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<p>THE ONTARIO KIBITZER</p> <p>October 1972</p>	<p>THE DISTRICT 2 KIBITZER</p> <p>February 1972</p>	<p>The Kibitzer ONTARIO UNITS 166 & 246 VOLUME 8 Number 4 June 1986</p> <p>Many players have complimented me for the excellent layout of the Kibitzer. I pass it on to those who deserve it: JUDY HART, MARIAN HAWKINS, RUTHANNE HILL, of OXFORD SHOPPING NEWS and JUDY HARRINGTON of WOODSTOCK. JOHN CARUTHERS left me with an efficient method to follow, and I am grateful...</p>	<p>The Kibitzer ONTARIO UNITS 166 & 246 VOLUME 13 Number 1 March, 1987</p> <p>HAVEREN CULP and LYNN SMITH</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Spring 2004 Volume 50, Number 1 A newsletter serving ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 Since 1955</p> <p>What do these people have in common? See page 13!</p>
<p>The Kibitzer Winter 2004 Volume 50, Number 4 A newsletter serving ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 Since 1955 - Celebrating Our 50th Year</p> <p>Bruce Elliott Canada's Best Ever Team Page 17</p> <p>Eric Murray Sam Kehela</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Fall 2005 Volume 51, Number 3 A newsletter serving ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 Established in 1955</p> <p>Roy Lee of Master Point Press, The World's Top Bridge Publisher (See Page 16) Canadian Bridge Week Results (See Page 20) ACBL District 2 Director Election (See page 16)</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Fall 2007 Volume 53, Number 3 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>Fred Andreychuk - Winner of the 2007 Kate Buckman Award. See page 13</p> <p>Pat Teeter Win the Audrey Grant Award for 2007. See page 14</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Spring 2008 Volume 54, Number 1 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>Jonathan Steinhilber See page 10</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Fall 2008 Volume 54, Number 3 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>The Canadian BPP Pairs Championship model winners (1. to 3.) Andrew Lee, Richmond, BC and Zoran Peza, Vancouver, second place: Bing Li, North York & Richard Chan, Richmond Hill, winners: Mike Yoon, Vancouver and John Desjardis, Chatham. Third place: Results of all events can be found on page 31.</p> <p>Ex-partners and 1999 Canadian National Team Championship winners Robert Leck, left, of Toronto, and Nadia Hanna of Wilkesville battled each other in this year's CYTC final, with Leck emerging victorious.</p>
<p>The Kibitzer Winter 2009 Volume 55, Number 4 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>Paul and Jo-Anne Thurston Poles in Rome</p> <p>Paul brings out a column for the National Post</p> <p>The collected works of Frank Vine, "North of the Master Solvers' Club" is an NPP BPP book of the Year. See page 18.</p> <p>Paul orders a bottle of the Black Book</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Fall 2010 Volume 56, Number 3 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame Inducts Five Greats</p> <p>Left to Right: Sam Karas, Bruce Elliott, Eric Murray & Percy Sturdown with the Tanager Trophy in 1964</p> <p>Sam Karas (third from left) and Michael (fourth from left) won the 2010 Bermuda Bowl in The Netherlands. Read about Canadian Bridge Week and see results and photos of the other winners beginning on page 13. Articles by champions Rayner and Lindop are also in this issue.</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Fall 2011 Volume 57, Number 3 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>They're on their way to Veldehoven!</p> <p>Winners of the Mark Molson Trophy for the Canadian National Team Championship: David Lindop, Doug "Too Tall" Bader, Mike Hargreaves, Jim McInnes, Michael "The Paper" Roche and John "Reindeer" Rayner will represent Canada at the 2011 Bermuda Bowl in The Netherlands. Read about Canadian Bridge Week and see results and photos of the other winners beginning on page 13. Articles by champions Rayner and Lindop are also in this issue.</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Winter 2012 Volume 58, Number 4 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>2012 World Transnational Mixed Teams Silver Medalists - Canada!</p> <p>This all-Canadian group lost a close match to a multinational team in the final of the WBF's Mixed TNT in France this summer. Left to right: Linda Wynston, Toronto, Daniel Korbel, Waterloo, Charles Wolpert, Head Wolfers, Thornhill, Judith Garagano, Rick Garagano, Calgary. Tales from Little can be found inside.</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Summer 2013 Volume 59, Number 2 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>Wayne Rutan, winner of both the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant Awards for 2013. See Wayne's story on page 13.</p>
<p>The Kibitzer Fall 2014 Volume 60, Number 3 A newsletter serving Ontario ACBL Units 166, 238, 246 & 249 First published in 1955</p> <p>AGNES GORDON BRUCE GOWDY</p> <p>The 2014 Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame Inductees</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Spring 2015 Volume 61, Number 1</p> <p>National Champions of the Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs Ina Demme & Bill Karas</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Summer 2015 Volume 61, Number 2</p> <p>Let the Kids Bid! Sarah Toy, Ayushi Jha, Ella O'Neil, and Sarah Nanji participating in Kids' Day, 2015</p>	<p>The Kibitzer Spring 2016 Volume 62, Number 1</p> <p>Dan Korbel, winner of the 2015 Richmond Trophy</p>	<p>Celebrating 57 years of The Kibitzer Fall/Winter 2016 Volume 63, Number 3</p>



Editor's Note

Congratulations to John Caruthers and Joey Silver for winning the silver medal in the Senior Pairs at the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland held in early September. For his next world championship event J.C. hopes to be playing with a partner named Joey Gold. JC and Joey also finished tied for 9th in the Senior Teams. Teammate Robert Lebi wrote an article featuring a deal from that event. Please see page 12.

