aft. 199er Pairs** (Flt. A) Bonnie  
Zeran – Sterling Zeran, Lakefield; (Flt. B)  
Nora Guinane, Toronto – Elizabeth Orovan,  
Port Hope; (Flt. C) Joyce Gibson, Toronto –  
Wanda Zyla, Warkworth

**Sunday A/X Swiss** (Flt. A + X) Diane K.M.  
Gordon, St Catharines - John Laufer, Toronto  
- Andrew Russell, Bowmanville - Steven  
Lariviere, Whitby

**Sunday B/C/D Swiss** (Flt. B + C) Donna  
Williams, Peterborough - Larry Shaw,  
Woodview - Suresh (Ray) Aggarwal, Markham  
- Mohammad Uddin, Scarborough; (Flt.  
D) Wallace Graham - Donna Graham,  
Bobcaygeon - Gary Sturch - Lynn Sturch,  
Hastings

**Canadian Bridge  
Championships  
Montreal, QC  
May 23-30, 2015**

**CNTC A** (Gold) Daniel Miles - Jeffrey Smith, Daniel Korbel - Darren Wolpert, David Sabourin - Shan Huang; (Silver) Nicolas L'Ecuyer - Frederic Pollack - Zygmunt Marcinski - David Lindop - Doug Baxter - Kamel Fergani; (Bronze) Paul Thurston - Keith Balcombe, Brad Bart - Neil Kimelman, Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher (tied with) Gordon Campbell, Ilya Kuzkin, Judy Gartaganis, Nick Gartaganis

**CSTC** (Gold) John Carruthers - Joey Silver, Katie Thorpe - Martin Kirr, Michael Roche - John Rayner; (Silver) Janet Heino NPC, James Galand - Gerry McCully, Ken Scholes - Peter Herold; (Bronze) Francois Boucher - Roger Dunn, Heather Peckett, George Retek, Philip Silverstein; (tied with) Bill Camp - Gur Baykal, Bill Kertes - Al Smith

**CNTC B** (Gold) Robert Tremblay - Gerard Turcotte, Alain Turcotte - Louise Menard; (Silver) Robert Guerard - Jean Bellemare, Jean-Francois Guillemette - Michele Gagne, Jean La Traverse - Jean-Luc Lachance; (Bronze) Jean Trudelle - Steve Messier, Danielle Boyer - Pierre Jodoin, Roger Martin - Roland Carey (tied with) Yves Decelles, Denise Leclerc, Luc Gagnon - Alain Morneau

**CNTC C** (Gold) Carole Castonguay - Jacques Dionne, Linda Martin - Josee Roberge; (Silver) Suzanne Viau - Therese Huot, Noella Cloutier - Andre Mortelmans; (Bronze) Yolade Daoust - Pierre Gingras, Jean-Claude St-Pierre - Lucie Perron (tied with) Irma Lopez-Solache - Marie-Claude Loisel, Danielle Tremblay - Norma Fajardo-

Solache, Pierrette Matteau - Denise Roy-Letourneau

**COPC** (Gold) Jurek Czyzowicz - Dan Jacob; (Silver) Brad Bart - Neil Kimelman; (Bronze) Martin Hunter - William Koski

**CIPC** (Gold) Jonathan Steinberg - Michael Kenny; (Silver) Grey McMullin - Larry Hicks; (Bronze) Bruce - John Gowdy

**KW Summerfest Sectional  
Cambridge ON  
May 30-31, 2015**

**Saturday Am 0-20 Pairs** (Flt. A) Marie McRorie, Toronto – Jane Lockley, Don Mills; (Flt. B) Cameron Clarke – Maureen Clarke, Ancaster; (Flt. C) George Malon – Susan Malon, Waterloo

**Saturday Am 299er Pairs** (Flt. A) Wendy Sexsmith – Bruce Ure, Toronto; (Flt. B + C) Mark Hendry – Sheryl Streng, Guelph

**Saturday Open Pairs** (Flt. A) David Baker, Kitchener – Colin Lafferty, Ajax; (Flt. B + C) Douglas Dolbear, Hamilton – Chris Robinson, Toronto

**Saturday Aft. 299er Pairs** (Flt. A + B) Adriaan Kempe, Waterloo – Wayne Schroeder, Kitchener; (Flt. C) Beverly Hitchman – Cheryl Kip, Kitchener

**Saturday Aft. 0-20 Pairs** (Flt. A + B + C) Denis Williams – Regina Williams, Guelph

**Saturday Eve Fast Pairs** (Flt. A + B) Adrian Record, Fergus – Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge; (Flt. C) Mark Sabino, Acton – Pat Fung, Guelph

