



# *The Kibitzer*

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**Winners of the GNT Flight A: Colin Lafferty,  
Keith Heckley, Doug Andrews & Mel Norton**





## Editor's Note

Lots of congratulations to dole out as many local area players fared well in national events in Atlanta at the recently held NABC. First up, our cover boys: Colin Lafferty, Keith Heckley, Doug Andrews, and Mel Norton, for winning the Grand National Teams, Flight A. Also to John Carruthers and Mike Roche, for winning the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, a prestigious 3-day event. And to Linda Wynston, along with her partner Sondra Schubiner, who won the Wagar Women's Pairs. Well done, everyone;

District 2 is awesome!

To help celebrate the accomplishments of John Carruthers, Unit 249 is hosting a special game in his honour to coincide with the beginning of the Stratford Sectional (Nov. 16-18) Please see the ad on page 7 for details.

We are celebrating the Bridge Club beginning with this issue and continuing with the Winter issue due out in mid-November. Please see the club-related articles written by Barbara Seagram (on owning/managing a club), David Colbert (on improving your bidding at the club), and The Shoe (on playing at the GTA clubs of yesteryear).

We'd love to hear about your club story. Please send to me before Oct. 31.

The Kib is running two contests this issue. Please see page 47 for details.

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**Highly recommended by Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel.**  
**My error: Barbados is Barbara's homeland for almost 4 centuries**  
**(not millennium)!!!**

Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel will be attending the tournament in 2019.  
There will be THREE free seminars given by Barbara while there.

Alex will also be available to go over hands anytime.

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Hands-on seminar by Barbara Seagram @  
9.30am **DEMON DOUBLING**  
Laos Presentation by Patti Lee  
ACBL Sanctioned game follows till 3.30 pm

Patti and Barbara run a fundraiser every year to raise money to buy water filters for Laos. Cost for the day will be \$12.00 to cover the cost of lunch, rent and ACBL fees, plus a minimum donation of \$40.00 per person (NO MAXIMUM). A tax receipt will be issued for the donation portion.

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## You are invited! ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Unit 249 is hosting a FRIENDLY Championship Game in honour of JOHN CARRUTHERS, Member of the Canadian Hall of Fame, Silver Medalist World Senior Pairs, and Winner of the 2018 Life Master Pairs. And you are invited!

Location - Stratford, Ontario at The Festival Inn. Thursday Nov. 15, 2018 at 2:30 PM (prior to Stratford Sectional).  
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## Another GTA GLM: Jim Priebe

*Jim achieved Grand Life master status in December of 2016 in a regular duplicate game at Steve Overholt's Etobicoke Bridge Center, playing with Steve Mackay, his all-time favourite partner. Here's Jim in his own words:*

I joined the ACBL in 1957 shortly after college, but my bridge career started 15 years before that. Culbertson's brilliant publicity penetrated small Canadian prairie towns in the 1930s and engrossed my parents. They taught my sister and me to play when we were seven and six and we had a weekly family foursome. Duplicate bridge was unknown in those parts and the first and only lesson we had involved the deal, the bidding, and the play. The bidding system was simple: thirteen points to open the bidding, 4 notrump to ask for aces, and never leave partner in her second suit, plus lots of table talk. Play was equally simple: lead 4th best from your longest and strongest, second hand plays low, and third hand high.

I played lots of bridge at college, and after graduation found the best training program available: rubber

bridge. One found a game at the highest stake affordable and jumped in. The games provided lots of tobacco smoke, good card play, no alcohol and no sophisticated bidding. If you could not figure out what partner and opponents were doing, you were the pigeon.

Luckily my dear wife Joan developed a love for bridge shortly after we met. Throughout our married life we enjoyed social bridge with friends and many wonderful duplicate games. Raising four children and dealing with our careers were always our top priorities, but we managed to score regional victories against some of the best players in the world. I won most of my masterpoints on the way to becoming a Grand Life master partnered with Joan.



My early mentor was Bill Bambrick from Ottawa, who died at a very early age. As a teenager he used to hitchhike to Toronto and play rubber bridge in Sheardown's club. His brother Bob, who died recently in Ottawa, was a long time partner and friend. I became a life master in 1965, earning most of the points playing in tournaments with Bill as partner and Bob as a teammate.



Other great partners I have had over the years include Steve Mackay and Lew Richardson. I rate Steve as an excellent bidding theorist and Lew as a wonderful defensive player.

One of the big thrills of my bridge career was winning the Canadian team championship in 2004 with Steve as partner along with fine teammates (Lew, Ray Jotcham, David Lindop, and Mike Cummings). I was proud to have the first book I wrote, THINKING ON DEFENCE, included on the BRIDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA shortlist of recommended books published over the past 50 years.

I have been privileged to serve as president on boards of directors in

the Kingston unit, the Montreal Bridge League, and the Canadian Bridge Federation.

My favourite hand over all the years I have played is this one, (defensive play, of course) from a Swiss tournament a few years ago:

DUMMY

♠ J1092  
♥ KQ965  
♦ 8  
♣ AJ5

YOU

♠ 4  
♥ A8742  
♦ AK76  
♣ KI08

The auction:

LHO	Pard	RHO	You
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

Partner leads a low diamond, you win the king and now what?

I knew that with a singleton heart, partner would lead it, so rule that out. If declarer had a singleton heart he would not open INT (15-17 HCPs). The only distribution left is for partner to have a heart void. But if you lead ace of hearts now you set up the heart suit for declarer. So, lead the beautiful 2 of hearts. Partner ruffs and will not fail to lead a club for down one and 10 imps.

At the other table the auction was not as revealing. Holding five spades our teammate did not open INT. Another favourite hand is also a

defensive gem. Playing in a national Board-a-Match event, Lew Richardson and I were defending 3NT against Eddie Wold. To defeat the hand, Lew had to underlead a 9 at trick 11 so I could win with the 8 and cash the setting tricks.



Your editor has posed a bidding question: “Playing matchpoints, first seat, non-vulnerable vs vulnerable, what is the worst hand you would open with 1 Heart?” and, you know, I thought he would never ask! My

example is from a tournament game in Ottawa at least 50 years ago. Psychic bids were perfectly legal and common in those days and I was guilty on many occasions.

Holding this hand, not vul vs vul:

♠ AQxxx

♥ xx

♦ xxx

♣ xxx

I opened 1 Heart! This was the full auction:

Me	LHO	Pard	RHO
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♠**	All pass!

\*Cannot pass now and expose the psyche so early

\*\*Game try in those days, bless him

Opponents were cold for 7 Hearts. Is that hand weak enough?



Linda Wynston,  
(right) won the  
Wager Women’s  
Pairs at the Atlanta  
NABC with Sondra  
Schubiner







# 2018 Atlanta NABC Report

By Jonathan Steinberg

While the final attendance numbers met the most recent ACBL budget estimate, the downward trend of NABCs held in Atlanta is unmistakable:

2005 - 13,463 tables

2013 - 12,363 tables

2018 - 11,268 tables

For the most part, the Marriott Marquis, the host hotel, was a fine choice. Playing areas for ALL events were excellent along with ample and nearby washrooms. Hospitality and entertainment were fabulous. The local volunteers did an outstanding job.

There were problems with at least one elevator bank during the first weekend. I heard of players walking down 30 flights of stairs during “rush hour.” One can’t really fault the ACBL for that.

The one complaint I heard from many was that when the Marriott recently renovated they removed all drawers from the rooms! Janet Sherwood told me that when they booked the hotel,

the rooms had drawers...but no longer. This appears to be a recent trend to “minimize” rooms and the fact that Millennials live out of suitcases! Not to mention that the ACBL players who stay longer than one week are the exception rather than the rule.

As if the ACBL meeting planners don’t have enough to worry about, they may now need to add: “Check if hotel rooms have drawer space!”

## **News from the Board of Governors Meeting**

In 2018, ACBL membership is marginally down, sectionals are marginally up, but Regional tournament attendance has declined 7% continuing the downward trend from 2017. This results in decreased revenue.

A bombshell announcement was made. The ACBL was writing off \$375,000 as a result of yet another failed technology project. A Microsoft Customer Relations Management (CRM) software program had been purchased, apparently without enough due diligence to recognize its



David Lindop, Bob Hamman & Doug Baxter

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incompatibility with the existing ACBL technology platforms!

Further, it was announced that the ACBL would lose close to one million dollars in 2018. The upcoming Hawaiian NABC junket will not help the bottom line. But besides decreased revenue, much of the loss relates to what I call the black hole of technology upgrades. Worse, is that all of the failed projects were initiated because the ACBL has a pressing need to modernize, upgrade & improve its technology. That need remains as strong as ever.

Given the previous \$2+ Million write-off from the ACBL Score fiasco, one has to question the ACBL's internal controls, checks & balances. I spoke with District 10 ACBL Board member Russ Jones who told me the ACBL has greatly strengthened its internal controls and this type of cost overrun/write-off should not happen again. Perhaps; but history suggests that

confidence in the ACBL Board of Directors and its Governance model may be misplaced.

Russ Jones, BTW, is likely to be the ACBL 2019 President. Stay tuned.

## **ACBL Board of Directors Motions Approved**

The Board has abolished the position of CEO which started with Jay Baum and will return to the former title of Executive Director. Perhaps with a salary in the 175-200K range as compared to the more recent 300-350K! The position is unlikely to be filled until late 2018 or more likely early 2019.

The Board eliminated free trips to the Fall meeting for newly elected Board members who take office on January 1. Effective immediately. This should save more than 20K just on Hawaii this year, especially since there may be as many as 5 or 6 new Board members in 2019.

Due to lack of attendance, the NABC Women's BAM and Senior KO are being eliminated. The 0-10K KO is being reduced to a 3 day event.

Are you all sitting down? This is NOT Fake News! The Board has finally established term limits -- 4 terms or 12 years maximum. Naturally, current Board members are grandfathered.