Sadly (for some of us), this issue of the Kibitzer you are holding in your hands represents the final hardcopy issue. Beginning with the Winter 2017 issue, the Kibitzer will be available online only. Courtesy of the ACBL an email blast will be sent out informing all recipients that the Kibitzer is ready for viewing. You will be able to access each future issue by visiting the website www.unit166.ca.

Thank you to all our contributors including our three Davids: Cohen, Colbert, and Deaves.

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For Unit 166 members only

Kate Buckman Award

Do you know someone who contributes to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge? Do you know someone who should be honoured by the Board of Unit 166? We're looking for nominations for the Kate Buckman Award for 2016. If you don't nominate someone, then we can't honour them and we really want to celebrate this kind of person and the contributions they make to the game of bridge.

Audrey Grant Award

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The Spring issue of the Kibitzer will publish a picture and short resume (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information, together with their nomination form, to the Unit Election Coordinator by January 20, 2017. The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer. The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional for one hour and will close 15 minutes prior to game time of each afternoon and evening session on the election days.

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Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator



World Championship Deal

By Robert Lebi

Playing on the Canadian Seniors Team at the 2016 World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland, my partner George Mittelman and I had a number of ups and downs. Before I get to the hands, (for non-Polish speakers) I bet you can't come close to the correct pronunciation of "Wroclaw." Check the end of the article for the phonetic answer.

Here's one of the more interesting hands of the tournament. First though, I'd like to share the nuances of the bidding. Third seat, white against red, I held

♠ 8 4
♥ A J 6 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ K J 3

George as dealer opened 1♣, I responded 1♥ and LHO made a weak jump overcall of 2♠. Pard now bid 3♣, showing an intermediate value hand with at least six clubs. This inference was available since we play the "Good/Bad 2NT" convention. With a weaker distributional hand, he would bid 2NT, requesting a 3♣ bid from me, while limiting the hand in terms of HCP.

I now loved my hand for a club contract, so I cue bid 3♠, setting up a game-force. Over that, partner's first responsibility is to show a spade stopper and he duly bid 3NT. I now bid 4♣, setting trump and initiating a cue bidding investigation towards a potential slam.

George next cue bid 4♦. In our style, that showed first or second round diamond control. Similarly, I cue-bid 4♥, and he continued with 4♠. As we had controls in all the suits and I really wasn't looking for a grand slam, I concluded the auction with a bid of 6♣.

To review, the bidding had gone:

George	RHO	Robert	LHO
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The opening lead was the ♠K. What's your plan?

♠ 8 4
♥ A J 6 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ K J 3

♠ A 10
♥ 5
♦ K 6 5
♣ A Q 10 8 6 5 2

The lead has exposed a spade loser, and there is another likely loser in diamonds. Without a spade lead, Declarer could work on the diamonds, hoping to set up 3 tricks to pitch the losing spade, but those nasty opponents have set up their spade at trick one. How can you get around this?

Perhaps if someone started with KQx of hearts the ♥J would set up. Thus, you win the opening lead with the ♠A and immediately lead a heart to the Ace and ruff a heart in hand. When neither the king nor the queen show up on this trick, you know the jack will not set up.

What's the next chance? The hearts can still be eliminated from the opposing hands. Continue with a club to dummy and ruff another heart. Both opponents playing low spots. Next, another club to dummy, pulling the last trump, as the pre-emptor shows out. Ruff the last heart observing both opponents following, RHO with the ♥Q, and LHO with the ♥K.

These cards remain:

♠ 8
♥ ---
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ 3

♠ 10
♥ ---
♦ K 6 5
♣ A 2

It seems like there is still a spade and a diamond to lose.

Time to stop and count. RHO jumped in spades, vulnerable, so must have at least 6 of them. He somewhat surprisingly followed 4 times in hearts. He showed out on the second round of clubs. Thus he has 6421 or 7411. There are no other possibilities. Note he has at most two diamonds.

There are now three lines of play worth considering, depending on what you make of the spade situation.

1) You can play the king of diamonds, and if an honour drops from RHO, finesse LHO for the other one (the rule of restricted choice). This succeeds on the 7411 hand with a singleton diamond honour, but loses to 6421 with ♦QJ doubleton. If no diamond honour falls, revert to line (3) below.

2) Without touching diamonds, you can exit with a spade. Whoever wins the trick will have to break the diamond suit. The standard play in this situation is to assume split diamond honours. However, if RHO (most likely) wins it, you are still down when LHO has both diamond

honors. No matter who wins it, you will have to make a successful guess.

3) You can play off the $\diamond A$ and $\diamond K$. RHO will now be void, as we have already accounted for at least 11 of his cards. This line depends on who will win the spade. LHO will win if he started with $\spadesuit KQ$ or $\spadesuit KJ$. But RHO jumped to $2\spadesuit$, red versus white. If he is missing one of those top cards, he has at most $J9xxxxx$ or $Q9xxxxx$. Would he have made a weak jump overcall at that vulnerability with such a weak suit? (Especially in an IMP team game?)

In conclusion, if you read the lead to be from $\spadesuit Kx$ and the jump overcaller to have started with $\spadesuit QJxxxxx$, you will choose (3), which was the winning line at the table. RHO must win the spade (otherwise your 10 holds) and must concede a ruff-sluff allowing the diamond loser to go away. This also wins if RHO had only six to the QJ with LHO having led the $\spadesuit K$ from Kxx (and not raised partner). Unlikely, but possible.