### **Sunday Am 299er Swiss** (Flt. A + B + C)

Jackie Cleaver – Margaret Blackie – Judy Stirling – Murray Blackie, London

**Sunday Open Swiss** (Flt. A) Peter Hambly, Hanover - Doug Andrews, Etobicoke, Ewoud Van Goch, St Thomas - Dwight Bender, London; (Flt. B) Rick Jenkins - Clay Dahl, Toronto, David A B Wickes, Puslinch - James Le Francois, Oakville; (Flt. C) Cathy Stillman - Paul Stillman - James Burton, Brantford, Camilla Humphrey, Augusta GA

**Sunday Aft. 299er Swiss** (Flt. A + B + C) Madhu Gupta – Maxime Boileau – Bill Hryniw – Tom Jolliffe, London

### **Toronto 299er Sectional Toronto June 6 & 7 2015**

**Saturday Am Pairs** (Flt. A) Franci Alter, Thornhill – Toby Kasner, North York; (Flt. B) Lenora Butler – Barbara Gibbings, Toronto; (Flt. C) Jennifer Emery – Brian Emery, Richmond Hill

**Saturday Aft. Pairs** (Flt. A) Francie Storm – Nancy Prussky, Toronto; (Flt. B + C) Yu-No Diane Hsu, Toronto – Raymond Hui, Scarborough

**Sunday Am Pairs** (Flt. A) Peter Hutchinson, Willowdale – Jerry Machtinger, Toronto; (Flt. B) Barry Spinner – Raymond Procwat, Hamilton; (Flt. C) Craig Ellis – David Ellis, North York

**Sunday Aft. Swiss** (Flt. A + B) Richard Legault, Courtice - Peter Green, Pickering, Bonnie Zeran - Sterling Zeran, Lakefield; (Flt. C) Nancy Lucas - Raymond Mitchell - Antony Stuart, Etobicoke - Sandra Sarner, Toronto

### **Thornhill Sectional Thornhill July 4 & 5 2015**

**Saturday Aft. 299er Pairs** (Flt. A) Jocelyne Mongrain – Madeleine Trapedo-Dworsky, Toronto; (Flt. B + C) John Weston, Markham – Amrit – Goyal

**Saturday Aft. 0-20 Pairs** (Flt. A) Paul Brocklesby – Barbara Brocklesby, Toronto; (Flt. B + C) Jeff Biteen, York – Joe Kotler, Toronto

**Saturday Stratified Pairs** (Flt. A) Eiji-san Kujirai, North York – Martin “Birthday Boy” Hunter, Mississauga; (Flt. B) Yuan Chen, North York – Zheng Zhang, Scarborough; (Flt. C) Mark Cosman – Eleanor Cosman, Thornhill

**Saturday Eve. 299er Pairs** (Flt. A) Peter Grimwood – Marlene Grimwood, Rockwood; (Flt. B + C) Conny Budarick – Gill Edmondson, Guelph

**Sunday A/X Swiss** (Flt. A) John Gowdy, Markham – Bruce Gowdy, Newmarket, Fred “I’m Justa” Lerner, Unionville – Michael “The Shoe” Schoenborn, Brantford; (Flt. X) Jiawei Luo, Markham - Peter Wong, North York, Yan Wang - Zheng Zhang, Scarborough

**Sunday B/C/D Swiss** (Flt. B + C) Richard Ross, North York, Leo Herdan – Hilton Greenberg – Martin Braun, Thornhill; (Flt. D) Li Zhang Yang, Scarborough - Barry Spinner, Hamilton, Mingmin Zhu, Mississauga - William Ju, Waterloo





# Labour Day in Toronto End of Summer Bridge Blast!

Location: Holiday Inn at 3450 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Ontario  
M6A 2V1, across from Yorkdale Mall  
contact number for the hotel is 416-789-5161 or  
**call 1-866-568-0046 to reserve a room and request the  
catering rate to receive a preferred room rate.**

## **FREE PARKING AGAIN THIS YEAR**

### **Labour Day Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament**

#### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Saturday, September 5**

- 11:00 & 4:00 - A/X, B/C/D pairs - 2 session Stratiflighted Open Pairs ,  
single session entries are also welcome  
11:00 & 4:00 - 299'er Pairs – 2 single session Stratified Pairs event

