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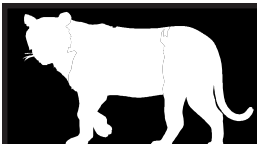
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Editor's Note:

Our teams did pretty poorly at the World Championships in Estoril. The women had the best result, qualifying for the quarter-finals in the Venice Cup before succumbing fairly easily to France. The Bermuda Bowl and Senior Teams made noises about qualifying, but both faded near the end. You can try some of the problems that baffled the Bermuda Bowl team beginning on page 14.

In sharp contrast to our teams failures in Portugal was the triumph of Gavin Wolpert and his fiancée Jenny Ryman from Sweden, who won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Denver with a very strong finish. Both Gavin and Jenny have already represented their respective countries in World Championships and have bright futures, in life and in bridge. Read about them on page 13.

After two decades as the well-respected proprietors of the Etobicoke Olympium Bridge Club, Marlene and Vern Dowdall have turned over the reins to the capable hands of Bev and John Ross. We wish all of them every success.

John Carruthers, Editor

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Every year at the Toronto Regional tournament at Easter, there is an election to fill vacancies on the board of directors of Unit 166. In the event that there are more nominated candidates than there are vacant positions on the board, the election will take place at the tournament at the Royal York from Wednesday, April 12, 2006 to Saturday, April 15, 2006, one hour before each session.

The by-laws of Unit 166 have been amended to allow for advance polls at various Unit bridge clubs in the two weeks leading up to the tournament. This is to allow all members of the Unit an opportunity to vote even if they are unable to attend the Easter Regional.

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Friday, March 31	Hamilton Bridge Centre 100 Ray Street North, Hamilton	7:00-7:30 pm
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Thursday, April 6	Bridge Centre of Niagara 2E Tremont Drive, Unit 6, St. Catharines	7:00-7:30 pm
Friday, April 7	Niagara D.B.C. Glenridge Lawn Bowling Club 84 Glen Morris Drive, St. Catharines	12:30-1:00 pm

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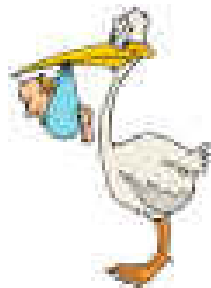
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Unit 246 TAP

Marilyn Kalbfleisch, Education Liaison

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by Jeff Lesonsky

January 1st, 2006 will see a changing of the guard at the Etobicoke Olympium Duplicate Bridge Club (EODBC) as Vern and Marlene Dowdall turn over the management reins to John and Bev Ross.

The EODBC has been in existence since 1979. Vern and Marlene assumed responsibility for the club in November 1984 and have focused their considerable energy, enthusiasm and good humour to provide a well-organized and hospitable environment for players of all levels. As a result, the club has experienced a significant growth in attendance. They have encouraged novice players to join in and enhance

their skills by playing with more experienced players while still earning points in their own flight. Their willingness to go the extra mile to arrange partnerships and transportation has been greatly appreciated by the entire club.

EODBC players will miss Vern and Marlene's soft-spoken ways and great hospitality and wish them well as they pursue retirement in their new home in Fergus, Ontario. All players will have the chance to maintain their friendship with Vern and Marlene as they plan on directing at least one game per week.

The players are confident that John and Bev Ross will carry on providing the same friendly atmosphere.



Marlene and Vern Dowdall
at their farewell party

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THE DENVER BLUES

by Audrey Grant

The Blue Ribbon Pairs is a major event held each year during the Fall North American Bridge Championships. The name is fitting since entry is essentially limited to the top 100 masterpoint holders, world champions, players who have finished high in North American Championships, and those who have finished first or second in a recent regionally-rated event. These are impressive requirements for the most prestigious pair game outside the World Championships.

It's little wonder the reaction was overwhelming when it was announced that the event had been won by 20-year old Jenny Ryman of Sweden and her fiancée, 23-year old Gavin Wolpert of Canada! It was the enthusiastic applause and cheers that fill a room when the players know a record has just been broken! Jenny had become the youngest player to win the Blue Ribbon Pairs, breaking the record of Larry Cohen who won the event when he was 22. "It was amazing!" said Gavin. "A lot of Jenny's friends from Sweden happened to be there." The couple was surrounded with well wishers.

Jenny has always played cards and took up bridge about five years ago. "I've been around the game because my entire family plays. I started playing with my Mom when I was 16. I love playing with her. She's quite young, 46, and we're best friends. My Mom played with her mother—and my grandmother is still a very good player."

Jenny and her mother, Mari, have played for Sweden in international events and the World Championships. "After a game,

we'd talk to each other. It was fun to build our relationship. Of course there would sometimes be an argument but, when you have to go home with your partner, you have to handle it in a mature manner."

Gavin Wolpert is already an accomplished player (see the July 2005 article in *BETTER BRIDGE* at www.audreygrant.com) and has had outstanding success. He's accustomed to playing in top-flight events and being in the winner's circle. Gavin's regular partner is Vincent Demuy.

Jenny and Gavin met three years ago at the World Team Championship in Monte Carlo and are engaged to be married. They don't play together that often, but they are obviously a good partnership. "I like playing with Gavin," says Jenny. "When he's declarer, I know he'll make the best of it. He's very good."

Did they think they would win? "I dreamt of winning, but, once we sat down to play, I didn't think of that again" says Jenny. They both focused only on doing their best and not on the actual results.

Gavin said, "We were having great results for about four boards in a row and then our luck turned in the middle of the game. We bid to aggressive games and it didn't always work out well. If we had been thinking of winning, we wouldn't have been able to turn it around when things changed mid way. There's a lot of luck, and you just have to think that we are doing what we can and, if it is our day, we could win." And that's exactly what happened!

Both Jenny and Gavin teach bridge. "I love teaching," says Jenny. "There is nothing bad about it. When you're playing and have bad streaks where nothing good is happening, you start to think you can't do anything right. It's not like that with teaching."

Here's a deal from the final session:

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

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

West	North	East	South
Ryman		Wolpert	
—	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Jenny led the heart ace. Seeing the singleton king in dummy, both defenders knew that leading another heart would do no good. So, there was no need to give an attitude signal in hearts. Instead, Gavin played the three as a suit-preference signal for the lower-ranking of the two other suits, clubs and diamonds.

Trusting Gavin, Jenny played the king of clubs at trick two. When this won, she led the club three to Gavin's ace and Gavin led a third round of clubs. Declarer now had to guess which defender held the spade queen. Thinking it was Jenny, declarer trumped with the king of spades to avoid being overruffed and then led the spade jack, taking a finesse. This lost to the queen and Gavin and Jenny got an excellent score for defeating the contract.

For information on lessons with Gavin or Jenny you can send an e-mail to gavinwolpert@gmail.com or call (416) 898-2038.