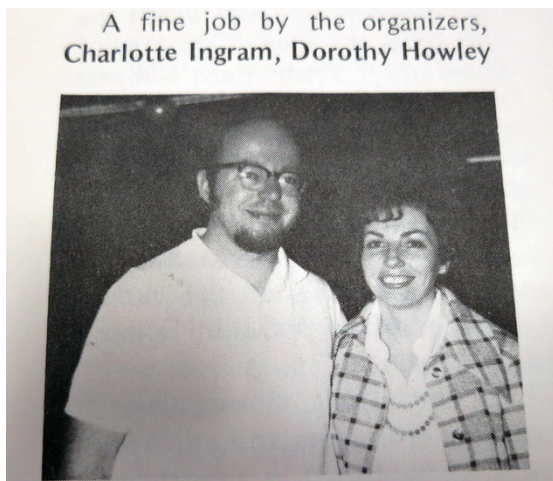
The opponent at the other table, faced with the same opening lead did not find this line and gracefully went down one.

The complete deal was.

\spadesuit 8 4	\spadesuit Q J 9 7 6 5 3
\heartsuit A J 6 3	\heartsuit Q 10 8 3
\diamond A 10 9 2	\diamond 8
\clubsuit K J 3	\clubsuit 9
\spadesuit K 2	\spadesuit A 10
\heartsuit K 9 7 4	\heartsuit 5
\diamond Q J 7 4	\diamond K 6 5
\clubsuit 7 4	\clubsuit A Q 10 8 6 5 2

As promised, Wroclaw is pronounced “Vrotzwoff”; not immediately obvious.

PS. If you think the contract would have been defeated with the lead of a miraculous small spade from Kx , that could have been handled by a counter measure by declarer. But that’s for another article.



Ray & Gail Jotcham, c. 1973
(photo: Ontario Kibitzer)



Gail & Ray Jotcham.
Ray won the 2004
CNTC, 2nd 1964
Spingold, and just
surpassed 10K to become
a Grand Life Master

Photos courtesy of Jonathan Steinberg



Maria Goes To Washington

By David Deaves

In July, Maria and I went to the Washington Nationals. I was playing in the GNTs and Maria came along to kibitz. However, my GNT team didn't get to the second day, and then I only lasted two days in the Life Master Pairs, so I played with Maria for the last few days of our sojourn in D.C. Washington is a beautiful city; we visited all the tourist spots, including the White House and the Washington Monument, and the food was excellent.

Anyway, back to the bridge. Maria excelled at the bridge table. We won the Flight B (under 12,000 MPS) in the International Fund Swiss Teams, and won Flight A of the A/X Roth IRA Swiss Teams. Maria said I must acknowledge that Doug Andrews and Colin Lafferty played brilliantly as our teammates in these events, and we could never have won without them. The following deals are some examples of Maria's prowess at the table.

THE THROW IN (OR THROWAWAY)

The throw in, aka 'endplay' is a bridge coup that every bridge player longs to master, and celebrates when he or

she is able to pull it off. I hadn't taught Maria the endplay yet, because I wasn't sure she was ready for it, until this deal came along.

Dir: North

Vul: NS

♠ A 8 7 4 2
♥ Q 10 8 5 4
♦ A Q 8
♣ —

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

♠ K 3
♥ A K 3 2
♦ 7 5
♣ J 7 6 5 3

North	East	South	West
(DD)		(Maria)	
1♠	Pass	2♥	2NT
6♥	All Pass		

I know—6 Hearts is overly aggressive, but sometimes I get carried away and

once I bid it, I couldn't take it back. As the club ace hit the table, Maria looked distraught and said, "Why six?"

"You know I have trouble making 12 tricks as declarer and anyway, I pulled the wrong bidding card; I meant to bid 2 Clubs."

Our opponents silently smiled at each other as I slumped in my seat and mumbled, "Don't worry, it's only a game." Anyway, she ruffed the club ace, and led a heart to the king. When West showed out, she gave me the death look. Next came the spade king, the spade ace and a spade ruff in her hand. Then a diamond to the queen, the diamond ace and a diamond ruff in her hand. Next, club ruff and spade ruff with the heart ace, leaving this position:

♠ 8
♥ Q 10

immaterial ♥ J 9 7

♣ J 7 6

Maria led the club 6, looked at me and said, "Throw away the spade; it's your fault anyway." East folded his cards, and said, "Well played." Maria wasn't sure what had happened, so I made a mental note to teach her about endplays when we got home.



Dwight Bender, London Regional Chair

THE HESITATION

Dir: West

Vul: Both

<p>♠ Q 9 8 7 6 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A Q 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ A K Q 7 6 5 4 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K 5</p> <p>♠ K 5 4 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ K 8 4 2 ♣ 8 6 4</p> <p>♠ A J 2 ♥ J ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ J 10 9 7 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
	(Maria)		(DD)
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Director! All pass			

At this stage in the auction Maria paused for contemplation. When we double a major, we like to have at least 4 cards in the other major (my style). So, Maria knew I would go out of my way to bid hearts before clubs. By the time she bid 3 Hearts, there had been a break in tempo and West screamed for the director in order to protect his rights. The director listened and said to continue with the hand. After East passed I bid 3 Notrump, and that ended the auction.