#### **Sunday, September 6**

- 11:00 & 4:00 - A/X, B/C/D pairs – 2 session Stratiflighted Open Pairs,  
single session entries are also welcome  
11:00 & 4:00 - 299'er & Novice (0-20) Pairs -ACBL members with 0- 5  
points play FREE - 2 single session Pairs event

#### **Monday, September 7**

- 11:00 & TBA – Stratiflighted Swiss Teams  
11:00 & TBA - Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams  
Stratiflighted events: A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000,  
D: 0-500

Chairperson: Ann Shaw 905-855-7177/ 647-961-4822  
ashawc646@gmail.com

Partnerships: Joanne Gilmore jgilmore@toronto.ca

**Entry Fee: \$13.00 for ACBL Members and  
\$16.00 for Non- ACBL Members or unpaid Members**

# **BARRIE REGIONAL\***

***Tuesday, September 15 – Sunday, September 20, 2015***

Please join us for fun, bridge, **GOLD** points and great hospitality at the  
Army, Navy & Air Force Club (ANAF)  
7 George Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2G5  
(Hwy 400 & Dunlop Street)

**EXTRA MASTERPOINTS!! All team games are bracketed!!**

Fee: \$16 per session (includes HST)  
\$4 extra for non or unpaid ACBL members.

## **Free Registration Gifts and free parking!**

Where to Stay: The gorgeous new Monte Carlo Inns is offering a special rate of \$99.90 per night (includes continental breakfast) for a traditional King or 2 Queen room and reduced rates on suites. It's located minutes from the playing site and provides free parking. Call 1-888-734-0070 and mention 'bridge tournament'. The cut-off date for the reduced rates is August 21st, 2015 so make your reservations early.

In the same area are the following hotels:

Best Western – 1-888-737-2262, Travelodge – 1-800-578-7878,  
Comfort Inn – 1-800-4CHOICE.

### **Attention Intermediate & Novice Players**

Don't miss the opportunity to receive free tips from some wonderful bridge experts.

Talks are at 12 noon on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

#### **\*\*\*\*Special GOLD RUSH games\*\*\*\***

If you have 750 masterpoints or less, win gold in these special events if you place in B. Stratification is as follows:

A = 300 – 750, B = 100 – 300, C = 0 - 100.

See Schedule for dates.

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

Partnerships: Dale MacKenzie, dalesmackenzie@gmail.com, 705-739-3293.

Location: Hwy 400 to Dunlop St. East exit. Proceed east to Anne St. (2nd street) and turn south (right) one block to George St. Turn right again and the ANAF is on left side.

**Please help the Directors start the games on time by arriving at least 15 minutes early to register.**

\*Split with Thunder Bay Regional—only the pair events are shared and offer extra mp's.



# BARRIE REGIONAL CON'T.

## SCHEDULE

**Game start times are Morning - 9:30 am, Afternoon - 1 pm and Evening - 6:30 pm except for the Sunday Swiss – 11 am & TBD.**

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### Tuesday, Sept. 15

- No morning games.
- . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- . **NEW** Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/open)
- . Tuesday & Wednesday Bracketed KO sessions *1 & 2 of 4*.
- . Intermediate/Novice Games.
- . Afternoon & Evening Side Game Series\* - *5 sessions Tuesday – Saturday*.
- . Evening Swiss Teams one session

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### Wednesday, Sept. 16

- . 4 Day Early Morning Bracketed KO I finishes Saturday morning.
- Afternoon & Evening:
- . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs (100/300/750) *two sessions*.
- . **NEW** Open Stratiflighted Pairs – (1500/2500/open).
- . Tuesday & Wed. Bracketed KO *sessions 3 & 4*.
- . Intermediate/Novice Games.
- . Evening Swiss Teams *one session*.
- Plus - Morning, Afternoon and Evening Side Game Series\*.

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### Thursday, Sept. 17

- . 4 Day Early Morning Bracketed *KO I second session, finishes Saturday morning*.
- Afternoon & Evening:
- . A/X & Bracketed Swiss Teams – (Open, 0 – 3000) A & X play together.
- . Bracketed **GOLD RUSH** Swiss teams – (0 - 2000)
- . Open Stratified Pairs – (750/1500/open).
- . Intermediate/Novice Games.
- Plus - Morning, Afternoon and Evening Side Game Series\*.