(Trivia question - Can you name the five other Canadians who have won the Blue Ribbon Pairs? Answer at the bottom of page 18.)

BERMUDA BOWL QUIZ

John Carruthers

Canada's Bermuda Bowl team did not fare very well at the World Championships in Estoril last October. With six of twenty-one round robin matches to go, we were in a qualifying spot (top eight), but performed poorly over the last two days to finish a little more than a match back, in eighteenth spot. Although this was conceded to be the toughest field ever in a Bermuda Bowl, a few decisions here and there could have spelled the difference for us.

These eight problems (there were many, many more!) arose over the seven days of qualifying. Some of the problems were ours and some were our opponents'. See how you'd have done against the world's best. *(Solutions can be found on pages 31-33.)*

Problem 1. Match 2 (v USAI)

Board 6. Dealer South. Both Vul.
(Board rotated)

♠ A J 4 3
 ♥ A 10 9 2
 ♦ K 6 4 2
 ♣ 5

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

West	North	East	South
Silver	Hamman	JC	Soloway
—	—	—	1 ♦ ¹
1 ♠	Double	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 10-16; catchall (Strong club system)

You are South. West leads the king of clubs. Plan the play. West will play the

jack of diamonds on the first round of trumps. (See p. 31)

Problem 2. Match 2 (v USA I)

Board 1 I. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

♠ A 8 5
♥ A 10 9 6
♦ A J 9 7 3
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
Hamman	JC	Soloway	Silver
—	—	—	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥*
3 ♣	3 ♠	5 ♣	??

* = It's the Kaplan-Sheinwold influence

You are again South. What do you bid over five clubs? (See P. 31)

Problem 3. Match 7 (v Egypt)

Board 1. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

(Board rotated)

♠ A Q
♥ A Q 8 6
♦ A K 10 8 7
♣ J 10

♠ 3
♥ K J 10 7 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A K 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
Ahmady	Graves	Sadek	Baran
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦ ¹
Pass	3 ♠ ²	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦ ³	Pass	5 ♠ ⁴
Pass	6 ♦ ⁵	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Transfer to hearts
2. Super hand for hearts
3. 0 or 3 key cards
4. Queen of trumps ask
5. Heart queen plus diamond king

You are South. Walid el-Ahmady, West, leads the four of hearts, six, nine, ten. How do you play? Whenever you play the first high diamond, it goes three from East and two from West. Whenever you play a high club, West plays the nine and East the four. Opponents play upside down count and attitude, but why should they help you? (See p. 31)

Problem 4. Match 7 (v Egypt)

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ A K J 10 8 6 5
♥ K J 9
♦ 10
♣ Q 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	1 NT	??

You are South. East opens a 15-17 HCP no trump. What do you bid? (If you have a two-step plan, specify.) (See p. 32)

Problem 5. Match 10 (v Brazil)

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ 9 7 2
♥ K J 9 8 4
♦ J 7
♣ A Q 10

♠ A 10
♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ A 10 8 3
♣ 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
Mello	Silver	Janz	JC
—	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣ ¹	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Drury (promises a fit)

You lead a fourth-best heart deuce, four, three, ace. Declarer leads the spade queen out of his hand. How do you defend? You play old-fashioned count and attitude. (See p. 32)

Problem 6. Match 13 (v England)**Board 12. Dealer North. EW Vul.***(Board rotated)*

♠ Q 9 8
 ♥ Q 10 4 2
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ Q J 9 8

♠ K J 7 4
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ K 8 4 2
 ♣ 5 2

West	North	East	South
JC	Simpson	Silver	Price
—	Pass	Pass	1 NT ¹
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1.	15-17		

Playing fourth-best leads and standard count and attitude, you lead the four of spades against three no trump. Declarer plays the eight from dummy, five from Partner, two from declarer. Declarer plays the eight of clubs to the ace, four from Partner. Next comes the spade two from declarer; there can be little point to ducking so you play the king, nine, six. Now what? (See p. 32)

Problem 7. Match 14 (v Sweden).**Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

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

♠ J 3 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ A 9 6 5 3 2
 ♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Silver	Sundelin	JC
Pass	1 ♣	Double	1 ♦
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The six of hearts lead (third from even, lowest from odd) goes to the queen and ace. East returns the queen of clubs. You win in dummy and play the diamond jack – East plays the eight. What card do you play and why? (See p. 33)

Problem 8. Match 16 (v India)**Board 7. Dealer East. Both Vul.***(Board rotated)*

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

♠ A J 6
 ♥ A Q 6 5 2
 ♦ K 8 5
 ♣ Q 9

West	North	East	South
Silver	Nadar	JC	Satya ¹
—	—	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♠ ²	Pass	3 ♣ ³
Pass	3 ♦ ⁴	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠ ⁵	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. B. Satyanarayama (universally known as Satya to the relief of bridge columnists)
2. Transfer to clubs
3. Likes clubs
4. Shortness
5. 2 key cards key cards with the club queen (or, as here, extra length)

West leads the diamond ace, nine, two, five (standard count and attitude), and shifts to the three of clubs. Can you capitalize on the favourable lead by bringing home your slam? If you do, qualification in the final eight is still open to you; if you don't, there is always next year. No pressure. Form a general plan and think through each option. (See p. 33)

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by Bill Sharpless

The Banbury Community Centre building was originally the IBM Country Club, complete with an 18-hole golf course. In 1954, Hurricane Hazel badly damaged the golf course, especially the portion in the Don Valley. IBM decided to build a new facility in Markham, Ontario. Once IBM had moved (around 1970), the building became city property, and was renamed the Banbury Community Centre.

In 1972, Neal McKellar & Bill Shaw opened the Banbury Bridge Club with Barbara MacKay helping. Later Bill Shaw was replaced by Al James. In 1986, the club was taken over by George & Geneva Harris. The club continued to be popular, but began to fall off when Geneva's back problems became so severe that she was no longer able to come to the club. Fortunately Audrey Leybourne was able to step in to help George, and has been a valuable assistant ever since.

Bill Sharpless became George's assistant director, taking over whenever George went on holidays, and later when George's health deteriorated, resulting in hospital stays. By 2001, George no longer felt able to continue, and Bill took over full-time. By this time the City of Toronto amalgamation was trying to complete the job started with the forming of Metro Toronto back in 1953. This resulted in new managers and rules, which now allowed summer bridge, but also installed a curfew of 10:30 p.m., although this was extended by understanding city employees to 11:00 p.m.

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ARE ACES MEANT TO TAKE KINGS?

by David Lindop

(Continuing the series for newer players. Reprinted and abridged from Better Bridge with permission of publisher Audrey Grant.)

We want to make the best use of our aces and capturing an opponent's king with an ace seems to be one of the best things we can do. It helps promote our lower cards into winners.