On the spade lead, East played the king and I won the ace and returned the 2 to dummy's 10. You can see 3NT is unbeatable. I could not go down. Actually, I made 4 when they won the spade and played on diamonds. After returning to the table the director said, "I don't see any concern" and looked at West, who

nodded agreement. Maria commented she was used to having the director called because last year she kept making insufficient bids until she learned the ranking of the suits. Like Queen Victoria, West was not amused. At the other table 4 Hearts went down. After the match I asked what she was thinking about. She said she knew we had to be in game after I bid 3 Clubs, but she didn't want to rule out 3NT by bidding 4 Hearts. It just took some thought before she bid 3 Hearts. She decided that bid would show "fantastic" hearts, and would leave the final decision to me.

THE PRO

This deal occurred against two female international stars from Denmark and Sweden. They would finish second in the A/X Swiss event so it was our toughest match.

Dir: North

Vul: NS

♠ 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ J 9 5 4

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

♠ A Q 6 5 4
♥ K
♦ A J 10 6 5 4 3
♣ —

South (DD)	West	North (Maria)	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
All pass			

I totally trusted Maria to have four trumps to the king or any four trumps with the heart ace; otherwise, I was sure she would have only bid 4 Diamonds, so my raise to six was not difficult. This is a classic example of my theory: *Knowing your partner's bidding style is far better than having an arsenal of conventions on your card.*

When I ruffed the opening lead East thought I was teasing her and said, "No! Seriously?" I said, "Yes. Sorry," and quickly claimed after one round of trumps. She looked at Maria and said, "You're killing us." This was our third consecutive obvious positive swing of the match. I thought to myself, What about me? Am I chopped liver? But I said nothing.

After the match, and after Maria (our captain) confirmed the result and returned to our home table, she told me they asked her if I was her client. I said, "Yeah, sure!" Later, when the notation 1st was placed by her name on the wall I saw her taking a picture with her iphone and emailing the standings. I asked what she was doing. She said she was emailing the scoreboard to Ina (Demme) and Andy (Stark). Sorry she bothered you guys.

Later when Doug Andrews said we should go for celebratory drinks at the bar, Maria saw the two ladies again. I don't believe her, but she claims they asked her if she was going to play in Poland at the World Championships in the fall.

Woe is me!



And Now It Can Be Told

By David Colbert

I have been playing bridge for a long time and years ago we ranged—that means we drove our car—far and wide to find a tournament. I have two long-buried bridge stories, (spectacular failures actually), and as time goes by, the details of which have remained etched in my mind.

It was the late eighties. I motored with Mike Cafferata and George Mittelman to Thunder Bay to play some team events with Mike Passel and his rich client. The client was very nice, an American rice farmer. He was paying Passel a lot, we were sure, and a reasonable wage to George. As for us, we were quite happy to not have to dig up an entry fee to play. The arrangement was that I play with George the first half while Mike Passel played with the client. In the second half, Mike and I were thrilled to have George and Mike P. as teammates...a step up from our usual!

In the final Sunday Swiss we entered the last round with a slight lead. This was a big deal to Mike C. and me. We had rarely, if ever, won a regional event, and we were all in for some kind of bonus if we were to win. Swallow that adrenalin

and focus. Mike and I were doing reasonably well in a tight match; the boards were fairly flat and we had beaten a 4♠ contract on an 8-card fit with 3NT cold. Then the last hand came up. Mike opened 1 Spade and I had a balanced 16-count, with Qx of spades. I jumped to 3NT. Mistake. I made a bid we hadn't discussed follow-ups to. Mike then bid 4♣ which he intended as Gerber. I took it as natural and cuebid 4♥. He "signed off" in 4NT. I took this as a slam try and jumped to 6 clubs. Well, Mike knew from his 2-card club holding that we were in the wrong spot, as my original 3NT bid showed a balanced hand. But he was too rattled to pull it to 6♠ or 6NT, both of which were cold. After a few seconds of frowning and leaning back he passed 6♣.

Mike held six spades to the king and the Ax was in front of my Qx. So he could have won the lead, led a spade to the queen and ducked a spade coming back. Thank you very much. Instead we played 6♣ down 2. At the other table they played the hand in 3NT and made 6. On the 4♠ hand that we had beaten, George and Mike bid and made 3NT (wow!), so all we had to do was push the final board to enter the world of champions

and boost our stock. Nope, we lost the event by 1 imp and immediately headed to the car to drive home. From Thunder Bay to Toronto. All night and much of the next day. That hand and its memory occupied the 4th seat in the car like a screaming child.

Have you ever made the best play of your life and the worst play of your life on the same trick? Seriously, that may sound impossible but watch this. I was playing with Jim Reigle whom I had never played with, in a regional pair event in Boston. It was early in my bridge life and we were trying really hard, as young guys tend to do. In this particular event we were doing fairly well so intensity levels were racked up accordingly. Late in the second set we were doing fairly well when we overbid to 6NT. I was declarer and could see when dummy came down that it had no play. The diamond holding was AT8654 in dummy and I had K2 in my hand. I won the opening lead and made the best play I had ever made. I led the \diamond 2. The gentleman on my left played the 7 and I called for...the 8 from dummy. Why? I don't know. I just thought "that was silly thinking you could get six diamond tricks. Don't give them an extra trick." Or something like that. Well the woman on my right won her 9. She had started with 93. The man had held QJ7 and didn't split. I would have won 6 diamond tricks and made 6NT. A cold top. If I had "unblocked" and played the king first, I could never take more than 5 tricks, as lefty would be forced to split his honors. That cost us exactly one full board and an overall placing. I don't think I ever played with poor Jim again. He was a great sport, just laughed and moved on. I wasn't so amused at myself. It hurts too

much to repeat this true story. Please don't remind me of it if you see me. I have never seen that suit combination since. But when I do, if you're my LHO, be sure to split your honours because I'm calling for the 10.