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### Friday, Sept. 18

- . 4 Day Early Morning Bracketed *KO I third session*.
- . 2 Day Bracketed Compact KO II, *finishes Saturday morning*.
- Afternoon & Evening:
- . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs – (100/300/750) *two sessions*.
- . **NEW** Open Stratiflighted Pairs – (1500/2500/open).
- . Fri. & Sat. Bracketed KO III *sessions 1 & 2 of 4*.
- . Intermediate/Novice Games.
- . Evening Swiss Teams *one session*.
- Plus - Morning, Afternoon and Evening Side Game Series\*.

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## Saturday, Sept. 19

- . 4 Day Early Morning Bracketed  
*KO I final session.*
- . 2 Day Early Morning Bracketed  
Compact KO II *final session.*
- Afternoon & Evening:
- . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs –  
(100/300/750) *two sessions.*
- . **NEW** Open Stratiflighted Pairs –  
(1500/2500/open).
- . Friday & Saturday Bracketed  
KO III *sessions 3 & 4.*
- . Saturday Bracketed Compact KO  
*two sessions.*
- . Intermediate/Novice Games.
- . Evening Swiss Teams *one session.*
- Plus - Morning, Afternoon and  
Evening Side Games Series\*.

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## Sunday, Sept 20

- A/X Swiss Team Event  
.....11 am & TBD
- A = open, X = 0 – 3000. A & X play  
together.
- Bracketed **GOLD RUSH** Swiss  
teams.....11 am & TBD
- 0 - 2000
- 0 – 299er Bracketed Swiss  
Teams.....11 am & TBD

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### Team Events - 8 teams per bracket – top 3 teams in each bracket win **GOLD!!!**

**GOLD RUSH Pairs:** A = 300 – 750, B = 100 – 300, C = 0-100.

**NEW Open Stratiflighted Pairs:**

A = open, B = 1500–2500, C = 0-1500.

**Swiss:** A = open, X = 0 – 3000. A & X play together.

Bracketed **Gold Rush** = 0 – 2000.

**Intermediate/Novice:** A = up to 100; B = 20 - 50; C = 10 - 20;

D = less than 10. Strats may be changed at Director's discretion.

**Flights, Strats and Brackets:** Based on Average Points. Averaging cannot allow a player to compete in an event which has a maximum number of points less than the player's total points. KO events may be handicapped.

Compact KO Teams - Only 4 players per team.

**\*Side Game Series: Use your 2 best scores and be eligible for gold points! - whether you play with the same or with different partners!**

**Do you have fewer than 20 masterpoints?** If yes, then you're entitled to **50% off** the regular entry fee—only \$8 per game! Please pre-book by contacting Marilyn Maher at [marilynmaher@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynmaher@hotmail.com)

# 8th Caledon East Fall Sectional

September 26th & 27th, 2015

Caledon Community Centre

6215 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 1J7

905 584-9254

From south or west: Hwy 410 north to Mayfield Rd., east to Airport Rd., north to Old Church Rd., turn right to site.

From east, Airport Rd. north to Old Church Rd., turn right to site.

From north, Airport Rd. or Hwy 50 south to Old Church Rd., turn left from Airport Rd, right from Hwy 50.

Presented by:

**The Credit Valley Bridge Association**

## Saturday, September 26th

Stratified 0-299er Pairs

Stratified 0-49er Pair

Game times: 11:00 am, 3:15 pm

Stratified Pairs , 2 session event

A: 1500+ B: 300-1500 C: 0-300

1st Session..... 11:00 am

2nd Session..... 3:15 pm

\*Single sessions welcome

## Sunday, September 27th

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams ..... 11:00 am

A: 3000+ X: 0-3000

B: 750-1500 C: 500-750 D: 0-500

Averaging allowed within a flight

0-299er Swiss Teams ..... 11:00 am

0-299er Swiss Teams ..... 3:15 pm

2 separate sessions

Sunday stratiflighted events are

Play-through with on-site break

## Tournament Chairs:

John & Gloria Ostrowski

jgostrowski@gmail.com

905-846-5945

## Director in Charge

Joel Shapiro

## Free Parking

Entry Fees

\$12 per person for ACBL members

\$15 / person for non/unpaid ACBL members

\$6 for Juniors or 0-5 MPs

## Homemade Food Available

During all Sessions

Free Apples & Apple Cider

Closest accommodations are in

Bolton: Hampton Inn & Bolton Inn

# Bay of Quinte

## SECTIONAL

**October 2, 3 and 4, 2015**  
**Trenton Senior Citizen Centre**

61 Bay Street, just off Hwy 2 (east side of Trenton)  
via Hwy 401 exit 526

**Presentation by Paul Thurston, Saturday 2:00 pm**

**Tournament Chairperson:**

Fran Beckingham (613)394-2892  
franbeckingham14@gmail.com

**Partnership:**

Lynne Hunter (613)392-0979  
barlyn@sympatico.ca

**Friday October 2, 2015**

7:00 pm Open Pairs (single session)  
299er Pairs (single session)

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 sessions)

**Sunday October 4, 2015**

10:00 am  
Swiss Teams with lunch between  
sessions\*

**Stratification:**

A=1500+, B=500-1499, C=0-499

\*Swiss Team stratification based on average  
of team members' total master points.

