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October 25-27, 2019

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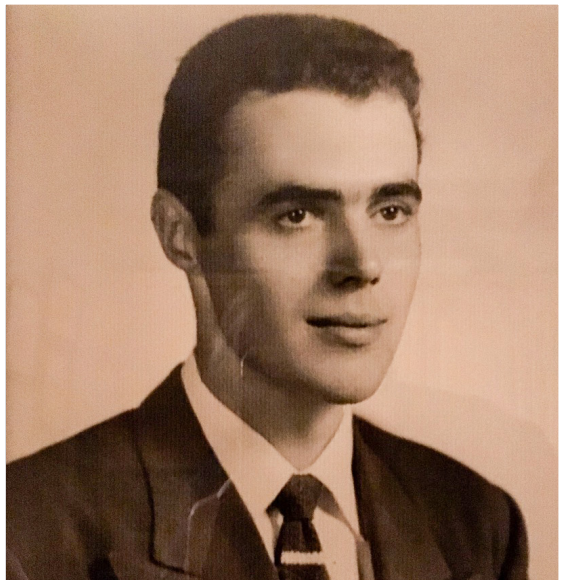
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Editor's Note

My first bridge partner died the week before Christmas. He was 84. After a lengthy stay in the hospital due to complications from diabetes, his kidney stopped functioning. "You wouldn't kidney, would you?" would be a typical line of his. John Andrew Stark (aka, Jack, aka Dad) and I share the same name, only he went by John or Jack, and I went by Andrew until I turned 10, when my soccer team started calling me Andy and that stuck. Dad and my mother, who passed in 1992, taught me to play bridge when I was 11 years old. They needed a fourth for when one of my grandparents could not sit in.

For years we would play 'kitchen bridge,' fortunately not in the kitchen, and cottage bridge, fortunately at the cottage. We'd get the giggles when my father, as dummy, would nod off in the middle of a hand. We knew it was time to quit the game when he nodded off as *declarer*. When I was in my teens Dad and I ventured out to the Huron Park Monday night game where we finished sixth East-West and earned 0.16 masterpoints. I never did mail that pink slip

in to ACBL headquarters; instead I pasted it into a scrapbook.

We both joined the ACBL in May of 1989 and began playing regularly at John Rayner's club in Mississauga. Occasionally we'd win but not if our nemesis Steve Gural was in the field. Steve killed us. One night, Dad could not play, so my mom filled in and we crushed Steve. Crazy game. In October of 1995 Dad and I went to the Buffalo Spooktacular with the goal of him becoming a Life Master. And he did! We finished third overall in a Flight B game and got him the 4 gold points he needed, plus 4 extra.

Along with Jim LeFrancois and a handful of other super-regulars, Jack Stark kept Rayner in business such was the frequency of his bridge play at the Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Center. My dad played with many: Heather Bradley, Bob Pezzack, Doreen Cavan, and Bob Beecroft, to name a few. Louise McNeely was a sometime partner who became a great friend to Dad and the Stark family. Dad was always, *always* a gentleman: polite to his opponents, and complimentary of his partners.

My father was not the gregarious sort, just quiet and humble. But, if given the opportunity to tell a joke, he could bring the house down. His jokes were framed as stories: if you ever heard him tell the one about Demetrius or the Bricklayer you know how well he told a story. He could do accents and his timing was impeccable—probably why he did so well for Hasbro as a salesman. For a Xmas party at MOBC he got all jazzed up in his tuxedo and performed as one of the Three Tenors along with John Rayner and Herman Schneider. Dad, naturally, played the part of Pavarotti. MOBridge has graciously offered

to host a special game for Dad. The Jack Stark Memorial game will be held Sat., May 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. You're invited.

While my father once had a famous disaster with Bergen Raises (he passed the artificial 3♣ bid after opening 1♠), and after his third 'forget' of Lebensohl, (he firmly scratched it off the convention card), he could, like a weekend duffer putting it all together on one hole to card a birdie, have a glorious game. It happened on Dec. 21, 2001, in the MOBC club championship while playing with Louise. They came first with a 63% game beating out dynamos such as Rayner-Hunter, Fox-Howlett, Vanlierop-Groulx, Bev & John Ross, Dooley-Sutherland, and Welland-Binsky. I think it was his favourite 1.63 masterpoints of alltime.

I'll miss our annual bridge game, his stories and jokes, and most of all, his friendship.

What I wrote in The Weak Notrump for Mom also applies to Dad: "One of the game's greatest gifts is the opportunity it provides for people of all ages to spend time together and I shall always be grateful for the time we spent playing bridge."