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And Now It Can Be Told, Part II

In a previous lifetime I used to play a lot. But then I took a few years off and the rot set in. One day I went out to the local club to play with a student. Our opponent, who shall not be named, mostly because I don't know her name, but even if I did know her name, she should not be named, got to 6♥ with her partner by using Gerber in a non-Gerber situation, thus illustrating why one should not ask for aces with a void.

♠ K 8 6 4

♥ 2

♦ K 10 7 5

♣ A Q 8 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ A K J 10 7 6 3

♦ J 4 2

♣ —

Down one off the top, yes? But watch this: On the club lead (1st stroke of luck), the Woman Who Shall Not Be Named finessed the queen, which held (2nd stroke of luck) to pitch a diamond from her hand, and then cashed the club ace to pitch another. On the club ace my partner, thinking declarer's diamond pitch was the led suit, "followed" with

the ace of diamonds. Yikes--a penalty card! (3rd s. of I.)

The Director was called, and told us, "Blah blah blah." You know the rest. So declarer played a heart to her ace, cashed the trump king, dropping the offside queen (4th), then cashed the heart jack forcing my partner to pitch the diamond ace. WWSNBN played the diamond jack up to the king, ruffed a diamond to hand, (me, unsure of the diamond count, playing the queen, thus setting up the ten in dummy—5th), then a couple of trumps, and the spade queen from her hand. Rusty ol' me lost the plot entirely and took the ace (6th and final stroke of luck), thus the losing spade went on the diamond ten.

Minus 1430 and an inter-galaxy, outer-galaxy, bottom of the bottomest board of all time for your heroes. The worst part of all was having to listen to WWSNBN tell the table afterwards how she strategized making the contract on the penalty card.

"I have to write this up...someday," thought I.

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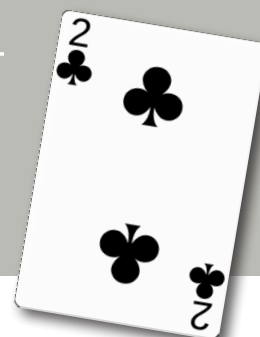


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Kitchen Bridge

By David Cohen



I made my way over to the Ingrate pub for the fourth time today to get a late night snack before heading home. The place was filled with all sorts of bridge players from the Scumbank Bridge Club. It was especially busy tonight because we held our monthly Swiss Teams event, and it attracts all the expert players. I was lucky to find my usual table was available, and I ran over to secure it. I ordered the baked chicken wings. The Chef has his own way of making the wings so they are healthier than the fried ones.

The recipe for Baked Chicken Wings (serves 4):

Place 1.5lbs of wings (per person) into a large Ziploc bag and cover with cold water. Add no-salt, peppercorns, sugar substitute and chilies to the water and mix well. Leave to brine for several hours (or overnight). In a soup pot, bring chicken stock & chilies to a boil. Lower to a simmer and using a steamer basket, steam the wings for 10 minutes. Remove and pat the wings dry. Marinate the wings in your favourite BBQ sauce for a couple of hours in the fridge. Preheat the oven to 425 and place the wings on a rack over a baking sheet. Cook on

both sides for 20 minutes till they darken. Just before serving, coat the wings with a little more sauce and place under the broiler for 5 minutes per side to finish.

I could not remember The Chef being so upset before. He was playing with his usual partner, Larches, who was more affectionately known as Luck to his friends. The opponents were Doc (West) and Stretch (East). The pair have been playing together longer than most bridge players have been alive.

The story I heard was that Doc psych'd INT with a 3-count, and Luck, with his flat 19-count, froze, and didn't know what to bid, so he passed. Then Stretch bid 3♣, showing 5-5 in the minors and a weak hand. Chef looked at his flat 16-count, shrugged his shoulders and passed, so did Doc and Luck to end the auction. Stretch took 1 trick, but down 8, undoubled, was a huge swing as Chef was cold for 6NT.

Trying to suppress his grin, Doc pulled out his cards for the next board and opened 1♣. Vul vs Vul, Luck bid 3♦ preemptively, and Stretch continued with 3♠.

Chef held:

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 9 7 5
♦ A 5 3 2
♣ 8 6

He started with a straightforward 4♥ bid. Doc continued on with 4♠. Luck found a 5♥ bid, and Stretch continued with 5♠. Here is the bidding so far:

The Chef	Doc	Luck	Stretch
	1♣	3♦	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠

Chef thought for a few seconds. The opponents must be cold for 6♠. One of them must be void in diamonds, and there may be a void in hearts too. Chef awoke from his trance and pulled the 7□ card out of the bidding box and placed it on the table. He then turned to Doc on his left, and stared at him. If stares could talk, the G-rated version of this one was saying "Deal with that."

Now it was Doc's turn to tank. Took him about 5 minutes, but he finally doubled, which ended the auction.

The Chef	Doc	Luck	Stretch
	1♣	3♦	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
7♥	Dbl	All Pass	

Doc tabled the ace of clubs, and The Chef smiled when the dummy came down. Took him about a half a second to claim +2470.

The full deal:

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

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

The Chef
♠ 2
♥ A K Q 9 7 5
♦ A 5 3 2
♣ 8 6

Doc and Chef exchanged some glances as they pulled out the next hand, feeling that the match had evened out.