Behind the scenes the ACBL might be negotiating a settlement with former CEO Bahar Gidwani. Or perhaps arbitration is underway. Hopefully an agreement will be reached. He will be paid off and there will be one less lawsuit filed against the ACBL. I would not expect any public announcements when/if a deal is reached.

## The Great Cash Grab Continues

Consider: 160 teams enter a 3 day NABC Swiss event. 80 teams qualify for Day 2 and 40 teams qualify for Day 3. Only 40 of the original 160 teams

will receive overall awards. 120 teams will only receive match awards. So why does EVERY player (even when they don't play) have to pay a full day's entry fee? The effect is to have fewer 6 person teams -- what pair wants to pay \$100 to only play 4 matches?

This is also not a new issue. It is based on "every 6 person team has a rich sponsor" and the fallacy of "everyone" receives the same overall award (FALSE, only 25% of teams reach the promised land). Perhaps more relevant is that it is a cash grab that is necessary because of the (literally) MILLIONS of dollars written off because of bad decisions, poor management, an out-of-touch and way beyond their depth Board of Directors.

Another \$375,000 written off in 2018. An estimated loss forecast to be near \$1,000,000. But no accountability and no meaningful change in ACBL Governance is on the radar.



Jacob Freeman & Martin Zhao, 2nd Young LM Pairs

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## Restructuring the ACBL Governance Model

History has proven that a 25-member political ACBL Board of Directors model of governance has been a failure. NABC attendance is dropping, revenue is declining, the average age of an ACBL member is now ballpark 74!

Any and all attempts to restructure and reform the ACBL Board have failed. Yet another attempt was planned for the ACBL AGM which is held at the Summer meeting during the Sunday Board of Governors meeting. But since no quorum was reached, no official motions could be made or approved. Some believe that scheduling the AGM for 10 am on Sunday morning is deliberate and designed to minimize attendance.

## ACBL ZERO Tolerance ~ Does It Exist?

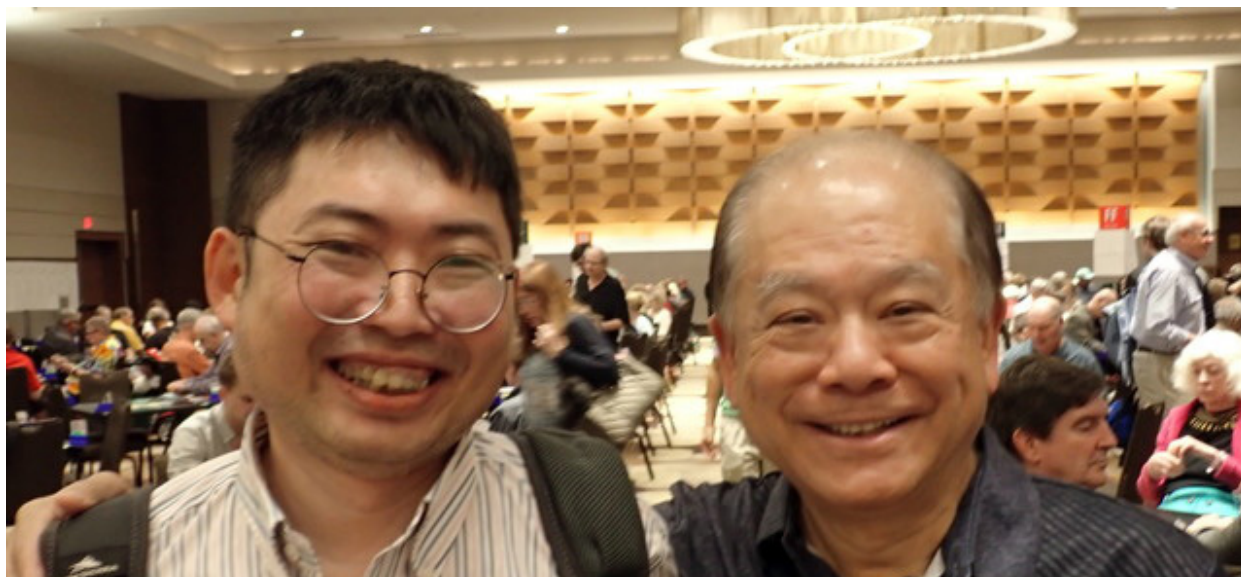
In broad terms I, and I suspect most

of us, approve of the trend towards better manners and improved behaviour. But a literal interpretation of instant and automatic penalties with no redress is neither fair nor equitable. Especially since the penalties are somewhat arbitrary and randomly enforced. It is not so much WHAT you did, but rather if anyone sees or hears you. Or sometimes, it depends upon WHO notices the infraction, or perhaps WHO you are. Justice is neither fair nor equal in the real world nor the ACBL world.

Please refer to my post on Bridge Winners for more information:

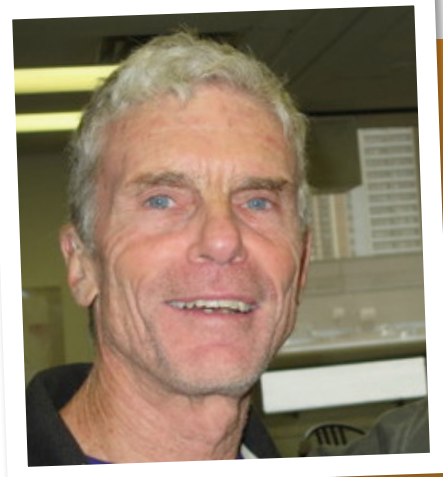
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My best wishes to all for continued success at the bridge table. Stay healthy and be well.



*Sherman Gao & Richard Chan won the Sunday Fast Open Pairs*

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# Ten Redoubles You Never Met at Your Club

By David Colbert

I am a frequent player and sometimes teacher at the Olympium, our thriving Etobicoke bridge club. The intermediate players there are sharp, but unaware of a lot of available bids and agreements that more experienced players generally have. These bids add depth to the game and to our ability to solve problems. One bidding card rarely used is the blue one—the redouble. Last week I used it, and the elderly woman on my left said with a cackle, “I’ve been playing for ten years and never seen that card on the table.” This got me thinking. I realized there are lots of uses for the redouble and many of us are unfamiliar with them. The following is my own personal version of its applications and uses. I believe that all of them are logical and useful, thus require little memory work.

In the following text I put all opponent bids in brackets. Here are 10 uses of the redouble:

## 1) The Common

Shows 10+ points and poorish support for partner.

You hold:

♠A1098 ♥3 ♦KJ8 ♣J975 and

it goes 1♥ (Double) Redouble. Here, a 2♣ bid by me would show clubs with fewer than 10 points. It is common now for them to be in trouble. They have about 16 points at most between them and have to find a contract. I (and I hope partner) are primed to double them in anything they bid.

Had I held 4 hearts and 10+ points, I would bid 2NT Dormer: a lighter form of Jacoby 2NT, both promising 4-card trump support or better.

## 2) The Support

You have:

♠A54 ♥67 ♦KQ983 ♣KJ2

You open 1♦ and it goes (Pass)

1♠ (Double) Redouble by you.

This is helpful, showing exactly 3-card spade support. So a raise to 2♠ here would show 4-card support. This helps partner in many ways. For example, she may now know how high to compete with a 4- or 5-card spade suit. You might even have a 6-card diamond suit but can still use the

redouble, then rebid diamonds next.

### 3) The Not-so-fast

You hold:

♠1085 ♥A983 ♦KJ43 ♣J9

and it goes 1♠ by partner (Pass) and you bid 2♠. The auction continues (Pass) Pass (Double) Redouble by you. Your message is, "Not so fast!" They are balancing against us? Ha. You are telling partner you have a maximum 2♠ bid with a defensive kind of hand. You are a) not keen on her competing to 3♠, and b) that she should feel encouraged to double the opponents.

### 4) The Compulsory Rescue

You have:

♠Q86 ♥KJ105 ♦A7 ♣K986

and open 1♣. It goes (Double) Pass (Pass) Redouble by you. What is going on? Right hand opponent (RHO) has a stack of clubs and is not taking out his partner's double. You, I guarantee, are doomed in 1♣. Clubs are often 5-1 or even 6-1 against you. When I hear this auction I don't even look at my hand. I know what's coming. I redouble to tell partner to save us in her best suit. In my experience this is "always" better than playing 1♣ doubled. This little rule only applies to 1♣ or 1♦ opening bids.

### 5) The Retransfer

You have:

♠J7 ♥Q98752 ♦1075 ♣J10

and it goes INT (Pass) 2♦ by you,

transfer to hearts. The auction continues (Double) Pass (Pass) Redouble by you. Partner passed the double of 2♦ because she has only two hearts. Well, you still want to be in 2♥ with partner the declarer so that her hand is hidden and they must lead up to her. My redouble is clear. She knows I want her to bid 2♥, not play in 2♦ redoubled.

### 6) The Let's-stop-here

You open 1NT with:

♠J7 ♥KQ2 ♦K732 ♣AQ107

and it goes (Pass) 2♣ (Double) Redouble by you. Why not?

Sometimes partner has a hand like ♠AK85 ♥J4 ♦A976 ♣532 and knows we will easily make 3NT. We can surely make 2♣ redoubled. All my clubs are behind RHO and we just need eight tricks. She made a reasonable lead directing double of 2♣ with: ♠Qxx ♥Ax ♦xx ♣KJ953 but you can probably make two overtricks. A vulnerable 2♣ redoubled contract making is worth 760—clearly better than any 3NT contract result. Plus, overtricks increase your score at 400 a pop! Ex.: 2♣ redoubled making two overtricks is worth 1560.

### 7) The Lead-em Partner

This one requires partnership agreement and an alert but is easy to remember because it is "natural." You hold:

♠J76 ♥K5 ♦K10865 ♣754

and it goes (1♣) 2♥ (Double)



Redouble by you. This is a cool bid which shows the ace or king in partner's suit. Period. Could even be singleton. You want a heart lead, but can't raise hearts. Partner with ♥AQ10832 might even lead a low one. If she leads say, a diamond, then she surely has a singleton there and wants a ruff. Why else would you not lead your own suit? Might you be left in 2♥ redoubled?