♥ A 5
♥ K Q J 2 ♥ 7 6 4
♥ 10 9 8 3

If West leads the king of hearts and we take it with the ace, we'll eventually be able to promote a second winner in the suit. However, if we let West's king win the first trick, he can next lead the heart two and dummy's ace "Captures air" – only low cards. We can't then promote a second winner in the suit.

Now consider the following deal.

♠ 7 3 2
♥ K 8
♦ A Q J 8 5
♣ 7 6 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A K 5

West leads the spade king against our three no trump. If we take the king with the ace, the fate of the contract depends on the location of the diamond king. That certainly turns a dull deal into an exciting one...but it isn't good bridge. The contract comes with an iron-clad guarantee if we simply resist temptation and play the spade five from hand on the first trick. See the top of the next column for the complete layout of the deal:

♠ 7 3 2
♥ K 8
♦ A Q J 8 5
♣ 7 6 3

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

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A K 5

If we win the first trick with the ace of spades, pinning our hopes on the diamond finesse, this isn't our day. Not only does the finesse lose, but when East returns a spade, trapping our jack, West has five of them – the defenders take four of them and the king of diamonds for down one.

Still, luck doesn't have anything to do with it if we let the spade king win the first trick. What can West do? If he leads another spade, it's into the jaws of the ace-jack and we have two stoppers and ten tricks. If West shifts to another suit, we win in hand and take the diamond finesse. It loses, but the ace of spades prevents the run of the suit. Nine sure tricks.

This play can be quite useful even when the ace and jack are in different hands:

♠ A 7 3
♥ K 8
♦ A Q J 8 5
♣ 7 6 3

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

♠ J 5 2
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A K 5

When West leads the spade king, down we go if we take the ace immediately and play diamonds. East gets in with the king

and returns a spade to finish us off. If we simply play low from both hands on the first trick, West is left with no good rebuttal. Whether he leads another spade or a different suit, the situation is identical to the previous deal.

If we reverse the location of the ace and jack of spades, the situation is slightly different.

<p>♠ J 7 3 ♥ K 8 ♦ A Q J 8 5 ♣ 7 6 3</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 9 6 ♥ Q J 10 5 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 10 4</p> <p>♠ A 5 2 ♥ A 9 6 2 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ A K 5</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ Q J 9 8 2</p>
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The principle is similar here. We could still duck the king, but this time there's no need. Since we *know* that West holds the spade queen, we can win the first trick with the ace and take the diamond finesse. The jack of spades will prevent the run of the suit and give us an overtrick.

Of course, we don't always need the jack of spades for it to be a good idea to withhold our ace. Again we are in three no trump with a few changes in the layout:

<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ K 8 ♦ K Q J 8 5 ♣ 7 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ K Q J 9 6 ♥ Q J 10 5 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 10 4</p> <p>♠ A 5 2 ♥ A 9 6 2 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ A K 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 4 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ Q J 9 8</p>
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This time, there's no guarantee, but we improve our chances by holding up the ace until the third round. We'd be truly unlucky if West had the diamond ace and enough spades to beat the contract., but we're in good shape if East holds the diamond ace. East doesn't have a spade to reach West's winners. Even if we give one of West's spades to East, the defenders get only three spade tricks since their spades are divided 4-4.

Aces can be withheld to good effect in suit contracts as well as no trump contracts. This time we are in four spades.

<p>♠ A K ♥ K 9 6 4 2 ♦ 9 2 ♣ A K 7 5</p> <p>♠ 8 6 5 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ K Q J 7 5 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 9 7 3 ♥ 5 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 4 2 ♥ A J 10 8 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ Q J 10 8</p>
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In a suit contract, it's a little more nerve-racking to play low when we can win a trick with an ace. When West leads the diamond king, if we don't grab the diamond ace right away, there's the danger it might get ruffed. On this deal, however, we won't make the contract if we do that.

Suppose we do win the diamond ace right away. We have a heart loser, two diamond losers and a club loser. To make four spades, we'll have to ruff one diamond in dummy. Easy enough, we might think. We'll just give up the second diamond trick while we still have two trumps in the dummy.

That might work if we could count on East and West to cooperate, but they are aptly named *opponents*, not allies. Upon

seeing what we are planning to do, they'll win the diamond a lead a spade. We have to win it in dummy and have no quick entry back to our hand to ruff that pesky diamond. Whether we lead a heart or three rounds of clubs, they can win and finish us off by leading a second spade.

How much easier it is if we let West's king of diamonds win the first trick. West can shift to a spade, but we are in the driver's seat now. After winning the spade in dummy, we play a diamond to the ace and lead a third diamond, ruffing it in the dummy. By winning the ace of diamonds at the appropriate moment, we lose only one heart, one diamond and one club.

Having seen the importance of not rushing to take an ace, let's look at a really challenging deal. This time, West leads the heart king against our five diamonds.

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

What could be more obvious than taking our ace of hearts when we have a singleton in our hand? It's almost a reflex. If we do win the ace of hearts, however, we don't make the hand.

Suppose we win the heart ace and draw trumps. We have two potential spades and a club to lose. We can try to establish clubs for spade discards, but on the actual lie of the cards, East wins a club trick (we said it was challenging!) and the queen of spades comes hurtling through. A

moment or two later we are down one, having lost a club and two spades.

Instead, suppose we go against our natural instincts and let West hold the king of hearts! What can West do? He can't lead a spade effectively, so suppose he continues with another heart. We win dummy's ace and *discard our club loser!* Essentially, we've just exchanged one loser for another. Instead of winning the heart and later losing a club, we lost a heart and won't have to lose a club.

What difference does that make? After drawing trumps, we play ace of clubs, club to the king and ruff a club... since we no longer have a club loser. When the missing clubs are divided 3-2, dummy's two remaining clubs are established as winners. We can cross to dummy and discard both spade losers on dummy's club winners. We make an overtrick!

Once we duck the first heart, West can stop the overtrick by leading the spade ace, but that's all. Even if clubs were 4-1, we could still make five by retaining two diamond entries in dummy to set up and cash one club winner.

Were aces meant to take kings? Sure...but only when it's to our advantage to do so. Sometimes we put the ace to even better use if we exercise a little patience.