There was a director call across the room, and when I came back, I saw this 5-card ending, with Doc, South, at the helm of a 4♥ contract. He already had 7 tricks home and was in hand with these cards left:

Stretch
♠ Q
♥ ---
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ -

Luck
♠ 10 7
♥ ---
♦ 8 4
♣ 10

The Chef
♠ K 2
♥ ---
♦ K 7 2
♣ ---

Doc
♠ ---
♥ 9
♦ J 6
♣ 5 4

Doc led the diamond jack from hand, which was ducked in tempo all around. It was possible that Luck held all the key cards now, so getting greedy, Doc tried to put the screws to him and played off his last trump. Luck pitched a spade, as did the dummy, and The Chef, again in tempo, pitched another diamond to bare the K. Doc now took the 'known' diamond finesse again, and was already calling for the ace of diamonds when his smile turned to horror as the Chef not

only won the diamond king, but then proceeded to cash the winning spade king and set the contract with the lowly spade two.

My chicken wings arrived, and as I wiped the sauce from my cheek after the first bite, I could hear Stretch giving Doc a lecture on the finer points of Swiss Teams. I couldn't help but notice a chipper whistling flowing into the pub from the kitchen.



Test Your CSTC Play – Part II

By John Carruthers

These problems all arose at the 2016 Canadian Senior Team Championship this May in Toronto. Can you equal or better the old fogies?

Defence:

3. You are West on the following deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ K 10 5 2
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K 2
♣ 6 2

♠ —
♥ 7 6
♦ 10 9 7 4
♣ A K Q 10 9 8 7

West (You)	North (Dummy)	East (Partner)	South (Declarer)
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
4♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

You lead two high clubs. Partner follows to the first, but discards the three of diamonds (upside-down count and attitude) on the second. You continue with ... ?

4. This time you are East and it's more complicated.

Board 27. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West (You)	North (Dummy)	East (Partner)	South (Declarer)
3♦	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Your partner leads the king of diamonds, which holds the trick, and continues with the queen of diamonds. Declarer wins with the ace and plays out the ace, king and nine of clubs to your queen, partner following to all three rounds of the suit. Responding to partner's queen of diamonds as a suit-preference indicator, you shift to the seven of spades. Declarer wins with the ace (jack from partner) and leads a heart: six, queen, king, two. When declarer cashes dummy's ten of clubs, you release a heart, declarer a surprise diamond and partner a diamond. When declarer plays a spade from the dummy, you win with the queen and ... ?

ANSWERS:

3.

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

At one table in a match we played, our teammate shifted to a diamond and declarer was down at trick four. Against me, the defender played a third high club. I ruffed with the king, but could not pick up trumps and discard my diamond losers. Had I held the ace-queen-jack to five spades I'd have made an overtrick.

The principle is that partner went out of his way to encourage a diamond shift. With a promotable trump trick and just the ace of diamonds, he'd have discarded a heart or a nondescript diamond.

4.

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

The play has gone: diamond king, diamond to the ace, three rounds of clubs, spade to the ace, heart to the king, ten of clubs, spade ...

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

You can't get this one wrong with only four tricks to go, can you? All you have to do is picture what will happen if you return a low heart, with or without taking the king of spades. Declarer will duck it (he has a complete count on your partner's hand after all – spades must be 3-3 on the defence so far) and either come to the ace of hearts for the thirteenth spade or set up the thirteenth spade, then you can lead to the ace of hearts for him.

So ... exit with the jack of hearts. Declarer wins with the ace and plays a spade. You win with the king and exit with the nine of hearts, pinning the eight. Your seven of hearts takes the setting trick.

You defend so beautifully.

Opening Lead:

You are South in both of the following problems.

5. Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ A J 10 6 5
♥ 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ Q 10 8 2

West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

What do you lead?

6. Board 55. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ 6
♥ A 10 9 6 5 4
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ 10 7

West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
—	Pass	1♣	3♥
Double	5♣	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Your lead?

ANSWERS:

5. While an out-of-the-blue double of three notrump might classically say, "Lead your suit," it cannot have that meaning in this context. Partner did not raise spades or redouble one spade, so what spades could he possibly hold to double three notrump? He cannot hold three spades in a decent hand, otherwise he'd have raised you. Look at the full deal.

♠ 7 4
♥ K J 9 5
♦ 10 9 6 3
♣ 7 5 4

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

♠ A J 10 6 5
♥ 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ Q 10 8 2

The opponents have reached three notrump from the right side (three down on a spade lead at the other table, declared by West). With a stack of hearts

behind dummy, partner has attempted to warn you off a spade lead and provide you with a safe alternative. At the table, the message was not received and South led a low spade. Declarer won in hand with the nine, finessed the queen of diamonds and cashed the ace, dropping the king. The ace of clubs and a club to the jack lost to South's queen.

Belatedly, South shifted to a heart. Declarer ducked in the dummy. North won with his nine and played his second spade. South won with the ace of spades and completed an embarrassing performance by clearing the spades. Declarer won with his king of spades, cashed the king of clubs and the jack of diamonds, then endplayed North with the ten of diamonds. Dummy's ace-queen of hearts took the last two tricks for plus 550.

6. The crux of the matter is partner's five-club bid. Two things seem certain: partner has four or five hearts and East has none. East could not afford to bid five hearts with a loser in the suit, could he? So, he must have a big two-suiter and, with your diamond holding, his other suit must be spades. A spade lead might then pickle partner's holding in the suit. But could partner have been trying to tell you he has the ace of clubs and to lead a singleton club if East declares six spades? It seems clear when you think of it, doesn't it? So the solution, when they reach six clubs, is to lead your singleton spade. Partner will then win his ace of clubs and give you a spade ruff! See ...