**Cost:**

\$12.00 per session  
\$3.00 extra for non ACBL members  
Sunday: \$124 per team includes lunch



Trenton Senior Citizen Centre

# MAPLE CITY BRIDGE SECTIONAL



Active Lifestyle Centre,  
20 Merritt Ave, Chatham, ON  
**OCTOBER 3 and 4, 2015**

**Saturday, October 3, 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM**

Stratified Pairs (Play-through) stratified by average

Strat A: 2500+ Strat B: 500-1500 Strat C: 0-500

**Sunday, October 4, 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM**

Stratified Swiss Teams

Strat A: 1500+ avg holding Strat B: 500-1500 Strat C: 0-500

**Session fee \$12 0-99ers reduced session fee \$10**

Full Course Dinner between sessions \$10 each

**Tournament Chair:** John Verkaik 519 360-9109

**Partnerships:** Gary Robertson 519 676-2096  
garroberr@isp.com

**Director:** Nancy Strachan



Take 401 Bloomfield exit #81 and approx. 10 minutes to site



Collingwood's  
**Blue Mountain**  
Sectional Bridge Tournament  
October 16 - 18, 2015



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 490 Ontario Street, Collingwood

**NOTE:** A player cannot compete in a Stratification which has a maximum number of points which is less than the player's total points. Swiss teams will be stratified by the AVERAGE of the players' masterpoint holdings.

**Cost per Session - \$12.00**

**\$3.00 add'l per session for non or unpaid ACBL members**

**Fri., Oct. 16**

**11:00 AM & 4:30 PM**

**Stratified Open Pairs**

**299'er Pairs**

(One-Session Events)

**Sat., Oct. 17**

**11:00 AM & 4:30 PM**

**Stratified Open Pairs**

(A Two-Session Event)  
(Single Session Entries  
are welcome)

**299er PAIRS**

(Two One-Session  
Events)

**Sun., Oct. 18**

**10:30 AM & 3:00 PM**

**Open Swiss Teams**

Two-Session  
Stratified

**299'er Swiss Teams**

(Two One-Session  
Events)

## Welcome to Scenic Collingwood!

Only 45 minutes West of Barrie-  
Exit #96 off Hwy 400, take 90 West to Angus,  
turn right  
onto Hwy 10 and drive North to Sunnydale  
Corners. Turn  
left on Hwy 26 toward Stayner. Turn right at  
Esso Stn.  
Toward Collingwood. At traffic light turn right  
onto Pretty  
River Pkwy. (Toyota Dealer). Turn left at first  
light onto  
Ontario Street. Legion is on left corner.

**To ensure prompt "START" times, please  
register at least 15 minutes in advance.**

Stratification for all Open Events

A= 1500+ B=500-1500

C- 0-500

**Prizes  
&  
Great Hospitality!**

Tournament Chair

Christine Blake

705-446-9592

chrisedb@rogers.com

Partnerships: Marie Melnichuk

705-444-0583

melnichukmarie@gmail.com



# Buffalo Regional

## October 20-25, 2015

### Tuesday, October 20

299er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	3pm	
Tuesday Bracketed KO's 1,2,3 of 3 sessions	10am	3pm	7:30pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm

### Wednesday, October 21

299er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	3pm	
Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
1&2 of 4 Sessions			
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)		3pm	
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Evening Wednesday/Thursday Compact KO's			7:30pm
1&2 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm

### Thursday, October 22

Gold Rush Swiss (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
3&4 of 4 Sessions			
Evening Wednesday/Thursday Compact KO's			7:30pm
3&4 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm

### Friday, October 23 "Tom Donnelly Day"

Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
1&2 of 4 sessions			
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)		3pm	
Evening Friday/Saturday Compact KO's			7:30pm
1&2 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm

### Saturday, October 24

Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
3&4 of 4 sessions			
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)		3pm	
Evening Friday/Saturday Compact KO's			7:30pm
3&4 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm

### Sunday, October 25

Stratified Swiss Teams	10am		
Playthrough Seven 7 Board Matches			

**Chair** - Betty Metz 716-773-7398

bettymetz@roadrunner.com

**Co-Chair** - Chris Urbanek 716-694-9221

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**I/N Chair** - Kathy Pollock

716-688-0054 bridgekat@gmail.com

### **Partnerships**

Jim Gullo 716-348-4132

Dian Petrov 716-688-1226

dpetrov@roadrunner.com

Check new ACBL Partnership Desk at

acbl.org

### **Adam's Mark Hotel**

120 Church St. Buffalo, NY 14202

Call direct for reservations 716-845-5100

Reserve before Sept. 20, 2015

Ask for ACBL Bridge rate of \$109.00

Includes Free Parking

Entries \$12 pp US\$ (per session)

\$16 pp US\$ unpaid or non-ACBL members

Hospitality Daily

Section Top Prizes

(Choose from our Famous Prize Room)

Stratified Events: Open Events:

Stratum "A" 2000+ "A" = 3000+

Stratum "B" 750-2000 "B" = 1500 - 3000

Stratum "C" 0-750 "C" = 0 - 1500

All events by Average MP's

KO Events will not be Handicapped

### Restricted Events:

Gold Rush - all players < 750MP's

299 Events - all players < 300MP's

Tues. and Wed. 299's 2:15pm - Dessert and Featured Speaker

### **PARTICIPATE IN BUFFALO'S RENAISSANCE**

Come Early, Stay Late,

Enjoy the Evenings

Bridge rate of \$109 - 3 days before and after tournament

Buffalo links/information -

www.unit 116.com

# OSHAWA & DISTRICT SECTIONAL

**November 7th and 8th, 2015**

Come out and join us for fun & bridge at the

## **LVIV Hall & Pavilion**

38 LVIV Blvd., Oshawa, ON, L1H 3C3

Event Schedule

### **Saturday, November 7th Stratiflighted Pairs**

**(A/X and B/C/D) 10:30am & 2:30 pm**

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

Flights B/C/D: B=750-1500, C=300-749, D=0-299

*Novice games each session, if warranted*

### **Sunday, November 8th Stratiflighted Swiss Teams**

**(A/X and B/C/D) 10:30am & TBD**

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

Flights B/C/D: B=750-1500, C=300-749, D=0-299

*Assignment to flight based on player with highest master points. Pair/team stratification based on average master points.*

**Entry Fees:** \$12 per session for ACBL members (non-members \$15),  
\$5 for students, and

### **SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE**

**1 FREE session** for players who have never played in a Tournament before

**Food available on-site for purchase during 45 minute break both days**

**Tournament Manager** – Doug Darnley, ddarnley@rogers.com,  
905-509-8607 (h) or 416-258-1331 (c)

**Partnerships** – Hoppy Carnwith, hoppyc@sympatico.ca, 905-655-4594

**Location** – One block north of Hwy 401

From the West on 401 take the Simcoe Street exit, turn left onto Bloor,  
left at the lights on Simcoe, then turn on first right to LVIV.

From the EAST on 401 take the Ritson/Simcoe exit, follow Drew St., then  
left on 1 Ave., left on Albert St., then left to LVIV.

Lots of free parking onsite and also on both sides of the street.



# **NIAGARA FALLS REGIONAL** **NOVEMBER 10-15, 2015**

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) ..... 3 & 7:30 pm  
 Charity Open Pairs (A = 2000+ B = 500-2000 C = 0-500) ..... 7:30 pm

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions) ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) .... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Daylight Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Gold Rush Pairs (Each player must have less than 750 MP) .... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 4 sessions) ..... 10 am  
 Afternoon Swiss Teams (Single session) ..... 3 pm  
 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 4 sessions) ..... 3 pm  
 Evening Side Game Series (1st of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm  
 Evening Bracketed KO Teams (1st of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions) ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Maid of the Mist Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) . 10 am & 3 pm  
 Daylight Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Gold Rush Pairs (Each player must have less than 750 MP) . 10 am & 3 pm  
 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 4 sessions) ..... 10 am  
 Afternoon Swiss Teams (Single session) ..... 3 pm  
 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 4 sessions) ..... 3 pm  
 Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm  
 Evening Bracketed KO Teams (2nd of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Maid of the Mist Bracketed KO Teams (2nd & 3rd of 4 sessions). 10 am & 3 pm  
 Compact Bracketed KO Teams I (1st & 2nd of 2 sessions) ... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Daylight Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
 Gold Rush Swiss Teams (Each player less than 750 MP) ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
 99'er Pairs (Single Session games) (If attendance warrants) 10 am & 3 pm  
 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 4 sessions) ..... 10 am  
 Afternoon Swiss Teams (Single session) ..... 3 pm  
 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 4 sessions) ..... 3 pm  
 Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm  
 Evening Bracketed KO Teams (3rd of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Compact Bracketed KO Teams II (1st & 2nd of 2 sessions).... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A/X separate, B/C/D play together) 10 am & 3 pm  
299'er Pairs (Single session games) ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Morning Side Game Series (4th of 4 sessions) ..... 10 am  
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 4 sessions) ..... 3 pm  
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Bracketed KO Teams (4th of 4 sessions) ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Swiss Teams (Single session) ..... 7:30 pm