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Sat Eve 299er Pairs - Roy Osberg, Rudi Rucker

Sat Eve Newcomer Pairs - Gisele Chayer, Lyse Dumoulin

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Fri Aft 199er Pairs - Doreen Stein, Marlit Peirce

Fri Eve Open Pairs - Bill Koski, Jerry Richardson

Fri Eve 199er Pairs - Sondra Ivison, M Trinnell

Sat Aft 199er Pairs - Colin Bath, Ian Walker

Sat Open Pairs - Jerry Richardson, Bill Koski

Sat Eve 199er Pairs - George & Barbara Pike

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Sergei Akachinski

Sat Aft Newcomer Pairs - Lorraine
& Harry Schumilas

Sat Eve 299er Pairs - Sergei
Akachinski, Dian Petrova

Sun 299er Swiss Teams -
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Ramachandran, Thambiaiah
Kanagaraja, Thambyayah
Skanthavarathan

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Phemister

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Joan Nurse

Fri Eve 299er Pairs - Georgina Little
Frank Stoffle

Sat Aft 299er Pairs - Merelyn
Hallowell, Alice Luxmore

Sat Open Pairs - Bill Koski, Daniel

Korbel

Sat Eve 299er Pairs - Elizabeth van
Roon, Robert Ellis

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Stimming, Christine & Robert
Maxwell

Sun 299er Teams 2 - Rainer & Cobie
Stimming, Christine & Robert
Maxwell

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Tuesday Eve October 11

Open Malca Langer-J. D. Fenton
0-500 Judy Mayerovitch-Viv Whitworth
0-100 Brian Baker-Paul Sandor
0-20 Roslyn Frieberg-Sandy Masters

Sunday Aft October 16

Open Andrew Tylman-Gord Brown
0-500 Marg Muter-Paul Muter

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Sunday Eve October 16

Open Yiji Starr-Paul O'Hara
0-2000 Chelliah Murugesu-T. Sivarajah
0-500 Conchi Arnau-Ron Tillotson
0-300 Gus Battaglia-Bob Carey

Monday Aft October 17

Open Nancy Laurie-Dudley Camacho
0-2000 Doreen Scolnick-Bob Scolnick
0-300 Hilary Kettner-Myrna Ossip

Monday Eve October 17

Open Wayne Beach-Lee Woods
0-300 Wayne Beach-Lee Woods

Tuesday Aft October 18

Open Gary Arbour-Andrew Tylman
0-2000 Daphne Bell-Eva Buckley
0-300 Eamon Walsh - Allan Young
0-200 Mary Akin-Mary Daniher
0-50 Linda Herman-Cathie Sablatnig

Tuesday Eve October 18

Open Don McGill-Sadru Visram
0-2000 Steve Foster-Daniel Bernstein
0-300 Dinah Power-Robert Brown
0-100 Pauline Milrad-Joan Parsonson
0-20 Joyce Harris-Sandy Masters

Wednesday Aft October 19

Open Arnie Krause-George Geyer
Joe Siegel-Andrew Tylman
0-2000 Joan Stephens-Prent Glazier
0-750 Helen Gibson-Bonnie Skerrett
0-200 Arthur Szostak-Mir Sadrieh
0-50 Margot Taylor-Margie Glaister

Wednesday Eve October 19

Open Alex Vujic-Franco Gaspari

0-500 Leila Bessada-Ratna Omidvar
0-50 Ann Jervis-Linda Gilpin

Thursday Aft October 20

Open Julia Price-Shelly Pearlman
0-1000 Doreen Scolnick-Bob Scolnick
0-500 Beverley Zacks-M. Rosenberg
0-200 Mir Sadrieh-Arthur Szostak
0-50 Liz Walker-Ruth Watkins

Thursday Eve October 20

Open Steve Foster-Andrew Collins
0-2000 Steve Foster-Andrew Collins
0-300 Peter Yuen-Walter Jaworski

Friday Aft October 21

Open Derek Bate-David Bate
0-1000 Derek Bate-David Bate
0-500 Derek Bate-David Bate

Friday Eve October 21

Open Wendy Krause-Jan Galloway
0-1500 Melanie Parker-J. Van Nuland
0-500 Shawn Mahood-J. Richardson
0-100 Pam Husband-David Eddy
0-50 Marylou Smith-Rod Paterson

Saturday Aft October 22

Open Jennifer Swimmer-G. Geyer
0-2500 Liz Gallagher-Shelly Pearlman
0-500 Sandra & Dave Douglas

Saturday Eve October 22

Open Paul O'Hara-Steve Mackay
0-2000 Sondra Blank-D. Bernstein
0-500 Sondra Blank-D. Bernstein

Friday Aft October 28

Open Helen Gibson-Chris Phillips
0-1500 Helen Gibson-Chris Phillips
0-500 Madeleine Nikolov-Paul Cozzi

Monday Aft November 7

Open Jan Galloway-Despina Georgas
0-2500 Edie Brenner-Shelly Pearlman
0-500 Beverley Zacks-M. Rosenberg

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Thursday Eve November 24

Open Nate Rosen-Dudley Camacho
0-1500 Malca Langer-J. D. Fenton
0-300 Peter Yuen-Walter Jaworski

Friday Eve November 25

Open Doug Andrews-Brian Johnston
0-500 Katie Jackson-John Jackson
0-100 Wendy Parker-D. Rajagopal
0-20 Gloria & Seymour Epstein

Tuesday Aft December 6

Open Rana Ghadaki-C. Murugesu
0-2000 Paul Cozzi-Bob Stumpf
0-300 Marilyn Gross-Helen Tator
0-200 Catherine Wang-Allan Young
0-50 W. Hindmarch-Simon v.d. Heym

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PUSILLANIMOUS

adj. Cowardly; mean-spirited; faint-hearted

by John Cunningham

Suppose you're playing in a CNTC zonal qualifying match against favoured opponents whom you estimate to be up 8 IMPs with five boards to play.

Your hand, with neither side vulnerable:
 ♠ Q, ♥ 9 6 4 3 2, ♦ J 3, ♣ A Q 10 8 4

Partner deals and bids two diamonds (weak, good suit); RHO overcalls two spades. Well, they can likely do well in spades. Could it be our hand, though? Should I bid? If so, what? What is the likelihood of our being caught speeding?

Both three diamonds and three clubs would be non-forcing and perhaps useful. Would two no trump make any sense? No, I think it would arguably show something like this hand with the round suits reversed; certainly not natural anyway. If I bid three clubs, will that help them more than Partner? Oh twaddle, I pass. Retribution was swift. The full deal was:

♠ A K 5 4
 ♥ Q J 8
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ 7 6 5

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

♠ J 10 9 8 7
 ♥ A 7 5
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ K J

West	North	East	South
Timorous	John	Doug	Michael
One	Rayner	Andrews	Roche
—	—	2♦	2♠
Pass(?)	3♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer, Michael Roche, ducked the first diamond, won the continuation, then played three round of spades ending in the dummy, while I threw a heart and a club. Perhaps two clubs discards would have been better.