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

At the other table, they reached the impregnable (with clubs 2-2) six spades. Here, though, your partner's brilliant bid gave you a chance to pick up 17 IMPs. Did you? You still win 2 IMPs on any other lead, but incur partner's (justified) annoyance.



Bob Hamman won another World Bridge Championship in 2016, this time the Senior Teams

Photo courtesy of JS



Barry Onslow & Mary Howe (former London Regional Chair)



Martin Hunter & Danielle Gosselin



Linda Wynston & Sondra Schubiner won the Wednesday Swiss Teams

London Regional

July 2016



Steve Goldin, Joan & Tony Viidik, Andy Risman won the Saturday Stratified Swiss



Sylviane Hyvri r, Marie Duval, Yves Decelles & Denise Leclerc won the Fri/Sat KO (2)



Adrian Record, Colin Harrington, Diane Bourdeau & David Baker won the Fri/Sat KO (1)



DISTRICT 2 FINALS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

WIN GOLD & RED POINTS!

Compete to represent District 2 in the North American Final, to be held at the NABC in Kansas City, MO - March 2017

Awards for each flight are:

- First:** \$700 per player (ACBL)
- Second:** \$300 per player (ACBL) + top-up from District 2
- Third:** Free entry to Kansas City NAP Final
- Fourth:** Free entry to Kansas City NAP Final (Flts B & C only)

Flight A (Open) Flight B (0 – 2500 MP) Flight C (NLM, <500 MP)

PLAYING SITES: This is a Multi-site District Final

Unit 166 All Flights: Hazel's Bridge Club, www.hazelsbridge.com 11:00 am & TBA
Unit 249 Flights B & C: Tillsonburg Seniors Centre 45 Hardy Ave. 11:00 am & TBA
Unit 181 Bridge Manitoba 1460 Chevrier Blvd Winnipeg

To be eligible for the District Final, players must have a club level qualification and be ACBL Members in good standing

- ✓ There are no Unit finals.
 - ✓ New partnerships may be formed at the District Level, but not the National Level
 - ✓ Players must pre-register with a Unit Co-ordinator to play in the NAP District Final
 - ✓ A minimum of 5 tables are required to run a Flight
- Please verify with your Unit Co-ordinator that the required number of pairs are registered

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34th Annual Festival of Bridge Stratford, Ontario

November 18th - 20th, 2016

Join us in beautiful and historic Stratford for the Unit's
last tournament of the year.

Friday, November 18th

299er and Open Pairs -- Single Session Events
2:00 and 6:45
NEW -- 1:00 School Bridge (1 session)
Please contact Tournament Chair for details.

Saturday, November 19th

Open Pairs -- 2 Session Event
0 - 20 and 299er Pairs -- Single Session Events
10:30 and 3:00

Sunday, November 20th

Stratflighted Open Swiss Teams
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
10:00 (Playthrough)



Tournament Chair:

Ross Driedger (226) 239-2860
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Playing Site

The Festival Inn
1144 Ontario St.
Stratford ON.
Tel: 519 - 273 - 1150
www.festivalinstratford.com

Tournament Rate:

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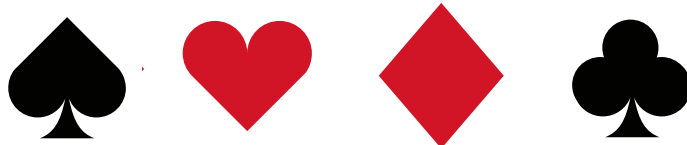
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City of Toronto Sectional January 6-8, 2017

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Friday, January 6

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Knockout Teams (continues on Saturday)	7:00 pm
0 – 500(non LM), 0-100 Pairs	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 7

(Single Session entries welcome)

Unit 166 Annual General Meeting	3:00 pm
Knockout Teams (Cont. from Fri)	11:00 am & 4:00 pm
Flight A/X Pairs	11:00 am & 4:00 pm
Flight B/C/D Pairs	11:00 am & 4:00 pm
0 – 500(non LM), 0-100 Pairs	11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 8

Flight A/X Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	11:00 am & TBA
Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	11:00 am & TBA
0 – 500 (non-LM) Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	11:00 am & TBA

All Unit 166 Tournaments Are Zero Tolerance Tournaments. Please Let The Directing Staff Know If Someone Negatively Affects Your Enjoyment At This Tournament.

Flights: (Flight is determined by highest masterpoint holding; strat within flight by average masterpoint holding.)

Friday: A=2500+, B= 1000-2500, C = 0-1000

Saturday: A=3000+, X= 0-3000, B=1500-3000, C= 750-1500, D=0-750

Sunday: A= 3000+, X= 0-3000; B= 1500-3000, C= 750-1500, D=0-750

Sectional Session Fees: ACBL Members \$14.00; 0-100 events \$10.00;
Surcharge of \$3.00 for non current ACBL members

Tournament Chair: David Halasi, halasid@rogers.com, 647-924-6939

Partnership Chair: Wayne Ruttan,
wayne.ruttan063@sympatico.ca, 647-284-8887

**Note: 0-500 and below will be stratified at DIC's discretion.
Bracketed knockouts may be handicapped at DIC's discretion.**

63rd NIAGARA DISTRICT SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Niagara District Bridge Association

ST. CATHARINES, February 10-12, 2017

A Zero-Tolerance Tournament

FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2017

(All Single Sessions Today)