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Barbara Seagram & Patti Lee, with the help of the bridge community, have built some schools in Cambodia and now sustain 5 schools there. Please help us by attending and/or donating. Tax deductible receipts will be issued.

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9.00 am: REGISTRATION

9:30 - 11:30 am: Lesson with JOHN RAYNER. Hands-on and fun!

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12:45 pm: BRIDGE GAME. MASTERPOINTS MINIMUM DONATION of \$40.00 (no maximum) PLUS \$14.00 to cover cost of lunch, rent, etc

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0-5	
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5-20	
Sattar Ali	58.81
Jerzy Zakrzewski	55.55
Arlette Othenin-Girard	54.03
20 to 50	
Bogdan Kurek	71.33
Wanda McCarley	64.34
Asit Nundy	60.10
50-100	
George Klein	122.73
Max Cheng	116.09
Keith Prytulka	107.02
100-200	
Cindy Zhang He	198.99
Tejinder Chadda	132.24
Danny Tomlinson	126.31
200-300	
Brij Chadda	209.97
Jerry Lenders	183.61
Russell Baird	167.09
300-500	
Jacob Freeman	486.45
Bo Han Zhu	457.66
Graham Dixon	252.49
500-1000	
Max Rutherford	233.29
Dorin Toma	220.43
Will Sutherland	210.04

1000-1500	
Mike Fernane	208.62
Douglas Jordan	187.22
Eileen Grady	172.76
1500-2500	
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2500-3500	
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3500-5000	
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5000-7500	
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Andrew Firko	539.90
7500-10,000	
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- District 2 business
- NAP/GNT tournament information
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(Visit www.unit246.com for details)

- 1st time members of the ACBL can apply to the Unit 246 Board for a \$20 rebate for their 2nd year of ACBL membership
- Bridge teachers can list their services on the Unit 246 website free

UNIT 249 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Unit 249 will hold an election in August this year to elect ten (10) directors at large to serve a two-year term on the Unit 249 Board of Directors. Anyone interested in standing for election must submit a Nomination Form to the Unit Secretary, not later than April 15, 2019.

Nomination Forms

A copy of the Nomination Form appears below. If you wish to submit a nomination, simply print a copy of the form, complete it and return the form to the Unit Secretary by mail or email at the addresses shown on the form. Additionally, the Nomination Form is being sent to each club manager to ensure availability at each club.

Voting System

Members will be able to vote on a secure internet site, by mail, or in person. Members with email addresses registered with the ACBL will receive their ballots and voting instructions by email. Those members without a registered email address will receive their package by post. Additionally, all members may download a voting package from the Unit 249 website after June 30, 2019. Finally, all members who wish to vote in person may do so at the Tillsonburg Golden Leaf Sectional, to be held in Tillsonburg, ON August 9-11, 2019. Voting will close at 10:15 a.m. on August 11, 2019.

Is Your Contact Information Current?

Members are encouraged to check that their email and mailing addresses on file with the ACBL are current. This is easily done by logging into the ACBL website www.acbl.org and clicking on the “My ACBL Login” tab. Then, follow the links by clicking on the “Update My Information” tab to verify that your current contact information is on file.

Candidate Profiles

Each person for whom nomination forms are properly submitted will be contacted by the Unit Secretary to provide a brief biographical profile. Watch for a full list of the candidates and their profiles in the May issue of “*The Kibitzer*”.

Membership Requirements

Nominees and Nominators must be members in good standing of Unit 249 of the American Contract Bridge League.

Installation of Successful Candidate

Successful candidates will be installed at the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Unit 249, to be held in conjunction with the St. Thomas Jumbo Sectional Tournament, September 7, 2019.

NOMINATION FORM

For Directors at Large

South Western Ontario Bridge Association
Unit 249, American Contract Bridge League

In accordance with the Unit 249 Constitution, Unit 249 will hold an election in August 2019 to fill ten (10) positions of Director at Large on the Board of Directors for the unit. The positions are for a two-year term.

We wish to nominate the following person:

Nominee	ACBL #	Signature of Nominee
_____	_____	_____
		<i>I hereby accept this nomination</i>

Nominated by:

Nominators (2)	ACBL #	Signature of Nominators
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Nominee and Nominators must be members in good standing of Unit 249 of the American Contract Bridge League.

Nominations must be received not later than April 15, 2019.

LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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Notice to All Clubs & Tournament Managers in Units 166, 246, 249 & 255

If you plan to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the four Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have an historic tournament weekend - they are set aside for you.

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For Newer Players

By Robert Griffiths

You open the South hand below with 1NT, not worried about losing the spade suit because you and your partner play Puppet Stayman which lets you find 5-3 major suit fits. West passes and your partner, looking uncomfortable, bids 3NT. After all pass, your partner dashes off to the washroom, apologizing for not trying Stayman, but after all it was an emergency.