In my experience this is unlikely, as your hand strength is unknown to all.

### 8) The Cuebid

You hold:

♠KJ87 ♥KQ52 ♦Q9 ♣A76  
and partner opens 1♠. You bid Jacoby 2NT and she bids 3♣ to show a singleton or void. RHO doubles which shows clubs and suggests a 5♣ sacrifice contract to partner. Redouble by you. You want to show the club ace and keep the bidding conveniently low. Perfect. Partner knows you don't want to play there, since she is short in clubs.

### 9) The Oh-Oh

After a 1♠ opener on your right, you overcall 2♣ with:

♠6 ♥K87 ♦AJ63 ♣QJ932.  
(This 2♣ bid is debatable, but I used to be in the debating club.)  
It goes (Double) Pass (Pass) to you. Oh-oh, you may be in trouble here. You don't want to play 2♣ doubled. Someone has a stack of clubs. Answer? Redouble. Partner will figure this out. We hope. It is like #4 on our list. In

my experience the chance of us finding a better spot is high since the opponents have so many clubs. Partner has length in one of the red suits and will now save you. That's what partners are for. Then she gets to play the hand.

### 10) The DONT

You have a poor hand:

♠7 ♥Q65 ♦1087 ♣J95432.

It goes (1♠) INT (Double)

Redouble. This is part of DONT rescues, an essential tool for me. It asks partner to bid 2♣ and I will pass or pull to another suit. I have shown her 5 or more clubs and a weak hand. This system applies whenever RHO makes a penalty double of INT. Note: the DONT Redouble does not apply if RHO's Double is conventional. The other part of DONT is that an immediate bid over the double shows that suit and some higher suit. Example: Bid 2♦ over the double with:

♠7 ♥Q543 ♦107532 ♣J65 to show diamonds and a major.





# Carruthers-Roche Get Hot in Atlanta

By John Carruthers

*Ed. note: Former Kibitzer editor John Carruthers teamed up with long-time friend and former Toronto resident Michael Roche (aka "Piglet") to play in the Life Master Pairs at the recent NABC in Atlanta. They won! Modest in victory, John was asked on Bridgewinners for a hand or two. He refused, citing, "it would be too embarrassing!" In an email to me, he wrote, "Piglet and I have now fulfilled ONE of the requirements for sainthood: we have performed a miracle. The other requirements may be more problematic." Here's John, with a hand from the event:*

## The Loser Squeeze

I quite enjoyed this board from the second session of the final of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs; that is, until I saw my score ... then it became a moderate disappointment.

**Session 6. Board 7.**  
**Dealer South**  
**Both Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Roche	Levin	Carruthers
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass*	

\* Slow pass

When Weinstein led the ten of spades, Rusinow, and the dummy came down, I knew that Levin must have all the outstanding high cards from his long pause over two notrump-pass-pass. I reasoned that, with the hopeless hand



he obviously held, Stevie would have led even a singleton heart if he'd had one. With 6-5, Levin would more-likely have bid, so I tentatively placed him with 6-4 in the reds, thus just three black cards. So, I won the first trick with the queen of spades and led a low club. When Bobby followed with the nine, I had a pretty safe play of leading to dummy's eight. Even if it lost to the doubleton jack, my contract was safe – he'd have to lead a red suit and give me my eighth trick (I'd have three spades and four clubs, plus the red trick he gave me).

When Levin pitched a heart, Stevie flinched just a bit and looked at me out of the corner of his eye. I led a low heart and Levin played the jack, forcing my king – that was my eighth trick. At that point, I could have cashed one spade and led another heart to Bobby's queen and he'd have had to give me a red trick. However, just in case I'd misread the table action and had a third spade, I ran my black tricks – the ending I envisioned was more elegant anyway, and more certain. Before I cashed the queen of clubs, this was the situation (Levin had discarded



the jack of diamonds as an attempted smokescreen):

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

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

Most squeezes by declarer require a defender to discard a winner or a guard in a suit. On the queen of clubs, however, Bobby was squeezed out of a loser! Unlike a run-of-the-mill squeeze, here I'd discard the same suit as he did and make a winner in the suit he kept. In practice he discarded a heart, so I did too. When I led a diamond from the dummy, he played low and the queen of diamonds was my ninth trick. Levin was semi-gracious, but did not

address me directly: "He played it well," he said to Stevie.

So, why was this a mild disappointment? When I checked the frequencies out of curiosity, I discovered that our score on this board was 34%! Then I saw all the minus 200s, 500s and even an occasional 800 that East/West had gone for. Levin had won the board with his final pass – or maybe I'd lost it by bidding two notrump rather than a more-conservative matchpoint one notrump, perhaps luring him into a vulnerable indiscretion. Had I made only eight tricks, we'd have scored 26%. Of the 39 North/South pairs who played this board, 25 of them made a score of 200 or better. I was amused when Deep Finesse informed me that par on the board was plus 600 North/South. Exactly one pair out of 39 achieved that 'par' (and scored 89% for their enterprise). It was only a mild disappointment because we won the event.



**Brampton Sectional  
caddies:  
Frank Sheppard,  
Lennox Stark &  
Adam Nevins**







# Bridge Club Memories

By Barbara Seagram

How do you make a million dollars running a bridge club? Answer: Start with two million. Running a bridge club is the hardest thing I have ever done. Most people don't realize the effort that goes into it. They see all the money coming in but they are blissfully unaware of how much goes out. It is a 24/7 job.

The biggest hurdle is finding a venue... it isn't the venue per se, it's the parking. In a big city, it is an enormous challenge to find free and plentiful parking. Office buildings don't want evening tenants and shopping malls frequently restrict number of cars and number of hours. You need lots of square footage to allow for privacy at the bridge table so it is all a whopping expense.

Owning and running a full-time bridge club is not a profession, it's a calling. You are not doing it for money; you are doing it for love. To be successful, clubs must create new bridge players by having a good teaching programme for beginners and intermediates. There is money to be made in teaching the game. Clubs

then need to provide steppingstones for players: 0-5 supervised play games, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 so they can grow gradually. The newbies have to have gentle, happy experiences as they progress; they simply aren't ready to jump into open games. When Alex and I ran Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio, we had 25 games a week and 10-12 classes a week, in addition to a bridge tip given for 15 minutes before every novice and intermediate game.

My mother-in-law (from marriage #1) sent us to bridge lessons at Kate Buckman's in April, 1975 when I had just retired from teaching nursing. I was going to be a housewife and mother and never work again. I started working for Kate in Sept. 1975 at the princely sum of \$30.00 a week. I began teaching for Kate two years later and I was already co-managing the club by then. My responsibilities grew and grew and Alex and I bought the club in 1990. In 2006, the club was named as the top bridge club in North America by the ACBL, out of over 3200 clubs, so that was pretty exciting.

It is a joy for any teacher (and I am no

exception) to see the light go on in a student's eyes as they "get it!" We all love to see the addiction take hold. Positive feedback from students is my greatest reward.

Challenges: Negative people should take up some other sport. If they don't want to smile, they should stay away. It's a game...a great game. Club owners beware: If you can't bear to evict a regular customer because of the potential lost revenue, know that you are losing much more by allowing these people to play in your club. The less hardened players simply won't put up with cranky people. That is the lost revenue you should really care about.

Here is something I would tell a club player: be nicer than necessary should be the message of the day...every day! Your opponents should leave the table happy for the experience and the pleasure of your company, regardless

of the result. I would like to think that the Zero Tolerance policy that Paul Cronyn, Hans Jacobs, and I created 22 years ago has helped to make the world of duplicate a better place.

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice! Play duplicate bridge twice a week at least. I was once told: "Once a week player? Always a weak player!" Play in stronger games whenever you can and ask some of your opponents or the director what you could have done better. Be sure to go over at least four hands at the end of every game.

Jacoby 2NT is my favourite convention. It is a must for all levels of players but don't learn only page one. The rebids by the opener allow you to discover slam potential with only 26 points based on specific distribution (I call it finding magic!) such as singletons or voids in all the right places.



Players participating  
in the GTA Chinese  
University Cup





Here is a favourite hand involving defence, what I most love to teach:

♠ A9	♠ Q1074
♥ 87432	♥ Q105
♦ 763	♦ KQJ10
♣ AK5	♣ Q9
	♠ 632
	♥ 9
	♦ 982
	♣ J106432
	♠ KJ85
	♥ AKJ6
	♦ A54
	♣ 87

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♥
			4♠

Imagine that you are sitting West. You lead the ♣A. Partner signals with the ♣2. You look at the dummy and see that dummy has three hearts. Let's see: You have 5, declarer has four hearts

(which he showed on the bidding). Your partner must have a singleton ♥. You now switch to the ♥8. East follows with his singleton ♥9. The trick is won by dummy's ♥10.

Declarer now plays a trump. You win it immediately with the ♠A and lead another ♥ which partner ruffs. Partner now leads back a club to your king. You now give East another ruff. Down two because you were 1) focused; 2) took the time to work out declarer's hand; and 3) you figured out partner's distribution.

Bob Hamman calls this "being at the table." This game is all about being focused. Your opponents, if they are good players, will be doing the same thing. When they aren't chatty or super-social, it's not that they're being mean or unfriendly; they're just concentrating on the task at hand. And they are having fun – otherwise they wouldn't be there at all!





# Fifty Years Ago

By Michael Schoenborn  
(the Shoe)

Back in 1968, when I had long hair and a short temper, I was almost a life master being carried to undeserved victory by guys like John Cunningham, David Bryce, Andy Altay, John Sabino, Doug Dearborn, and Fred Lerner. Today my stories are long, but my memory is short, so I will rely heavily on my own book, [Bridge on a Shoestring](#) which captures much of that era. Feel free to do further research by getting the book, which gets credit for the hands in this story, all true, if you thought 50 years ago was boring.