Roche now played the heart queen, covered by the king, and won by the ace. Two more spades followed and I threw clubs. That left me with:

♠ —, ♥ 9 6 4, —, ♣ A Q

Roche played to the heart jack, then a third heart left me to concede his ninth trick in clubs after cashing my heart winners. I thought at the time that if somehow Partner had twigged to put his diamond queen on my jack we could prevail, but no, declarer wins and can simply build a second diamond trick for his ninth trick with the majors behaving so nicely.

(Declarer plays off five rounds of spades, while taking the heart finesse. In the six-card ending, I must keep the heart nine and another to stop the eight being high, a diamond as an exit card, thus can only keep three clubs. Declarer now surrenders a diamond and we take three club winners, but no more. To keep enough winners to beat three no trump, I must discard my diamond, whereupon declarer end-plays me as before.)

Nicely played, but my own fault for bidding so timidously. Notice John Rayner's pretty three-diamond bid and pass to three no trump, avoiding potential diamond ruffs. Impossible to do that had I bid three diamonds, and perhaps not so easy after three clubs. Pusillanimous, indeed.

Our teammates, with no adverse bidding against them, sailed blithely into the doomed four spades. Down 19 with four boards to go.

BERMUDA BOWL QUIZ SOLUTIONS

(See pages 14-16 for the Quiz)

Solution 1. (from p. 14)

♠ A J 4 3 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ K 6 4 2 ♣ 5 ♠ K Q 10 8 6 ♥ 7 6 ♦ J ♣ K Q 9 6 2 ♠ 9 5 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 ♣ A 10 4	♠ 7 2 ♥ K Q 8 4 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ J 8 7 3
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In five diamonds, your plan should be to ruff two clubs in dummy and set up a heart for a spade pitch, or if the opponents lead spades, set up the spade jack for a heart pitch. This is more difficult than it sounds because of the limited number of entries to the South hand.

If you start by leading a heart to the nine, East will return a trump. You win the ace, ruff a club, play a trump to the ten and ruff another club with the diamond king. On the lie of the cards, either a low heart from dummy or the ace and another makes the contract. However, if hearts were 4-2 the other way, West could win the heart and force East to ruff dummy's winner. Not so good.

Alternatively, you could simply start by ruffing clubs, a better plan. Ace of clubs, club ruff, diamond to ace (jack falling), club ruff with the king of diamonds, diamond to the ten, queen of diamonds. Now a heart to the nine leaves you pretty well-placed. East can win but cannot do you any harm on the actual lie. The defence can force a guess on you by leading the deuce of spades to the king(!),

ducked, and another spade, but you'd not misguess, would you?

(Good lead by Silver, by the way.)

Solution 2. (from p. 15)

♠ A 8 5 ♥ A 10 9 6 ♦ A J 9 7 3 ♣ 7 ♠ Q 6 3 ♥ J ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ A J 6 5 3 2 ♠ K 10 7 4 2 ♥ K Q 7 5 4 3 ♦ K ♣ Q	♠ J 9 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 6 5 4 2 ♣ K 10 9 8 4
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After raising initially to only two hearts, Silver held the North cards and bid a simple six hearts! After all, there was no reason at all I couldn't have held the hand I did with the spade queen instead of the club queen. It was probably more likely on our auction.

We received a bit of luck here when Hamman held the diamonds I needed to discard three spades from my hand. Otherwise, I'd have needed Soloway to hold a singleton jack or queen of spades, or for Hamman to hold the queen-jack doubleton. We expected the board to be a push with Meckwell at the other table, but they uncharacteristically stayed in game.

Of course, we could simply have doubled Hamman-Soloway for 800.

Solution 3. (from p. 15)

(See top of next page.) Silver and I had done pretty well at the other table, Joey opening three spades and me bidding four spades over three no trump from North. South bid five no trump (pick a slam, North bid six diamonds and South bid six hearts, all pass. Perhaps North should have raised. On the club nine lead, declarer was soon claiming thirteen tricks.

♠ A Q
♥ A Q 8 6
♦ A K 10 8 7
♣ J 10

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

♠ 3
♥ K J 10 7 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A K 7 3 2

In seven hearts, Baran had to guess the play on a trump lead. Obviously a second round of trumps would have worked wonders, but if they'd been 3-1, he would have been awkwardly-placed. He tried the ace-king of clubs! Oops.

In another match, Chagas tried the ace-king of diamonds in seven hearts. That was a lot more successful on the actual lie of the cards. Many had sympathy for Baran, but his opponents nevertheless chalked up 14 IMPs instead of losing 11.

Solution 4. (from p.15)

♠ 9
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ A 9 8 7 6 3 2
♣ K

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

♠ A K J 10 8 6 5
♥ K J 9
♦ 10
♣ Q 3

After East had opened a strong no trump, my first decision as South was whether to bid three spades directly (preemptive, but not insane) or to call double, showing the majors or a one-suiter. I decided to double, Silver bid two diamonds (natural), preferring to play diamonds if clubs were

my suit (I'd pass the two-club relay). Since two diamonds neither promised nor denied values, I now had a choice between two spades and three spades.

With my five-and-a-half-loser hand, I was conservative, bidding only two spades. The defence was not challenging. Heart ten to the ace, heart to the jack, diamond to the ace, spade to the jack. Plus 200. We lost 9 IMPs.

On the queen of diamonds lead, it is possible to go down in four spades, but Sadek and el-Ahmady were given an easier time over the natural one club opening, bid to game, and made it easily on a club lead and trump switch.

Solution 5. (from p.15)

♠ 9 7 2
♥ K J 9 8 4
♦ J 7
♣ A Q 10

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

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ A Q 7
♦ K 2
♣ 8 4 2

West led a heart against four spades. Did you win the ace of spades and lead another heart to give Partner a ruff? If you did, well done, down two. Partner will play back a diamond after ruffing the heart, declarer would play the king and another heart ruff and the diamond queen would fall into your lap. Easy game.

Did this happen? No. West switched to a club, necessary on some layouts, but not this one. This was a push, as partners did not find the winning defence either.

Solution 6. (from p. 16)

I fell from grace defending three no trump here. It was fairly certain that declarer had four spades for his play in the suit.

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

If he had the club king (very likely), that gave him 11 HCP and seven tricks (assuming no more than four clubs, the fatal error). With the ace-jack of hearts, a diamond switch was necessary, with the ace-jack of diamonds, a diamond switch would give the contract. Without one of the jacks, passive defence would work.

I played the heart nine. This need not have given the ninth trick, even if declarer had ace-eight. As you can see, Price quickly claimed nine tricks while we'd had six if I'd shifted to a diamond. I wanted to rip my cards to shreds.

Solution 7. (from p. 16)

Did you fall for P.O. Sundelin's ruse in five diamonds and play the ace of trumps? If you did, you went down. I reasoned that if he actually did hold two diamonds and one club (so that a club ruff was available), he'd have to be six-four or five-five in the majors.