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Stratiflighted A/X Swiss Teams (A = 3000+ X = 0-3000) ..... 10 am & TBA  
Stratiflighted B/C/D Swiss Teams (Each player less than 2000 MP) 10 am & TBA  
299'er Swiss Teams (Each player must have less than 300 MP) .10 am & TBA

*Reserve before Oct 15, 2015 and request the  
"American Contract Bridge League Rate" at the following hotels:*

### **Playing Site – Crowne Plaza 5685 Falls Avenue Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6W7**

Crowne Plaza  
\$89.....Single or Double

Skyline Inn  
\$83.....Single or Double

Sheraton on the Falls  
\$99.....Single or Double

*Add \$20 each for 3rd or 4th person at any of the above*

- Booking for all hotels: 1-800-519-9911
  - Hospitality Every Night
  - Overall & Section Top Prizes
  - Free Parking for all players

### **Tournament Co-Chairs**

**Lorna Johnson**  
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bridgeplayer64@gmail.com

**Jerry Smee**  
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### **Partnerships**

**Janice Upenieks**  
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# NIAGARA FALLS REGIONAL CON'T.

All games except Stratflighted events are stratified by Pair or Team average masterpoint holding. Stratflighted events are stratified based on highest ranked player.

## **Gold Rush Pairs & Teams**

A = 300-750 B = 100-300 C = 0-100

## **Stratified 299'er Games**

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

## **Daylight Open Pairs**

A = 5000+ B = 2500-5000 C = 0-2500

## **Single Session Swiss Teams & Side Games**

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

## **Stratflighted Swiss Teams**

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

B = 1000-2000 C = 500-1000 D = 0-500

**Handicapping Policy:** KO Events with only one bracket may be handicapped.

Visit our website at: [www.unit166.ca](http://www.unit166.ca) - Event Schedule for additional tournament details

## Canadian bronze winners from Ontario



*The Gowdys, Bruce and John, finished third overall in the Imp Pairs*



*Martin Hunter (along with Bill Koski) came third in the Open Pairs*

# 33rd Annual Festival Of Bridge Sectional STRATFORD

November 20–22, 2015

## Friday November 20

Open Pairs & Stratified 299<sup>er</sup> Pairs  
..... 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
A=2000+ B=1000-2000 C=0-1000  
**Snacks after the evening game**

## Saturday November 21

Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) &  
Stratified 299<sup>er</sup> Pairs (single sessions)  
..... 10:00 am Playthrough  
A=2000+ B=1000-2000 C=0-1000

## Sunday November 16

Stratified Swiss Teams &  
Stratified 299<sup>er</sup> Swiss Teams (both  
playthrough) ..... 11:00 am  
Stratification by Average  
A=2000+ X=0-2000  
B=1000-15000 C=500-1000 D=0-500

For both Sat & Sun -

Lunch available at the playing site  
T.B.A.

## New Playing Site

Stratford Country Club  
53 Romeo St. N.  
Stratford, ON

## Special Hotel Rates

\$99 per night per standard room plus  
taxes at The Festival Inn  
Includes breakfast. **519-273-1150**

## **SECTION TOP PRIZES**



Join us for an enjoyable  
weekend in this picturesque,  
friendly city! Combine great  
bridge with the start of your  
holiday shopping and stay  
at the Festival Inn.