My first game of duplicate took place a few years earlier at the St. Clair Bridge Club when it was still on St. Clair. Percy 'Shorty' Sheardown was a local legend and world-class bridge player. We were thrilled to come in almost average. It was the last time I tried to bid to the contract of five of a minor, even if it was the superior spot. Eventually, the St. Clair club moved out to Bathurst and Wilson, which was like the other end of the world for me, so I only ventured out there rarely to play in their team league. Vestiges of the St. Clair Club still exist, as it eventually

joined forces with the Regal Bridge Studio in the plaza at Bathurst and Lawrence.

The first real bridge club for me was the bridge club of the University of Toronto, the Hart House Bridge Club. Hart House is a massive student union building built by the Massey family (of Massey-Ferguson fame) circa World War I, for male students. You could tell it was for men by the food that no woman would have tolerated, made famous on cubicle walls by the graffiti, "Please flush twice, it's a long way to the Hart House kitchens."

By the time I got to Hart House in the sixties, women were tolerated and there was a regular, free duplicate bridge game on Tuesday evenings. The club had first been run in about 1930 by, you guessed it, Percy Sheardown.

Hart House was one of the birthplaces of destructive bidding, with systems like the Ugly Club and Neapolitan Shaft. These systems were designed to get into the bidding before the opponents. John Cunningham invented the Ugly Club with the specific

additional objective of destroying the takeout double:

1♣ Opening	6 to 12 HCP majors
1♦ Opening	13+ HCP majors
1♥ Opening	6 to 12 HCP minors
1♠ Opening	13+ HCP minors
INT	10 to 12 HCP balanced
Pass	0 to 5 HCP
Single raise	artificial and forcing

We spent a whole afternoon perfecting this system with Doug Dearborn at the Bay-Bloor tavern. I recruited David Bryce, and John and Doug each got a partner, so we had three pairs playing it that evening at Hart House, intoxication notwithstanding. We finished first, second and fourth. I was particularly proud of this effort:

♠ J 10 9 8 7 5  
 ♥ J 5 3  
 ♦ A 10 9 6  
 ♣ ---

This was a perfect 1♣ opener for me in Ugly Club, and my LHO overcalled 1♥. David produced a cue bid of 2♥, whatever that was, and RHO raised to 3♥. I had enough to pass, and my LHO raised himself to 4♥. We were vulnerable against not, and David came out with 4♠ in the hot seat. Sure, I was bound to have some spades, but did my pass of 3♥ deny hearts? I doubted it, and after some thought, raised to 6♠. That was laydown opposite:

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

What a system! Not only do you get to open a vulnerable six-count, you get to upgrade your hand and raise to slam. And it makes... We improved the Ugly Club later with the Neapolitan Shaft which opened all hands except 13 to 16 unbalanced, the forcing pass. There was a bridge club at the College Street YMCA where Katie Thorpe and I trotted out the Neapolitan Shaft in our law school days, early seventies. We started a major brawl when Katie opened with pass holding

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

I explained 13 to 16 HCP unbalanced. After my RHO passed, I also passed holding:

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

I reasoned that we held 16 to 19 HCP and that Katie probably held short spades. After a long argument about whether or not my pass also had to show 13 to 16 HCP and then a further truculent discussion about whether opponents could balance double for takeout, my LHO balanced 1♣ with 20 HCP and six solid clubs. Of course, with the spade blockage, he makes four notrump or more, six on a low diamond lead. The actual result was noticeably worse: Katie overcalled a diamond and I suddenly had a great hand. My RHO passed, I bid 1♠, LHO contributed a sullen 3♣ and I had



enough to re-balance 3♦. That ended the auction and made six on a club lead and a diamond shift from K x. No one took time out to admire our system.

Of course, in the sixties and early seventies, student bridge players invariably gravitated to Kate Buckman's, located at 10 Eglinton Avenue East, third floor, until it burned down around 1971. Kate Buckman was an old lady of unlimited niceness and patience, plus, she had a student rate of a dollar a session. She was bridge teacher of the year for more years than there were years. She had as directors the lovely Bruce Raichman (the 'Snowman') and the irascible Bob Clair, who once ruled in the middle of one of my live auctions, that the opponents did not have to pause over my skip bid of 3♠, because I did not hold a 3♠ bid.



It was at Kate's that I first met Fred Lerner, then just a handsome young lad who had married the lovely Margaret O'Neill. One of the other regulars was Harry Abel, "the Owl." In some Sunday afternoon game which for me was actually late Saturday night after an all night kings game and a lot of drinking, Fred & I defended this hand against the Owl. That marked the exact moment when I realized Fred was more than just a pretty face:

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

On lead versus 4♠, Fred led the queen of diamonds, won by the Owl with the ace. He led a cagey low club from hand and when Fred followed low, the Owl called for the eight. That held the trick as I played low. The Owl straightened up perceptibly, sat cross-legged on his chair and pondered his good fortune. He travelled to the closed hand with a high trump and led another club. Fred, who looked as asleep as I felt, found the rise with the jack of clubs. The Owl won and travelled to the closed hand with the other high trump. No queen appeared and he took the marked finesse against the queen of clubs, losing. When I cashed the queen of trumps he was suddenly a trick short.

Being a headline thief, I was the centre of attention on the interrogation about how I had found the duck of the queen of clubs. In the meantime noone even noticed Fred's play of the jack of clubs, which was a much better play. It was especially better as I had to admit after a gruelling cross-examination (hangover and all) what I was thinking, that on the first club, the Owl had called the ace, not the eight.

The best place of all was the Metro Club, out around 800 College Street West and later at the YWCA on McGill Street. Its game was every Friday night. It was best because Bob Haines, who ran the club and became Unit 166 President, prepared a multi-course free dinner for all of us penniless students. He himself did not eat, preferring to drink clear liquid we thought might be gin or vodka. He also published a magazine called "What's Trump" where people like John Sabino, Andy Altay and I, certifiable lunatics in any other environment, could propound our bridge theories to universal laughter and occasional approbation. After the game, we would all go back to Bob's place for drinks and hand discussions. As with all good things, it had to come to an end, in this case when Bob and his boyfriend eloped to Tasmania.

Before this tragic elopement, the Metro Club bridge paradise produced many of the best bridge stories. Here is just one with Doug Dearborn (occasionally known as "the Victim," best poker player I ever met, just played bridge once in a while for the hell of it). I am his partner, a step

behind, like the Duke of Edinburgh:

the Shoe

♠ J 10 8

♥ A 2

♦ 9 8 7 3

♣ 10 9 6 2

♠ A 7

♥ K Q J 10

♦ Q J

♣ K J 7 5 4

♠ 4 3 2

♥ 9 8 7 6 5 3

♦ 10 5

♣ 8 3

Doug

♠ K Q 9 6 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ A Q

Doug opened 1♠, vul vs NV, and LHO doubled. Trying not to get too high for fear of a minus 200 at matchpoints, I bid 2♥. Doug's RHO huddled for a rather long time and read our convention card on both sides, then finally passed. Doug raised effortlessly to 3♥, doubled in tones of thunder by LHO. I meekly removed to 3♠ and Doug raised himself to game, doubled again by LHO on his heart tricks: hadn't they been bid and raised? With diamonds splitting, 4♠ doubled made an overtrick.

I wish I had time to tell you about the Toronto Island Bridge Club, held alternate weeks at the Algonquin Island Clubhouse. I played with John Cunningham, but most of the best stuff happened when he had to run to catch the last boat and I was left recruiting replacements from the darts game. You'll just have to read all about it in [Bridge on a Shoestring](#) chapter 5: "Three Minutes to Winning Bridge."



# For Newer Players

By Robert Griffiths

## A Double Fit

Dir: S  
Vul: NS

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

North-South were playing 2/1, so when South opened 1♠ and North replied 2♦ the side was committed to bidding to a game. East, not to be intimidated, came in with a takeout double, showing the other two suits.

Knowing about the big diamond fit South decided to go slowly by merely bidding 2♠ when West got into the action with a 3♣ call. This gave North room to show his Spade support with

a 3♠ bid, still forcing to game.

East jumped to 5♣, sacrificing over the opponents' presumed 4♠ contract.

Now South, who liked his 9 high card points more and more as the auction went on, jumped to 6♦, and North chose to correct to 6♠, which was passed out.

The auction:

West	North	East	South
P	2♦	Dbf	1♠
3♣	3♠	5♣	2♠
P	6♠	All pass	6♦

On a club lead, South drew trumps and could make the slam as long he could bring in the diamond suit for just one loser. Is there a way to guarantee losing only one trick with this diamond holding?

If South had bid 7♦ and could afford no losers in the suit, his best play is the A♦ first, needing to catch a singleton K♦, or less likely, lead the Q♦ from his



hand, winning the finesse if West had K7 and East the singleton  $\diamond J$ .

Here, when South can afford one diamond loser, but not two, leading the  $\diamond A$  is the wrong play. There is only one way to ensure just one loser: he has to lead the 10 (or 9) from his hand, playing low unless West either covers the 10 or shows out. If South can capture one honour with the ace, he will only lose one trick to the other honour and if West has a void, South can win the  $\diamond A$  and lead towards his Q9 through East's KJ to lose only one trick.

One last thought about the bidding: NS are cold for 6 Diamonds as the cards lie but  $6\spadesuit$  can be defeated if West leads the  $\diamond 7$  giving his partner

a ruff while keeping a sure diamond trick. This was an opportunity for East to use a Lightner Double. The Lightner Double of a slam asks partner to make an unusual lead, not a trump or a suit bid by the defence. The Lightner Double often suggests, as it does here, the lead of dummy's first bid suit. Using this double would change EW's score from -1430 to +200 (or +500 if Declarer played the  $\diamond A$  on the lead). The Lightner Double is one of the oldest bridge conventions; it was named after Theodore Lightner in 1929. Theodore is no longer in the game.