West leads the $\diamond 5$ to his partner's Ace and the $\diamond 3$ knocks out your King. What should you be thinking?

Board 4
South Deals
Both Vul

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

First, you count your tricks. You have 5 sure Spades (as long as you lead the ace or queen first), 2 Hearts, 1 Diamond and 1 Club. So, if you are playing in a Team game or rubber bridge, you quietly forgive your partner, take your 9 tricks, score up your vulnerable game and get on with it.

But what if you are playing matchpoints pairs---the game most of us play at the club? You have to think about what your partner has done. Every other pair will play this hand in a Spade game and you can see that they will all easily make 11 tricks---5 Spades, 2 Hearts and a Heart ruff, the $\diamond K$ and 2 Clubs, no matter where the $\clubsuit K$ is. So, if you take 9 or even 10 tricks, the scoresheet for this board will look like this:

Contract	By	Made	NS Score	NS Points	EW Points
4 \spadesuit	S	6	480	7	0
4 \spadesuit	S	5	450	3.5	3.5
4 \spadesuit	S	5	450	3.5	3.5
4 \spadesuit	S	5	450	3.5	3.5
4 \spadesuit	S	5	450	3.5	3.5
4 \spadesuit	S	5	450	3.5	3.5
4 \spadesuit	S	5	450	3.5	3.5
3NT	S	4	430	0	7

Since you made a smaller score than any other NS pairs, your score will be 0. It doesn't matter whether you make your contract or go down 3, you will score 0. Zilch. Nada. Nothing.

Of course, it isn't hopeless or I wouldn't be writing this. If the cards are sitting right, you could still come out a winner. If West happened to hold the ♥Q and the ♣K (a 25% chance), you could make the scoresheet look like this:

Contract	By	Made	NS Score	NS Points	EW Points
4♠	S	6	480	7	0
3NT	S	5	460	6	1
4♠	S	5	450	2.5	4.5
4♠	S	5	450	2.5	4.5
4♠	S	5	450	2.5	4.5
4♠	S	5	450	2.5	4.5
4♠	S	5	450	2.5	4.5
4♠	S	5	450	2.5	4.5

Since your score will be 0 unless you make 5NT, it can cost nothing to play recklessly to try to make 11 tricks. So, on winning the ♦K, lead the ♣Q and finesse if West doesn't cover. Then, boldly lead the ♥3 to Dummy's Jack. If the cards are as above, you will make 5NT and score 6 out of 7 instead of 0.

Your relieved partner will try to take all of the credit for getting you the superior contract. Congratulate him for his excellent judgement. You may need forgiveness on the next hand.

Normally, making a high risk play for overtricks is a poor strategy. In this case, the risk is 0 and the reward high.

How to Pass With 13 Points

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

North dealt and opened 1♦. East has 13 HCP but there is no bid to describe his hand. He should pass and see what comes up next time around. South made an aggressive 1♠ bid and West, with nice shape and values in the other two suits, found a double. The takeout after the opponents have bid two suits should promise a minimum of 4-4 in the unbid suits, here hearts and clubs. Perfect.

If North and his partner are playing Support Doubles & Redoubles, he could redouble here to show South that he has three spades. If they aren't playing this convention, he should

consider that he has bid his 12 HCP to the max and find a pass.

Now, East who has been disciplined so far can fall in love with his hand. His partner has promised roughly an opener with clubs and hearts; East's diamonds should be sitting in the right spot (over North's) and I think he should jump right to what he thinks he can make: 3NT. This is not a time for an invitational bid.

At a recent club game, half of the field missed this easy game. Perhaps EW are a wee bit short of having enough

points to underwrite a 3NT contract, but the bidding should tell East that his diamond cards are in the right place and that game is worth a shot. Note that South's extra light response of 1♠ makes it easier for EW to find the game; if the bidding had gone (1♦)-Pass-(Pass) to West, he cannot double and will most likely bid 2♣. It's not so easy now for East, not knowing about the hearts in West's hand. The take out double that West was able to make over 1♠ should make East's decision easy. Plus, as they say, it's a bidder's game.

Slam Bidding for a Top

Mike Peng and Ted Boyd were partners at a recent tournament. They found the best slam on the hand below.

Mike was East and opened 1NT, South passed, and Ted, West was thinking slam. He started with a 2♦ bid, transferring to Hearts. After Mike accepted the transfer, Ted continued with 3♣. This bid is game forcing, and shows a second suit, so Mike knew that Ted had at least 5 Hearts and 4 Clubs and they were going to game.