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

With six-four, I thought he'd have overcalled; with five-five he had a choice of two clubs (Michaels Cue Bid) or one spade, intending to bid hearts later. So I ran the diamond jack. We didn't do *everything* wrong! P.O. uttered a profanity (politely, of course). We lost 4 IMPs to five diamonds doubled at the other table, the double making declarer's play rather easier.

Problem 8. (from p. 16)

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

We were rather unlucky on this board. In six clubs on the diamond ace lead and a club shift, Satya ran six trumps without playing any other suit. The position was:

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

In the diagrammed position, declarer played a heart to the ace, then the king of diamond (discarding an obvious heart) and a spade to the king. On the eight of clubs, I threw the heart jack and Satya and Joey threw their remaining diamonds. Declarer then finessed the spade jack to score 1370.

Why was that unlucky? Apart from the unfortunate prospect of being on lead with Silver's hand and the actual lie of the cards, Satya could have increased his chances by cashing the ace of hearts and king of diamonds before playing off the trumps – his squeeze chances would have been better, and he might have dropped the heart king singleton offside. Still, he succeeded where it counted, on the scorecard.

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DEEP FINESSE

Andy Stark

Have you heard of Deep Finesse? It's a computer program which analyzes bridge hands. Deep Finesse solves all play problems and tells you instantly what contracts can be made by each side.

The analysis results are sometimes used in conjunction with hand records. When this is done, Deep Finesse lists the highest number of tricks that can be taken by each player (denoted by their compass directions), assuming perfect double-dummy play and defence.

One of the attributes of Deep Finesse is that after your game you can use it as a learning tool. For example, say you went

down in a four heart contract; you can check Deep Finesse to see if ten tricks really were there for the taking. Conversely, you can see that you should have set that three no trump contract; perhaps you muddled the defence.

Deep Finesse takes into consideration all four hands and where the lead is coming from. So it might tell you that three hearts is possible if declared by East, but that West can make four. While Deep Finesse does not discriminate by taking into account *who* is at the table - great players or rank novices - it assumes best defence and best declarer play.

So, sometimes when Deep Finesse tells you what was possible, you need to figure out the line of play for yourself. It can get convoluted and complicated but it beats rushing home and *never learning from the game*.

For example, here is a full deal with Deep Finesse analysis:

<p>♠ A 9 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q 8 6 3 ♣ A Q J 9 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 8 ♥ J 6 5 3 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ 8 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 7 6 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ K J 7 5 4 ♣ K 3</p> <p>♠ Q 5 4 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 7 6</p>																														
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South	1	-	1	-	-																										
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West	-	3	-	2	1																										

East-West can make three diamonds. They can also make two spades and one no trump. North-South will most likely be outbid because their limit is the one-level, especially in the 5-2 heart fit. Interestingly

though, while South can make only one club, North can make an extra trick in clubs. Can you see how? Hint: what is West's most effective lead against a club contract? Can East make the same lead without giving up a trick? See the answer at the end of this article.

A while back, I had the pleasure to peruse the hand records after a Friday afternoon game at Kate's. Thanks to Deep Finesse, I discovered something unique about a deal that would otherwise pass as mundane - the type of deal one plays then never thinks about again. Now I wonder if I will ever see a hand like this again:

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

Here is your mission should you choose to accept it: *How would Deep Finesse analyze this deal? That is, who can make how many in each of the five denominations?* The solution can be found on page 41. Try it before peeking. Warning - it is complicated!

Answer to first problem: West should lead a trump against a club contract - East cannot profitably do the same.

THE RULE OF 7

Debbie Bennett

As we leave the topic of 'rules', the last one we'll look at is another 'RULE OF 7'

This rule was discussed by Leslie Shafer in the November 2005 issue of the ACBL Bulletin, p. 42. The rule is worthwhile enough to review it here.

This rule applies when declaring no trump contracts and trying to determine how many times you should hold up before winning the trick. It should be applied when:

- 1) the opponents lead a suit in which you have only one stopper,
- 2) you must give up the lead once to make your contract, and
- 3) the defence won't have enough tricks to defeat you when you give up the lead.

Add the total number of cards held by the dummy and declarer. Subtract this number from seven and you get the number of tricks you should let the defence win before winning the trick.

For example, if dummy has two cards in the danger suit and declarer has three, the total is five; $7 - 5 = 2$, so hold up twice. In other words, let the defence win the first two tricks before you take your trick. If dummy has three cards and declarer has three cards in the suit, the total is six; $7 - 6 = 1$, so hold up only once.

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Morning Bracketed KO (1 st of 4 Sessions)	9:00A	
499er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)	10:00A	
Morning Side Series Pairs	10:00A	
Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO (1 st and 2 nd of 4 Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Stratified Open Pairs (Two Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Wednesday/Thursday Series Pairs	1:30P	7:30P

THURSDAY - March 9th

Morning Bracketed KO (2 nd of 4 Sessions)	9:00A	
499er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)	10:00A	
Morning Side Series Pairs	10:00A	
Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO (3 rd and 4 th of 4 Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Stratified Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Stratified Open Pairs (Two Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Wednesday/Thursday Series Pairs	1:30P	7:30P

FRIDAY - March 10th

Morning Bracketed KO (3 rd of 4 Sessions)	9:00A	
Friday/Saturday Swiss Teams (1 st of 2 sessions)	9:00A	
499er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)	10:00A	
Morning Side Series Pairs	10:00A	
Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO (1 st and 2 nd of 4 Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Stratified Open Pairs (Two Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Friday/Saturday Series Pairs	1:30P	7:30P

SATURDAY - March 11th

Morning Bracketed KO (4 th of 4 Sessions)	9:00A	
Friday/Saturday Swiss Teams (2 nd of 2 Sessions)	9:00A	
499er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)	10:00A	
Morning Side Series Pairs	10:00A	
Compact KO	1:30P	7:30P
Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO (3 rd and 4 th of 4 Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Stratiflighted Open Pairs (Two Sessions)	1:30P	7:30P
Friday/Saturday Series Pairs	1:30P	7:30P

SUNDAY - March 12th

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams PLAYTHROUGH 7 x 7-Board Matches 11:00A

Stratified Events: "A"=2000+ "B"=750-2000 "C"=0-750

Stratiflighted Events: "A1"=3000+ "A2"=0-3000 "B"=750-2000 "C"=500-750 "D"=0-500

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A:1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

Intermediate & Newcomer Game (Single Sessions)

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 & 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 25

Bracketed KO Teams 1st 9:00 AM sharp

Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 PM

All Flights are Playthrough; Single Session Entries Welcomed

A(Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd 1:00 PM

Bracketed KO Teams 3rd 7:00 PM

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5 1:00 PM

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 PM

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 26

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (Separate Sessions) 11:00 AM & TBA