If you want to read about Lightner Doubles: [http://www.bridgebum.com/lightner\\_double.php](http://www.bridgebum.com/lightner_double.php)

## An Easy Count to Thirteen

Board 1

Dlr: N

Vul: None

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

In second seat, East opens 2NT. There's no need to stew about the wide open diamond suit; the hand is a balanced 21 HCP and the 2NT opener perfectly describes it.

His partner, of course, doesn't believe this turn of events. He has a hand with 9 solid tricks and his partner has advertised a whopper. This is not a time to have a complicated auction.

West bids  $4\clubsuit$ , Gerber, asking partner about aces. When he hears 4NT, showing 3 aces, added to his 9 tricks, he can count 12 top tricks. All he needs to do now is bid  $5\clubsuit$  to hear partner's  $5\spadesuit$  response, showing 2 kings and he can confidently bid 7NT, knowing that 9 diamond tricks plus

3 aces plus 2 kings gives them 14 top tricks.

If the answer to the initial 4♣ bid is 4♥, showing one missing ace, a simple

jump to 6NT is reasonable; you can count 12 tricks and there there is only a tiny chance that the AK of one suit might be missing and the defender on lead would find the right suit.

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## Stabbing at the Right Answer

Dlr: W  
Vul: NS

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

My partner made an interesting bid at a recent tournament. West dealt and opened 2♥ and my partner, North, looking at a huge hand, started with a double. East passed and I bid 2♠. After West passed, my partner huddled and thought about the hand.

From North's point of view, It was

likely but not sure that I had 4 spades, in which case there could be no spade losers. There were no heart losers. If I had only 2 diamonds or had the ♦Q, there would likely be no diamond losers. If I had the ♣K, or a singleton club there would be no club losers.

After all this thought and not knowing how to investigate whether I had a couple of missing queens, my partner made the reasonable guess that I might be able to hold the losers on the hand to one and so bid what he hoped we could make: 6♠.

West led the ♠8 and the play was easy. I just had to ruff the two losing clubs in my hand, draw trumps and play the ♦A & ♦K and would only go down if the diamond split was divided 4-0.

But if my hand were ♠964 ♥K753 ♦1098 ♣862, my answer to 2♥ doubled would still be 2♠ and we might lose 2 clubs, 2 diamonds and 1 spade. Sometimes you have to close your eyes and make your best guess.



# With a Little Help From my Friend

Dir: W

Vul: Both

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

Here's an interesting hand that was played by Adrian Record at the Grand National Pairs game in Philadelphia.

Adrian was sitting South and saw his LHO open 1♦; North passed and East bid 1♠. Adrian overcalled 2♥ and West competed with 3♣. North raised to 3♥. East, realizing that his side had a double fit in the minors, jumped to 5♦.

This is a typical competitive auction, but at this point neither side knew who could make their high-level contract or who was sacrificing. So Adrian, decided to give it one more try with a bid of 5♥. This was doubled by West and out came the ♠Q lead.

How can Adrian avoid the loss of one heart, one club and one spade? He won the spade lead with dummy's ace, knocked out the A♥ and won the

spade return with his king as West's queen fell.

There are still two losers to deal with but what Adrian wanted to set up was a defender leading a suit that both his hand and dummy were out of; that is, he wanted them to give him a "ruff and a sluff." So Adrian led the ♣J from his hand. If West were awake and thinking of the danger, he would win the ♣A and return anything and all hope for declarer would be gone. Had the lead been the ♣K instead of the ♣J, West would no doubt have naturally done just that. But the ♣J lulled him to sleep and he ducked.

Here's where we were when the ♣J was led:

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

Adrian played dummy's ♣Q on his jack, played the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy's ♥J, ruffed dummy's last diamond and now led his ♣K. West won the ♣A and had nothing but clubs and diamonds left to lead. Both declarer and dummy were out of both minor suits so Adrian was able to trump West's exit in dummy while



throwing away his spade loser.

Sometimes you can make a hopeless

contract if you can find somebody to give you a little help.

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## Third Seat Opening

One of the speakers at the recent KW tournament chose to speak about opening the bidding in third seat. Why is this position different? When you are in first or second position, you know only about your hand; the other three are a blank. In third position you can make some assumptions. With a weak hand and a long suit, you can be reasonably sure that there's a good hand on your left. It's a good time to preempt as high as you dare.

But even with more ordinary hands, your strategy might shift in third seat. If you were looking at the South hand below, you could be reasonably confident that your side didn't have a game; your flat 11 HCP plus partner's passed hand couldn't be enough. But you should still be eager to get into the fight. Your bidding can be to compete for a part score, to obstruct the opponents or to help the defence. In general, you should be more likely to open the bidding with a weaker hand in third seat than any of the other three positions.

The South hand almost looks like a 1♦ opener. Does that mean that in third seat he should 'stretch' his values and open 1♦? I think that a more useful bid here would be 1♠. Why this instead of pass or 1♦?

There are two reasons to open with the 4-card major. First, the 1♠ bid takes the 1-level away from the opponents; it is mildly preemptive. Second, there is a very good chance, after North and East's passes that West has a stronger hand and will end up as declarer. And if your partner is on lead, do you want to encourage him to lead a diamond or a spade?

Board 1

Dir: N

Vul: None

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

After North and East pass, if South passes and leaves the auction to EW, they will likely find their way to 3NT. North's normal lead against 3NT would be the ♥10, allowing West to make 5 club tricks, 2 hearts, 1 spade and 1 diamond for +400.

Against the more exotic contract of

5♣ the likely lead would again be the ♥10 and West should lose only the ♥A and the ♦K, throwing both losing spades from his hand on dummy's hearts.

West	North	East	South
	P	P	1♠
Dbl	P	2♥	P
3♣	P	4♣	P
5♣	Passout		

It all changes if South chooses to open his slightly sub-minimum hand, here's what might happen:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All pass		

North might now be inspired to lead the ♦4; East will make an overtrick for +430, a second diamond trick having come with the opening lead.

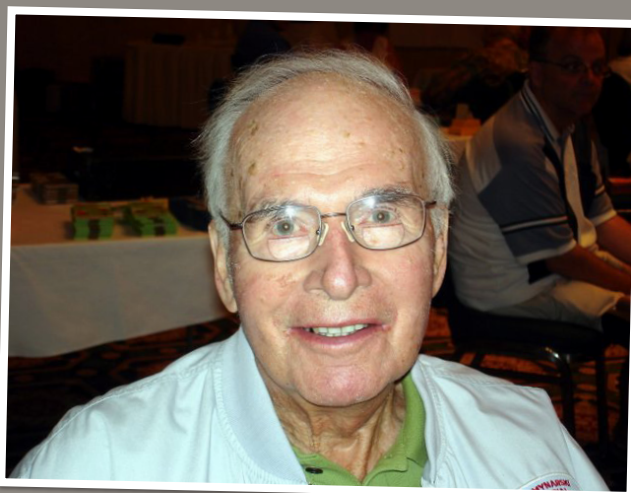
But if South chooses to open 1♠:

Notice that the Spade opening has taken a full level of EW's bidding room. West will likely show his "power double" and East should raise. The spade bid, more importantly gets North off to the best opening lead. 5♣ cannot make if North comes out with the ♠2 lead, and 3NT will most likely go down. West needs to win the spade ace at trick one and set up hearts. If West ducks the opening spade lead South has a chance to switch to diamonds to defeat 3NT.

Summer's almost over. Time to get back to the bridge habit.

The Kib has recently learned that Lou Woodcock, resident of Dundas and a Gold Life Master, was awarded the Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour--France's highest degree of distinction. Lou was a WWII veteran and flew many missions over Germany and France before the D-Day raid in June of 1944. The missions over France had Lou dropping leaflets informing the citizens of the incoming invasion. The Hamilton Spectator did a story on Lou in the summer of 2017; they asked him for his thoughts on the award. Lou said, "It's what they say--once a knight, always a knight."

**Congratulations, Lou!**



Eric Murray died last May. In the May issue of the Kibitzer we included some remarks from bridge players across the country. Here are two more eulogies. The first one is by John Carruthers who spoke about Eric at the CNTCs held in Montreal in late May/early June. The second is by Eric's son James who delivered his remarks at a memorial held at Osgoode Hall in Toronto at the same time.



Photos courtesy of Masterpoint Press

# Eric Rutherford Murray

## Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony May 30, 2018 By John Carruthers

It is with great sadness that I'm here to tell you about Eric Murray, one of the five initial inductees into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame and one of my bridge heroes, who died on May 19 at 90 years of age.

Eric was a great player, the most successful Canadian bridge player ever, with several wins in the Spingold, Vanderbilt, North American Trials, Canadian Championships and other North American Championships. Eric's partnership with Sami Kehela

was one of the best ever. Eric won with Sami, Charlie Coon, Agnes Gordon and Doug Drury, as well as many other Canadians such as John Gowdy, Boris Baran and me. Had it not been for the Blue team, Eric would have won four Bermuda Bowls. In addition to those four silver medals, he won three bronze medals for Canada in world play. When Eric learned he was to be inducted into the ACBL's Bridge Hall of Fame during the Toronto Summer Nationals in 2001, he telephoned me to ask if I'd introduce him. With his usual



grace and diplomacy, he said, "John, all my friends are dead, so would you introduce me?" How could I turn down such a grand invitation?

Eric was a giant in the game of bridge, in law and in wittiness. Here are a few examples of his wit. During those 2001 Summer Nationals, Eric asked Sami if he wanted to play. Sami replied that he could not possibly do so, since he played so rarely then that, when he did play, he was hopeless. Eric intoned, "So nothing has changed." When the Facchini-Zucchelli 'foot-tapping' story broke during the 1975 Bermuda Bowl, Eric sent a telegram (remember those?) to Freddy Sheinwold, the North American captain, as follows: "I am available to play. I have size 14 feet." When I told Eric that Allan Graves and I were to be inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame and asked him to introduce me, Eric's response was, "What is the procedure for resigning from the Hall of Fame?"