## Tournament Manager

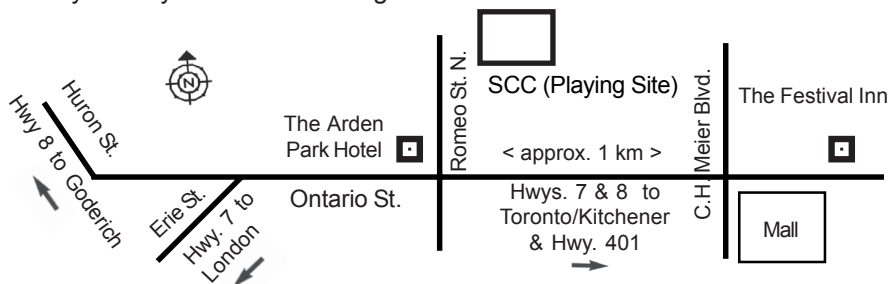
Dave Wilson (519) 273-2542  
davidneilwilson@hotmail.com

## Partnerships

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**NOTE: Saturday start time of 10 am  
as venue needed in early evening.**

Thank you for your understanding



**Thanks for making this a popular tournament. Please note the playing site at  
the newly renovated Stratford Country Club, and the 10 am start time Saturday.**



# Club News

## Etobicoke Bridge Club Holds Backyard Game

By Steve Overholt

It has been said that out of negativity comes opportunity. Truth be told, I have no idea who said that but it did apply to the Etobicoke Bridge Centre on May 21st. Because of Victoria Day Monday, plus a large-scale synchronized swim meet at the Etobicoke Olympium, the club was forced to close for an entire week. As the club owner, I thought, why not try a backyard game for our Thursday novice game (typically about 9 tables in size)? We needed a reasonably warm day and a cooperative wind and the rest we could handle.

The invitation to my novice players was BYOC, the C standing for chair. Better would have been BYOC&H. Fortunately my sons had acquired lots of baseball and golf hats in their formative years. Several players brought card tables, and many brought snacks. I was pleasantly surprised and a bit nervous to have 13 tables (please weather gods, please!) We needed a little room on our neighbour's lawn, but given they had recently used our back yard for a wedding, I knew we were okay.

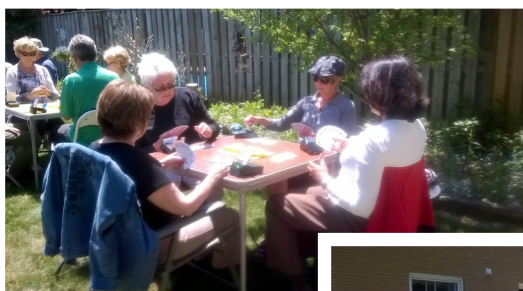
Well, we got the game going and everything went brilliantly (pun intended). The sun shone all afternoon, and 18 degrees with a slight breeze was wonderful. Our "mature",

high-quality plastic cards are heavier than average and they stayed in place when the wind gusted. At the mid-game break, I ran a contest where players were asked to think of (in honour of Dave Letterman's retirement) the top 10 reasons to play outside in my backyard, or the top 10 reasons to play inside at the Olympium. About 15 reasons were given, and the best one was that outside you could see your partner's cards, reflecting in their sun glasses.

Of course, we had to consider what would Plan B have been, if rain or wind made the great outdoors unfeasible. Well, I figured two tables in the kitchen, two in the living room, three in our family room, three in the basement, one in the garage and the last two in very quickly cleaned-up bedrooms. Yikes!! It was so bustling at our house that while my wife was out front, a neighbor approached her and nervously asked "Is everyone okay?" (30 cars mid-day!)

This event brings forward the question of whether there have been other open backyard ACBL-sanctioned games held in Unit 166, and how big they were. Please email reports of biggest outdoor ACBL game to the Kibitzer or to Steve Overholt (etobicokebridge@gmail.com). ♠

# Etobicoke Bridge Club





# Big win for Bigwin!

Director/Manager Josee Hammill is thrilled to announce that the Bigwin Island Bridge Club is up and running as a sanctioned ACBL game. Located right on Bigwin Island, the club began doling out masterpoints for the first time at the end of June.

Pictured below are the attendees of that first session of vying for masterpoints. Josee also tells us there is a “relaxed game” for novice players—a big win indeed!



*Not everyone won masterpoints the first day but there were smiles all around.*



*Popular director Nancy Strachan relaxes between sessions at the mega-regional tournament in Gatlinburg in April.*



*Doug Baxter is all smiles after finishing second in the CNTCs*



## Tournament Trail

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#### March

5-6 Oshawa Teams  
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19-20 Guelph  
22-27 Toronto Regional

#### April

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#### May

14-15 Thornhill  
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21-28 Canadian Bridge  
Championships, Toronto  
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**Deadline for the *Winter 2015 Kibitzer*: September 15, 2015**

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