A:0+; B:500-1000; C:0-500 - ALL flights scored by Victory Points

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session) 11:00 AM

0-50/100/200

Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session) 4:00 PM

0-50/100/200

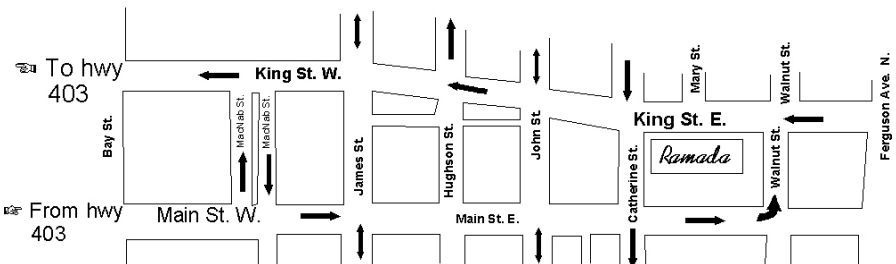
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TUESDAY, APRIL 11

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 Bracketed KO 1 1 pm & 7 pm
 (continues Wednesday)
 Swiss Teams 7 pm
 Side Game Series 1 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-300 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-20 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Open Swiss Teams 1 pm & 7 pm
 Senior Swiss Teams 10 am & 3 pm
 Open Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 Bracketed KO 1 1 pm & 7 pm
 (continued from Tuesday)
 Side Game Series 1 1 pm & 7 pm
NEWCOMER DAY 1 pm
 (0-5 masterpoints play free)
 0-300 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-20 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Morning KO 9 am
 (continues Fri & Sat)
 Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
 Open Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO
 (continues thru Saturday) 1 pm & 7 pm
 Side Game Series 1 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-300 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-20 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Morning KO 9 am
 (continued from Thursday)
 Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
PERCY SHEARDOWN 1 pm & 7 pm
 (continued from Thursday)
 Bracketed KO 11 1 pm & 7 pm
 Stratiflighted Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 BAM Teams 7 pm
 Side Game Series 11 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-300 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-20 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Morning KO 9 am
 Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
PERCY SHEARDOWN KO
 (continued from Friday) 1 pm & 7 pm
 Bracketed KO 11 1 pm & 7 pm
 (continued from Friday)
 Compact KO 1 pm & 7 pm
 Stratiflighted Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm
 Side Game Series 11 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-300 Pairs* 1 pm & 7 pm
 0-20 Pairs 1 pm & 7 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

A/X Swiss Teams (playthrough) 10 am
 B/C/D Swiss Teams (playthrough) 10 am
 Senior Swiss Teams (playthrough) 10 am
 0-300 Swiss Teams (separate) 10 am & tba

All events are stratified

Stratified Events: A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750

Stratiflighted Events: A=3000+, X=0-3000; B/C/D: B=1000-2000, C=500-1000, D=0-500

I/N Events: Intermediate-A=200-300, B=50-200, C=0-50; Novice- A=10-20, B=5-10, C=0-5

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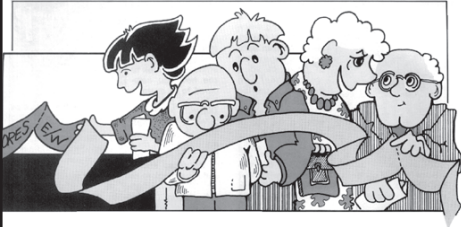
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Stratified 0-199ers: Single Session

Note time! 10:30 am
 1/2 price for players with 0-5 master points

CHOOSE YOUR GAME!

Compact KO Teams: 2 Sessions

Note times! 10:30am & 3:00pm
 Compact means only 2 sessions and only 4 players per team

OR

Stratified Pairs: 2 Session Playthrough

Note times! 10:30am & 3:00pm
 A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500
 About 1 hour pause for soup and sandwiches between sessions for each game

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 am

A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500
 Playthrough with 1/2 hour break for food

Entry Fees: \$11 per player per session for ACBL members; \$13 for non-members

Director-in-Charge: Patti Lee

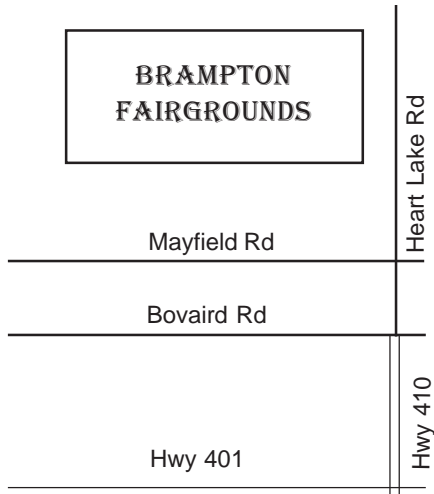
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Separate 0-199er stratified single session game if attendance warrants

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DISTRICT 2 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

MAY 5 – 7, 2006



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GNT SCHEDULE

Friday, May 5: 1st Qualifying Session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 6: 2nd & 3rd Qualifying Sessions 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 7: Semi-Final and Final 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

- There will be 4 separate Flights. This event will NOT be stratified. Championship: 0 - unlimited masterpoints Flight A: 0 - 5000 masterpoints Flight B: 0 - 2000 masterpoints Flight C: Non-Life Masters under 500 masterpoints
- NO PRE-QUALIFICATION - ALL TEAMS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY
- Opening Captain's meeting will be held at 7:15 pm Friday.
- Entry Fee is \$250 per team
- Mid chart conventions are allowed in Open and A Flights
- Reservations are suggested
- CONDITIONS OF CONTEST see <http://www3.sympatico.ca/jonathan.st/>

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Sunday, May 7: 2 Sessions 12:30 a.m. & TBA

Each session will be 24 boards; Entry fee is \$40 per pair; If you play on Friday and Saturday, Sunday is FREE; Regionally rated, 1/2 Red, 1/2 Black Points; Stratified: A: 2001 - unlimited, B = 501 - 2000, C = 0 - 500; Reservations are suggested.

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Solution to Deep Finesse Problem

Read the article by Andy Stark on page 34 before continuing!

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58th BLUEWATER SECTIONAL

SARNIA

MAY 6 & 7, 2006



SATURDAY, MAY 6

Flighted Pairs - Single Session 1:00 pm
 Flights: A=1250+, B=0-1250, C=0-500
 Stratified Pairs - Single Session 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Girl Guide Centre
 1121 Wellington St., Sarnia
 Corner of Wellington & Murphy
 (Additional parking in high school
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SUNDAY, May 7

Bracketed Swiss Teams 11:00 am
 Brackets as warranted
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		London Rd.		
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			Girl Guide Centre Parking (Ample)	



[Map Not to Scale]

From 402 (USA & Detroit): Exit Indian Rd. Turn left on Exmouth and after 1/4 mile turn right on Indian Rd. S. Proceed to Wellington St. and turn left.