Eric doled out praise sparingly. He only ever spoke highly, within my hearing, of six people: his wife

Helen, my wife Katie, Sami Kehela, Bob Hamman, George Rapee and Edgar Kaplan. One time he said to me, "Carruthers, you remind me of Doug Drury." I foolishly thought I was about to join that august group of six. Eric continued, "You're a good opening leader, a competent declarer and a decent bidder. But on defence, I'm on my own!"

In law, Eric was a feared civil litigator. He won the first million-dollar judgement in a Canadian court, coincidentally against Ortho Pharmaceutical, the company started by his fellow-ACBL-Hall-of-Fame inductee George Rosenkrantz. Ortho had declined to pay Eric's client the \$75,000 she'd asked for as a result of having a stroke while on Ortho's birth-control pills. After the stroke, she was unable to continue to work. When the case was over, Eric received a hand-written cheque for \$1,050,000 from the president of Ortho. Eric generously left his client with the full \$75,000 she'd originally asked for.

Eric's lovely wife Helen predeceased him. He leaves three sons, Jamie, John and Fraser.

## **From Jamie Murray (ERM's eldest of three sons)**

Ten years ago, we held a roast to mark my father's 80th birthday. I learned one thing that day that has remained with me. His nickname at his law firm was 'Outrage'. Why

this struck me is that it did not apply only to the court of law. It applied equally to the tennis court : TSN recently showed the top 10 tennis tantrums, John McEnroe,

Jimmy Connors and the Williams sisters figured prominently and all I could say was 'Amateurs'; Anyone who was ever within a 20 mile radius of the Hockley Valley in the summer, could never deny hearing: « Did you see that bounce? Did you see that bounce?! » I don't know what equivalent term to 'outrage' was used to describe my father in the bridge world but I am certain that it was translated into Italian.

I can only surmise as to the source of this outrage. Undoubtedly, the loss of his big brother Bill during WW2 had a profound impact on my dad. He did tell me about another factor: He never wanted to work for an employer because a watch and a handshake were all his father received when he retired from a lifetime of work at Westinghouse or, as my dad put it, We Sting Youse. Of course, the source may also have been the insertion of 'irregardless' into our vernacular.

We can hope that he has been released from this anger and that he will now truly rest in peace but at the same time, I also hope that he got past Saint Peter and the Pearly Gates before the Blue Jays took to the field and committed no le... FEWER than 4 errors on the day after his demise. I can hear him now saying "Do you know what YOUR Blue Jays did?"

Looking back at my father's life, I think that the term that I will use to describe him is a prehistoric

progressive. He could seem to be somebody straight out a Dicken's novel yet he never judged people by their religion or the colour of their skin. Forming the firm of Murray and Murray with my mother, had to be a first in Ontario and possibly even Canada at the time. My father had 3 criteria for people: humour, intelligence and integrity. You are in this room today because you scored at least 2 out of 3 on that test. By passing that test, you had a pitbull on your side. He would defend the underdog against the worst injustices with no thought of the cost to himself. Not that he ever, as he freely admitted, ever suffered in silence.

There was one suffrance that was almost too much for him, the loss of friends. His friends were his life. An eternal paradox, he claimed that he just wanted the peace and quiet of the solitude of the Hockley Valley but no, he wanted to be with his friends. The loss of my mother, of Sam Grange, Harold Green, Edgar Kaplan, Pierre Genest, Percy 'Shorty' Sheardown, Sam 'Stubby' Steinbaum, Frank, 'Snuffy' Smith, Alfons Altmann and so many other bridge and tennis players, lawyers and judges, were the only trials that he could not win. Joining them must be his greatest solace (reward).

As we have several people who wish to speak, I ask that you keep an eye on the clock and I have one piece of advice: it has been said that imitation is the greatest form of compliment, so please feel free to exaggerate.



## A Belated Tribute to Eric Murray by Don Brock

I first started playing bridge in 1960. I lived in Sarnia and did not travel to many bridge tournaments, but I did make a point of going to the Toronto Regional every year. For me the highlight of the tourney was Eric's panel show on the Saturday morning, basically a roast of the top American players at the event. They were all invited and most of them came because they knew what would happen. They knew how humorous the silver-tongued Eric would be. I still remember Bobby Wolff laughing heartily as Eric cleverly tore him to shreds. Not even Sami Kehela, Eric's longtime partner, could escape Murray's verbal sword.

In my mind Eric's humour and verbiage was far better than the professional roasters on TV at the time, such as Dean Martin and Don Rickles. Eric's panel show was the highlight of the year.

The last thing Eric ever said to me makes me smile. We were at the Hockley Valley Sectional years ago. With a twinkle in his eye Eric asked, "Brock, do you still cheat?"

Ed. note: I've known Donny B. for almost 30 years and I can tell you this: Don Brock is not a cheater. And he's got the results to prove it!





# *Goderich Bridge Sectional*

**August 25 & 26, 2018**

**Goderich Columbus Hall**

**390 Parsons Court, Goderich, Ontario**

## **Saturday, August 25, 2018**

Percy Sheardown Open Pairs ..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm  
299er Pairs..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm (2 sessions)  
Stratifications A: 1500+ B: 500–1500 C: 0–500  
299er Stratifications A: 200–300 B: 50–200 C: 0–50  
Stratifications based on average Master Points  
Single Session Entries Welcome

## **Sunday, August 26, 2018**

Bracketed Swiss Teams ..... 11:00 am and TBA  
299er Bracket Guaranteed  
**Entry Fee:** \$13.00/session  
\$ 4.00 extra for Unpaid ACBL members  
Sunday Lunch: \$10.00 / Cash Bar Available

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# Labour Day Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament

September 1 to September 3, 2018

Location: Holiday Inn Yorkdale , 3450 Dufferin Street, Toronto

**End of Summer Bridge Blast!**



## Schedule of Events

### **Saturday, September 1**

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10:00 & 2:30 - A/X, B/C/D pairs - 2 session stratiflighted open pairs, single session entries are also welcome

10:00 & 2:30 - 0-500 Pairs – 2 single session stratified pairs event-

10:00 & 2:30- 0-100 Pairs- 2 single session stratified pairs events

2:30- a single session 0-20 pairs game

**Steve Overholt will be running a free 30 minute bridge lesson 45 minutes before each session**

### **Sunday, September 2**

10:00 & 2:30 - A/X, B/C/D pairs – 2 session stratiflighted open pairs, single session entries are also welcome

10:00 & 2:30 – 0-500 Pairs – 2 single session stratified pairs event

10:00 & 2:30- 0-100 Pairs- 2 single session stratified pairs events

2:30- a single session 0-20 pairs game

**Steve Overholt will be running a free 30 minute bridge lesson 45 minutes before each session**

### **Monday, September 3**

10:00 & TBA – Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

10:00 & TBA - Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams

**Steve Overholt will be running a 30 minute bridge lesson 45 minutes before the first session**

\*Stratiflighted events: A: 2500+, X: 0-2500, B: 750 -2000, C: 0-750

**EVENTS ARE STRATIFIED BY AVERAGE MASTER POINTS & FLIGHTS ARE BASED ON HIGHEST MASTER POINTS OF PAIR/TEAM**

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**Entry Fee: \$14.00 for ACBL Members. Unpaid members will pay an additional \$4.00 per session. Non- ACBL members are required to join on an annual basis or join on a new temporary one month basis.**

**A Special Entry Fee of \$10.00 for the 0-20 and 0-100 games**

# CBF International Fund Regional

Holiday Inn St. Catharines

September 4-9, 2018



## Tuesday

*Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed KO (1st & 2nd of 4) With NEW Round Robin or Swiss teams Qualifier	10:00 & 3:00
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
199er Pairs (separate 0-50 if warranted)	10:00 & 3:00
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5)	3:00pm
Evening Fast Pairs Side Game Series (1st of 5)	7:30pm

## Wednesday

*Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed KO (3rd & 4th of 4)	10:00 & 3:00
*Wednesday-Thursday KO (1st & 2nd of 4)	10:00 & 3:00
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
199er Pairs (separate 0-50 if warranted)	10:00 & 3:00
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5)	3:00pm
Evening Fast Pairs (Side Game Series (2nd of 5)	7:30pm

## Thursday

*Wednesday-Thursday KO (3rd & 4th of 4)	10:00 & 3:00
A/X Swiss (2 Sessions)	10:00 & 3:00
B/C/D Swiss (2 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00
Gold Rush Swiss (2 Sessions)	10:00 & 3:00
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5)	3:00pm
Evening Fast Pairs Side Game Series 3rd of 5)	7:30pm

## Friday

*Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO(1st & 2nd of 4)	10:00 & 3:00
Stratified Open Pairs (A/X)	10:00 & 3:00
B/C/D Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
199er Pairs (separate 0-50 if warranted)	10:00 & 3:00
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5)	3:00pm
Evening Fast Pairs Side Game Series (4th of 5)	7:30pm

## Saturday

*Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO(3rd & 4th of 4)	10:00 & 3:00
Board a Match Teams (A/X)	10:00 & 3:00
B/C/D Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 & 3:00
Stratified Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00
Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5)	3:00pm
Evening Fast Pairs Side Game Series (5th of 5)	7:30pm

## Sunday

A/X Swiss (A=5000,X=0-5000)

10:00 & TBA

B/C/D Swiss Teams

10:00 & TBA

Fast Pairs stratified. Open/2500/750

10:00 & TBA

299er Pairs (one session)

10:00

**Colour Key - 2 Session Pairs, in red - Gold Rush Events, in gold – 2 Session Team Events, in purple - One Session Events, in green – KO, in blue**

Come try something different -- Board a Match Teams on Saturday! Or KOs where all teams are guaranteed 2 sessions! Or Fast pairs evening side game series!