Open Pairs (500/2000/unlim).....	1:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300).....	1:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50).....	1:00
Open Pairs (500/2000/unlim).....	7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300).....	7:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50).....	7:00
Friendly Fred Swiss Teams.....	7:00

SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 2017

Handicapped KO.....	9:00am, 1:00 & 7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300) - 1 session...	1:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50) - 1 session.....	1:00
Flight A/X Pairs (3000/unlim).....	1:00 & 7:00
Stratified B/C/D Pairs.....	1:00 & 7:00
(500/1000/2000)	
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300) - 1 session...	7:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50) - 1 session.....	7:00

SUNDAY, FEB. 12, 2017

299 ^{er} Swiss Teams.....	10:30 am
(50/150/300)	
Flight A/X Swiss Teams.....	10:30 am
(3000/unlim)	
B/C/D Swiss Teams.....	10:30 am
(500/1000/2000)	

* 7 Rounds of 7 Boards

* 30 minute break after 3rd or 4th round

*** Free Parking**

*** Daily Door Prizes**

*** Overall, & Section Top Prizes**

*** Session Fees Only \$13**

*** Stratification for all events by Pair/
Team average**

KO events may be handicapped

Memories of
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Exit south at Exit 47 Ontario St.

OSHAWA & DISTRICT SECTIONAL

March 4th and 5th, 2017

Come out and join us for fun & bridge at the
LVIV Hall & Pavilion
38 LVIV Blvd., Oshawa, ON, L1H 3C3



Event Schedule

Saturday, March 4th Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (A/X and B/C/D)
10:30am & TBD

Sunday, March 5th 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: \$13 (includes HST) per session for ACBL members
(non or unpaid members add \$3)

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

Tournament Manager/Partnerships – Darla Petersen,
darlapetersen@rogers.com, 905-683-1673

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.



BURLINGTON 0-500 SECTIONAL

SATURDAY MARCH 11th 2017

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

828 LEGION RD.

BURLINGTON ONTARIO

"FREE PARKING"

STRATIFIED PAIRS

2 SINGLE SESSION EVENTS

\$12.00 PER SESSION

\$3 EXTRA FOR NON-MEMBERS

SWISS CHALET \$8.50

¼ CHICKEN WITH BAKED POTATOE

INCLUDES POP OR WATER

10:00 A.M: (0-50 0-300 0-500)

2:00 P.M: (0-50 0-300 0-500)



Chair: Michelle Ellis | mellis2728@gmail.com | 905-525-1433

Co-Chair: Darlene Scott | DarleneScott@me.com | 905-257-0304



North Bay Regional



Tournament Chair Michael Beauchamp & top masterpoint winner for the week Lloyd Harris (tied with Joe Sauro)



Terrol Getson & Martin Newland won the Saturday Open Pairs (A)



Jack Campbell & Jean Harris won the Saturday Open Pairs (B&C)

August 2016



Birthday boy Rob Avery & Randal Davidson



Olivia Laufer & Albena-Maria Vassileva



Ann Szarka & Doug Oke



The Man With The Single Hair

By Eric Sutherland

When I was young, my father, Ron Sutherland, would often soliloquize around Christmas time performing monologues. One of his favourite performances was “The Man with the Single Hair” about a man with a single hair the “colour of a pink geranium.” At the end of the poem, he would cry, “The world shall see I was not always bald!”

Those moments encapsulated who he was – gregarious, stubborn, and charming. He was the true Scot having never lost his accent - despite his protestations. He was a fixture of Ontario bridge, always finding a way to lighten up a room and tell it like it is. Many reported him as kind and patient, never berating his partner. Others would say his laser-like tongue would find the perfect quip in any situation.

At the bridge table, he was no slouch. He was an Emerald Life Master, in the top 100 Canadians for masterpoints, and he won two silvers and a bronze in the Canadian Senior Teams. He was a creative and adept player as evidenced in this hand (originally reported by Terry Bradley in the Winter 2006 Kibitzer).

My father was West playing in an IMP Pairs game with Wendy Dooley against Terry Bradley and Bob Panchuk. My father held:

♠ K J
♥ K J 8
♦ 10 4 3
♣ J 7 5 4 2

North dealt and opened 1 Spade. The auction proceeded:

North (Bob)	South (Terry)
1♠	2♦
2♠	4NT
5♥	6♦

What would you lead?



Dad was my partner and first teacher.

Dad figured that his spade holding was less-than-optimal, so he decided to start with the jack of spades. This was the whole hand:

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

Terry called for the ace and took the “marked” spade ruffing finesse. Dad uttered, “Gotcha,” as he won with the king. He then completed the coup by returning the king of hearts to guarantee that declarer had to go down. Dad and Wendy won the game and Terry and Bob were second.

Sadly, Dad passed away on July 17th. From the wealth of remembrances and well-wishes, I know he will be missed. In fact, on Sunday, Oct. 23 the MObridge club (Dad’s “home club”) hosted a memorial game and individual. Martin Hunter smoothly directed the individual; the overall winner was John Duquette. Plenty of Dad’s bridge cronies were in attendance and the room was full of laughter as folks got up to tell a story or two featuring my dad.

He will live on in our memory – reciting “The Man with the Single Hair.”



Ron Sutherland tucking into dinner while on holiday



Attending the Ron Sutherland Memorial:

- Gary Westfall
- Jared Riley
- Eric Sutherland
- Gerry VanLierop
- Jan Fox
- Bill Howlett
- Ron Groulx



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