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FRIDAY MAY 26 - 8:00 PM

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 Friends of Bridge..... A: 100-200 B: 50-100 C: 0-50

SATURDAY MAY 27 - 1:30 PM

Stratflighted Pairs A/X (Separate)

Stratified Pairs..... A: 0+ B: 500-1000 C: 0-500
 Stratified 199er Pairs..... A: 100-200 B: 50-100 C: 0-50

SATURDAY MAY 27 - 7:30 PM

Peterborough Bridge Club Pairs..... A: 1000+ B: 500-1000 C: 0-500
 Stratified 199er Pairs..... A: 100-200 B: 50-100 C: 0-50

SUNDAY MAY 28 - 11:00 AM and TBA

Open Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) A: 1000+ B: 500-1000 C: 0-500
 Stratified 199er Pairs..... A: 100-200 B: 50-199 C: 0-50

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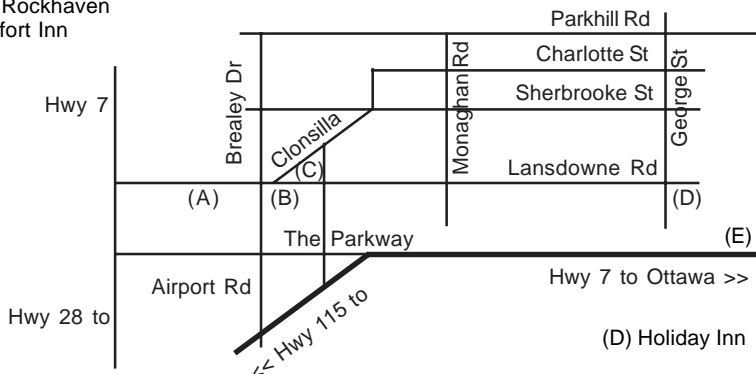
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Tea/coffee/water and cash bar available throughout the day.

Players of all levels are welcome

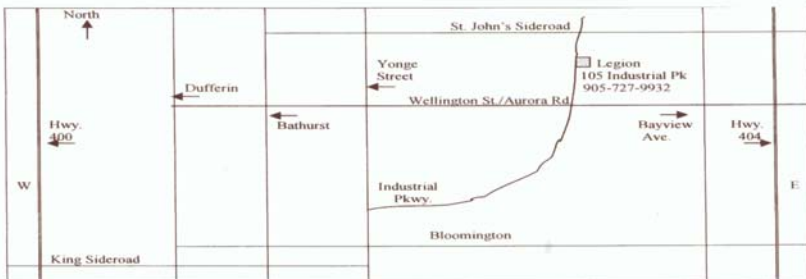
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199er TEAMS: 2 Single sessions



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June 10 and 11, 2006



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Saturday, June 10

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B: 500 -1250; C: 0 -500 combined flights

199er Game - Special Prices! 1:30 & 7:30

Single Sessions - Stratified - \$15/pair

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included in entry

Sunday, June 11

Flighted Swiss Teams 11:00& TBA

A: 1250+ separate flight

B: 500 -1250; C: 0 -500 combined flights

199er Game - Special Prices

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***** Please note the new starting times of**
11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. ***

From 401 W: Take Hwy 7 & 8 exit to Kitchener. Follow Hwy 7 & 8 to Guelph/Waterloo. Exit at Bridgeport Rd. and go right. Follow Bridgeport Rd. Turn right at Erb Street. Turn right at Fr. David Bauer Dr.

From 401E: Take Watson exit. Turn left on Homer Watson. Take Hwy 7 & 8 toward Stratford. Exit at Fischer-Hallman. Turn left on Fischer-Hallman. Turn right at University Ave. Turn right at Erb Street. Turn left at Fr. David Bauer.



Hi John:

Just got the Kibitzer and read my article. You overlooked the fact that the switch to the heart queen is necessary to beat the contract (not an error!). If the diamond switch is made before that, West has no suitable discard on the third club. If he throws a spade, declarer cashes four spades and throws him in with a diamond. If he discards a heart, declarer ducks a heart and west can only cash three tricks before putting declarer back in to collect nine tricks.

Hamish MacGregor

This is the deal Hamish is writing about:

♠ Q J 10 9
♥ 8 6 4
♦ A Q 6
♣ J 7 3

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

South declares three no trump on the lead of the diamond eight. Declarer wins the queen and leads the club jack. In Hamish's original text, he presented it as a declarer play problem, having East duck the first club, win the second and switch to queen and another heart. Declarer put the king on prematurely (on the actual lie of the cards) and went down one.

I thought it was better as a defensive problem for East. My first edit was to have East win the club ace immediately in case declarer had nine tricks if the club jack won (four

spades and four diamonds is possible). My second edit was to declare that switching to a heart was an error, since West was more likely to hold a singleton heart ace than ace-ten third, or ace-king third, which is what you need to beat him in hearts. That being the case, a diamond continuation stands out (especially as he likely holds the king and queen of clubs for his jack play).

Hamish's point is that declarer can win the second diamond and cash two clubs – if West throws a spade, four rounds of spades and a diamond end-plays him to lead away from the heart ace to your king. All true, but why should declarer play this way? If hearts are indeed five-two, East is favoured by those odds to hold the ace. And why should declarer know to cash clubs first? He'd be going down on a cold hand if the heart ace is with East and he had a couple of clubs to cash.

No, it is a common mistake to look at all four hands and base your analysis on the knowledge of where the cards actually lie. As a single dummy problem it is an error to lead a heart, despite the fact that you get away with it this time; West could have had a singleton ace and needed it as an entry to cash his diamonds. – Ed.

Dear Sirs,

I noticed a slight flaw in one hand in the article by David Lindop in the Winter 2005 Kibitzer.

On page 16, the second-to-last diagram, the contract is four hearts. The text suggests that declarer can avoid the club over-ruff by pitching a diamond from dummy instead of ruffing the third club. It also says that East threw a spade on the second club. What if East throws DIAMONDS on his partner's winning clubs? Then he is back in the position of being able to over-ruff the dummy. (It is lucky that his partner has the ten of diamonds.) (True – Ed.)

Stephen Cooper

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Tournament Trail

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2006

February

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4 GN Pairs B & C Finals, Sudbury*
11-18 CBF Canadian Bridge Championships* (CNTC, CWTC, CSTC, COPC, CIPC), See www.cbf.ca for details
12 Barrie Friendship Day*
14-19 CBF Regional, Mississauga*
20-26 Canada-wide STaC
24-26 Sudbury*

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- 8-10 St. Thomas
12-17 Barrie Regional
29-Oct 1 Trenton

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