\*Bracketed KO with Round Robin or Swiss qualifier – all teams will play a Swiss team event for the 1st 2 sessions. The top 4 teams in each bracket advance to the KO phase on day 2. Top team will choose from 3rd and 4th for first round of KO on 2nd day.

### Stratifications

Stratified Events are based on the average masterpoint holding of the pair or team. Stratiflighted events are flighted based on the highest MP holding.

Gold Rush Pairs and Teams – A=300-750, B=100-300, C=0-100

199er Pairs – A=100-199, B=50-100, C=0-50

299er Pairs – A=200-299, B=100-199, C=0-100

Single Session Swiss and Side Games – A=2000+, B=500-2000, C=0-500

Stratified events – A=5000+, B= 2000-5000, C= 0-2000

Stratiflighted events – A/X – A= 5000+, X= 0-5000. B/C/D – B=1500-3000, C=750-1500, D=0-750

### Tournament Features

- \$16 per player per session for ACBL members, \$4 surcharge for unpaid ACBL members
- Free Parking
- Hospitality after the 2nd session. 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- Zero Tolerance and Scent Free policy in effect
- Overall and Section top prizes

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### Hotel Info

Holiday Inn - 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines

Room rate: \$129 single or double occupancy (\$10 per additional person) + 13% HST and 5% facility fee

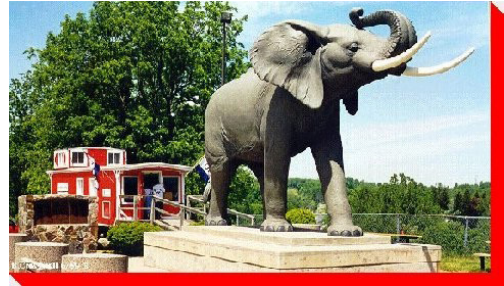
Reservations: 905-688-2324 or 1-877-688-2324 ext 2

Indoor pool, hot tub, steam sauna and fitness room available



# 69th Annual St. Thomas Jumbo Tournament

## September 15–16, 2018



Sessions both days 11:00 am and 3:30pm.  
Hot meal between sessions

Entry Fees \$12.50 per session

Non-ACBL members add \$4.00 per session

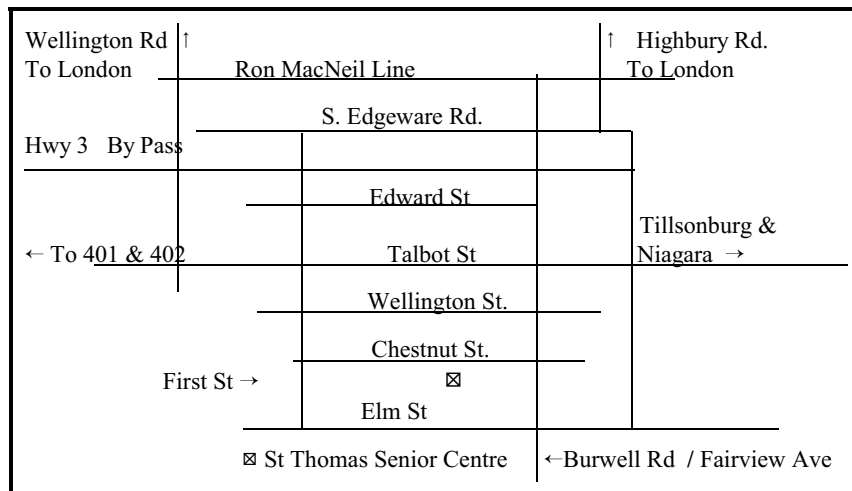
(In consideration of those who are sensitive to fragrance, this is a scent-free tournament)

### Saturday Sept 15th

2-Session Stratified Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)  
299er Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)

### Sunday Sept 16th

Bracketed Swiss Teams bracketed by team total points



### Location

St. Thomas  
Senior Centre,  
225 Chestnut St.,  
St. Thomas

### Tournament Chair

Jim Wright  
(519) 631-5531  
[manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org](mailto:manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org)

### Partnerships

Jim Wright  
(519) 631-5531  
[manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org](mailto:manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org)

### Stratification

Based on player with highest number of masterpoints

### Pairs

Strats:: A=1500+, B=500-1500, C=0-500  
299ers: A=100-300, B=20-100, C=0-20

### Teams

Strats: A=1500+, B=500-1500, C=0-500;  
299er Teams: 0-300

# *The Kibitzer*

**We are pleased to announce that the bridge bulletin *The Kibitzer* will once again be available in print.**

The cost of a one-year subscription (four issues) is \$28.

Subscriptions to the printed edition of *The Kibitzer* can be made by:

a) writing a cheque for \$28 to North Bridge Distribution and sending it to:

**Vladimir Kondratsky  
North Bridge Distribution  
40 Champlain St  
North Bay, ON P1B7M4**

Please note that we require a valid postal address to process your order.  
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The email must include a mailing address (or addresses). An invoice will then be issued by email, which can be paid online.

***YES! I would like to Subscribe to *The Kibitzer****

Half-year Subscription (2 issues) for \$18

One-year Subscription (4 issues) for \$28

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**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

## **Kibitzer Contests - Deadline is Oct. 31, 2018**

The *Kibitzer* is now on Facebook. If you have not done so already, please Like our page by October 31, 2018. On Nov. 1 we'll randomly draw one name from all our Facebook fans--the selectee will win a free game with the Editor at a mutually agreed upon Sectional in 2019. Second place prize: two games with the Editor. Haha, kidding; there is no second place prize. Only one winner so come on FB users, please like our page.

Also on Nov. 1, Vladimir Kondratsky will randomly select one of our print subscribers and that person will win a free one-year subscription. Winners will be announced in the Winter issue.

# The Credit Valley Bridge Association

is pleased to host

## The Caledon East Fall Sectional

September 22 - 23, 2018

Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East  
905-584-2272 ext 7324

**Saturday Events Held at 11:00am & 3:15pm**

**Stratified Pairs: Two Single Sessions**

**0-99ers:** Stratification at Director's Discretion

**Stratified Pairs: Two Session Play-Through**

**499ers(NLM)\*:** A: 300-499 B: 100-299 C: 0-99

**Open\*:** A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

\*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome



**Sunday Event Starts at 11:00am**

**Bracketed Swiss Teams**

Play-through with short break for lunch

**0 - 99 Single Morning Session** available for those with fewer than 100 points who only wish to play one session. However, we encourage you to stay all day and play in your bracket with players who have similar masterpoint levels to your own.

**NOTE:** Stratification subject to change on the day based on attendance. Pair or Team stratification will be based on average master points but flight assignment will be based on the player with the highest master points.

### **Saturday, September 22: Stratified Pairs at 11:00am & 3:15pm**

**99ers (two single-sessions):** Stratification at Director's Discretion (20, 50, 99)

**499NLMers (play-through\*):** A: 300-500 B: 100-300 C: 0-100

**Open (play-through\*):** A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

\*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome

### **Just for 0 - 499 Non-Life Masters**

#### **“Queen, Queen, Who's Got the Queen?”**

- A one-hour, interactive workshop with Barbara Seagram,
- No cost to attend the workshop. Just be a Non-Life Master with < 500MPs
- Starts at **09:30** on **Saturday, September 22nd**.
- Coffee/tea, muffins, and fruit available
- Space is limited so registration is required. Register your attendance no later than September 3rd by sending an email with your full name to [dcdonovan@bell.net](mailto:dcdonovan@bell.net)
- First 30 registrants who attend will receive one free copy<sup>1</sup> of Barbara Seagram's & David Bird's "Pocket Guide to Defensive Play at Bridge" valued at \$11.25 retail
- Plus Barbara Seagram is donating her popular cheat sheets to 10 lucky winners!

## Sunday, September 23: Bracketed Swiss Teams 11:00am

Please note: 0 – 99 Single session entries will be available for the morning game only. However we encourage you to stay and play the full day in a bracket with those who have similar masterpoint levels to your own.

### PLUS a Special Event *Just for 99ers*

- A 45-minute, interactive workshop: Speaker t.b.a.
- No cost to attend the workshop. Just have fewer than 100 MPs
- Starts at 09:45 on Sunday, September 23rd
- Coffee/tea, muffins, and fruit available
- Space is limited so registration is required. Register your attendance no later than September 3rd by sending an email with your full name to [dcdonovan@bell.net](mailto:dcdonovan@bell.net)

### A BRIDGE-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WILL BE ENFORCED

Ample Free Parking 🍏 Free Apples and Cider 🍏 Homemade Food

#### Entry Fees

\$13.00 per person per session  
\$4 additional per person per session for lapsed ACBL members

**New:** ACBL Membership Required;  
\$10 Registration available on site provides temporary one month membership to ACBL  
\$6 per session for Juniors

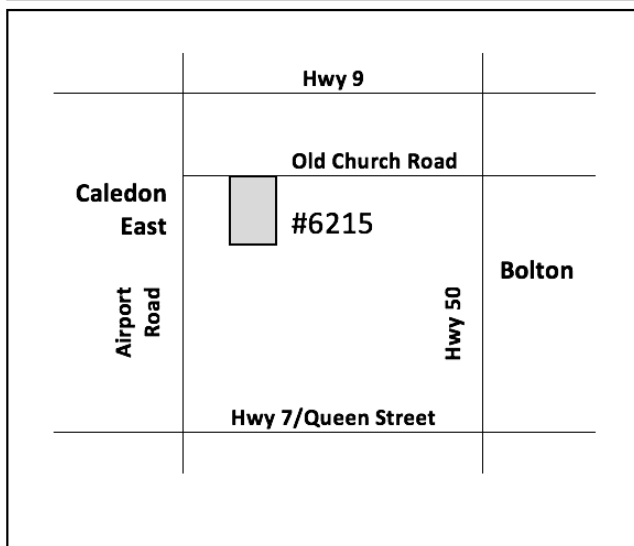
#### Tournament Chair

Denise Donovan  
[dcdonovan@bell.net](mailto:dcdonovan@bell.net)  
416-614-6754

#### Partnership Chair

John McWhinnie  
[ohnmcwhinnie@bell.net](mailto:ohnmcwhinnie@bell.net)  
647-794-7894

#### LOCATION MAP



Closest accommodation in Bolton,  
15 minutes away:  
The Bolton Inn (905-857-3382)  
and Hampton Inn (905-857-9990)





## MAPLE CITY BRIDGE SECTIONAL

Active Lifestyle Centre,  
20 Merritt Ave, Chatham, ON

**September 29th and 30th, 2018**

**Saturday, September 29th, 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM**

The **John Verkaik** Stratified Pairs (Play-through)

Strat A: open                      Strat B: 200-1500                      Strat C: 0-200

\*plus a 0-20 section if numbers warrant

**Sunday, September 30th, 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM**

Stratified Swiss Teams

Strat A: 1500+ avg holding      Strat B: 200-1500      Strat C: 0-200

**Session fee      \$12.50**

**\$4 additional per session for non or unpaid ACBL members (except 0-20)**

**Full Course Dinner between sessions \$12 each**

Tournament Chair: Lee Easterbrook 226 881-3963

Partnerships: Gary Robertson 519 676-2096 [garroberr@isp.com](mailto:garroberr@isp.com)

Director: Nancy Strachan



# Collingwood's Blue Mountain Sectional Bridge Tournament October 13 – 14, 2018

COLLINGWOOD LEISURE TIME CLUB,  
100 Minnesota Street, Collingwood, L9Y 4R5

**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 - \$13.00 for ACBL members \$16.00 for non-members

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## Saturday, October 14

**11:00A.M. & 4:00P.M.**

### Stratified Open Pairs

(A Two-Session Event)

(Single Session Entries are welcome)

### 299er PAIRS

(Two One-Session Events)

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

## Sunday, October 15

**11:00AM. & 3:00P.M.**

### Open Swiss Teams

Two-Session Stratified

### 299'er Swiss Teams

(Two One-Session Events)

If entries permit

\$6 Lunch available for purchase

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## Stratification for all Open Events

A= 1500+    B=500-1500    C- 0-500

## Tournament Chair

Evelyn Caroline

705-725-1389

e-mail: [becaroline@hotmail.com](mailto:becaroline@hotmail.com)

## Partnerships

Ruth Eidt

705-293-1503

e-mail: [rutheidt@gmail.com](mailto:rutheidt@gmail.com)

## Sponsor

Alessandro Lupo, PFP

RBC Dominion Securities Inc

Investment Advisor 705-444-5217

e-mail: [alessandro.lupo@rbc.com](mailto:alessandro.lupo@rbc.com)



## 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 onto Hwy 26 into  
Stayner. Turn right at Esso Stn  
onto King St N(Hwy 26) toward  
Collingwood. At traffic light by  
the Toyota Dealership continue  
straight on Hume St. Turn right or  
North onto Minnesota Street. The  
Leisure Time Club is on left. There  
is lots of free parking available.

## Mariner Hotel 705 445 3330

305 Hume St

\$109 Queen (2p) + HST

\$99 +HST 1 person

\$129 2 Double Beds + HST

Breakfast included

# NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

## DISTRICT 2 FINALS

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 2018 | 10:30 am & 3:00 pm**

### **WIN GOLD & RED POINTS!**

Compete to represent District 2 in the North American Final, to be held at the NABC in Memphis, TN - March 2019

**Awards for each flight are:**

**First: \$700 US per player**  
**Second: \$400 US per player + \$CAN top-up from D2**  
**Third: Free entry to Memphis NAP Final.**  
**Fourth: Free entry to Memphis 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**

<b>Unit 166</b>	<b>Flts A &amp; B</b>		
	Hazel's Bridge Club	<a href="http://www.hazelsbridge.com">www.hazelsbridge.com</a>	416-221-0069
	<b>Flt C</b>		
	MOBridge	<a href="http://mobridge.club/">http://mobridge.club/</a>	905-820-5728
<b>Unit 249</b>	Tillsonburg Seniors Centre	45 Hardy Ave, Tillsonburg	519-688-2520
<b>Unit 181</b>	Bridge Manitoba	2050 Chevrier Blvd, Winnipeg	204-453-0708

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

**A minimum of 5 full tables are required to run a Flight.**  
**Please verify with your Unit Co-ordinator that the required no. of pairs are registered**

**Players must pre-register to play in the NAP District Final**  
( Players are required to be familiar with the Conditions of Contest, in particular the clause regarding placings when only 2 sites hold a District Final )

#### **Contact Information:**

Unit 166:	Martin Hunter	<a href="mailto:martinhunter@rogers.com">martinhunter@rogers.com</a>	905-510-0411
Unit 249:	Jed Drew	<a href="mailto:jed.drew@gmail.com">jed.drew@gmail.com</a>	519-842-8786
Unit 181:	Ray Hornby	<a href="mailto:rayhorn@shaw.ca">rayhorn@shaw.ca</a>	204-224-1923

# OSHAWA SECTIONAL

**November 3rd & 4th 2018**

**LVIV Pavilion & Banquet Hall**

38 LVIV Blvd. Oshawa ON L1H 2C3

Close to the 401 with plenty of free parking/wonderful homemade treats.

Lunch available on site both days for \$10

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**Saturday November 3rd: Event will be held at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM**  
**Stratified Pairs: Two Single Sessions for Novice and Two Session Play-through for all others**

(Please note: Single session pairs will be welcome to play in all strata)

Novice: B: 20-100 C: <20

BCD Pairs: B: 750-1500 C: 300-749 D: 0-299

AX Pairs: A: 3000+ AX: 0-3000

*Pair stratification based on average Master points with no player above the MP limit*

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**Sunday November 4th: The event will start at 10:30 AM**  
**Bracketed Swiss Teams: Two session play through with short break for lunch**

*The Tournament Director will determine the number of teams in each bracket based on attendance. Bracket assignment will be based on average master points of team members.*

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## **Entry Fees**

**Over 20 MP:** Current ACBL members pay \$14 per session on Saturday/ \$112 per Swiss team on Sunday (2 sessions)

**Newcomers (under 20 MP):** \$7 per session on Saturday/ \$56 per Swiss team on Sunday

## **Additional:**

- Lapsed ACBL members add \$4 /person/session
- Non-ACBL members (over 20 MP) are required to join on a temporary 1 month basis \$10

**Newcomers (under 20 MP) Bonus: One month free ACBL membership!**

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**Tournament Co-Chairs:** Doug Darnley & Brenda Griffiths  
416-258-1331 [dougbridge@rogers.com](mailto:dougbridge@rogers.com)

**Partnerships:** Jack Stafford 905-431-1694 [jkerrstaff@gmail.com](mailto:jkerrstaff@gmail.com)+



# Fall

## Niagara-on-the-Lake Sectional November 9-11, 2018



**NOTL Community Centre**  
**14 Anderson Ln, NOTL**  
(off Hwy 55/Mississauga Rd)  
905-468-4386



### Friday November 9, 2018

Open Pairs 7:30pm  
499<sup>er</sup> Pairs 7:30pm  
99<sup>er</sup> Pairs 7:30pm

### Saturday November 10, 2018

Flight A/X Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm  
Stratified B/C/D Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm  
499<sup>er</sup> Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm  
99<sup>er</sup> Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm

Hospitality will follow after the 2:30pm event

Lunch will be available for purchase

### Sunday November 11, 2018

Flight A/X Swiss 10:00am playthrough  
Stratified B/C/D Swiss 10:00am playthrough  
499<sup>er</sup> Pairs 10:00am & 2:00pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

### Tournament Chair:

Lorna Johnson 905-991-3009  
Email bridgeplayer64@gmail.com

### Partnership Chair:

Chandi Jayawardena 905-397-3434  
Email chandij@sympatico.ca

### Stratification

(Pair/Team Average)

Open Pairs 500/2000/unlim  
499<sup>er</sup> Pairs 100/300/500  
99<sup>er</sup> Pairs 20/50/100  
Flight A/X Swiss 3000/unlim  
Stratified B/C/D Swiss 500/1000/2000

### Entry Fees

\$14/player/session for ACBL members  
Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members  
Temporary membership for non-ACBL members will be available.

**Free Coffee, Tea and Snacks all day**  
**Great Venue • Most Friendly Atmosphere**  
**Outstanding Hospitality • Prizes**

Accommodations and Restaurants see Reverse or Website



# 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Bridge *Stratford*

November 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>

Please Note New Start Times for Friday

Stratified Open Pairs: 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Non-Life Master Pairs: 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

## Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>

Youth Bridge Pairs: 10 am

0 – 20s Pairs: 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (2 session):  
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Non-Life Master Pairs (2 session):  
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Singles Session Entries Welcome

## Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>

Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions):  
10:00 am

Brackets of 9 teams – Play at your level!

## Stratification by Average

A: 2000+ X: 0 – 2000

B: 1000 – 1500 C: 500 – 1000

### Non-Life Masters:

A: 300 – 500 B: 100 – 300 C: 0 – 100

## Venue

### Festival Inn

1144 Ontario St.

Stratford, ON. N5A 6Z3

519-273-1150

[www.festivalinnstratford.com/](http://www.festivalinnstratford.com/)

### Special Hotel Rate:

\$109 + taxes per night

## Tournament Chair and Partnerships

Ross Driedger: 226-239-2860

[ross@earz.ca](mailto:ross@earz.ca)

## Lunch Available on Site

### Special Entry Fee for

Players with 0 – 20

Masterpoints: \$5



## Tournament Trail

Page numbers (p.) refer to ads in this issue. An asterisk (\*) means tournament information was in the previous issue. Information is subject to change - check [www.unit166.ca](http://www.unit166.ca) or [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for up-to-date information.

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