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 4

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A 9 7 3

♣ J

♠ A

♥ A 9 7 6 3

♦ K Q 4

♣ Q 10 7 3

♠ Q J 3

♥ K J 4

♦ J 7

♣ A K 8 6 5

♠ K 10 6 2

♥ Q 8

♦ 10 8 6 5

♣ 9 4 2

Mike liked their double fit and showed his enthusiasm with a bid of 4♣. Now Ted bid 4NT, asking for Key cards in Clubs. On hearing about 2 key cards he bid 6♣, offering the choice of slams.

Mike knew that Ted was an aggressive slam bidder and that together they had 8 hearts and at least 9 clubs. Mike reasoned that there might be better chances of making 12 tricks in the 9-card club suit than the 8-card heart suit so he passed. This was the auction:

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

Mike's judgment turned out to be correct--6♣ was much easier than 6♥. Ted did not have to find the ♥Q to make 12 tricks. He threw dummy's third heart on a diamond and ruffed dummy's two spade losers in his hand, setting up the dummy. In 6♥, 12 tricks can be made but it's much messier: there is a sure diamond loser, so the heart suit must be brought in without losing a trick. The best chance of this is to lead a heart towards the KJ, finessing the jack. This will fail as the cards lie and the slam will normally go down one. Of course, the contract

can be made by going against the odds, playing the king and the ace first, but there is no reason to play against the odds when you have bid a slam. Every pair at the tournament that bid 6♥ went down 1.

Mike and Ted got a clear top (8 out of 8) for bidding and making the club slam. Even if the hearts had behaved and the heart slam had made, they would have scored 5 out of 8.

Here's the full results from the tournament:

Contract	By	Made	EW Score	EW Points
6♥	W	-1	-50	1
6♥	W	-1	-50	1
6♥	E	-1	-50	1
5♥	E	5	450	3.5
4♥	E	5	450	3.5
5♥	W	6	480	6
4♥	E	6	480	6
4♥	W	6	480	6
6♣	W	6	920	8

The Richmond Trophy is awarded annually to Canada's top masterpoint winner. The trophy was donated in 1976 by Dave G. Richmond, a well-known bridge figure from Winnipeg. The top 6 Canadian masterpoint earners in 2018 are all "local" talent. David Grainger is on the cover. Look for second through sixth in the following pages.



Defenders, Know Your Rights

By Brian & Wayne Gray

I. Declarer Makes an Incomplete or Invalid Designation of a Card from Dummy

“Law 46A. Proper Form for Designating Dummy’s Card

When calling for a card to be played from dummy, declarer should clearly state both the suit and the rank of the desired card.”

“Law 45B. Incomplete or Invalid Designation

1.(a) If declarer in playing from dummy calls ‘high,’ or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called the highest card of the suit led.

1. (c) If declarer calls ‘low,’ or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called the lowest card in the suit led.

2. If declarer designates a suit but not a rank he is deemed to have called the lowest card of the suit indicated.”

Defenders Beware: Now you know your rights.

It is inappropriate and a breach of bridge etiquette for Dummy to question the Declarer’s card call, “Which one or how high”? (Even if the Dummy senses his Partner is making a mistake.)

Declarer must follow 1. (a), 1. (c) and 2. clauses above; if not call the Director. The Declarer is not permitted to change his call and identify a specific card.

2. Declarer says “Play Anything.”

Law 46B.5 If declarer indicates a play without designating either a suit or a rank (as by saying ‘play anything’ or words of like meaning) either defender may designate the play from dummy.

Defenders Beware: Now you know your rights.

Be on your toes and select the appropriate card (without consultation). Call the Director if unsure and particularly if the Dummy illegally participates in the play by asking, ‘Which one’ or words of a like meaning.

3. Declarer Wants to Change a Card called from Dummy

Duplicate Decisions Law 45 Card Played states “A player may correct the call of a card if it is inadvertent (i.e. a slip of the tongue) and if there is no pause for thought in indicating a desire to change the card called.

An opponent, however, may change a legal play made in his turn prior to the correction.

Example: It frequently occurs that declarer leads and his play from dummy are intended to be conditional on the play of the LHO. He then prematurely calls a card from dummy and, observing that LHO's card makes his choice unpalatable, endeavours to change it.

The change must not be allowed regardless of the tempo, for his call was not inadvertent.

Declarer leads a club, intending to ruff in dummy. As he says "ruff," he notices that LHO has ruffed with a trump higher than any in the dummy. Regardless of how quickly he says "pitch a diamond," such a change may not be allowed, because "ruff" was not inadvertent."

Defenders Beware: Now you know your rights.

The most important element of the ruling is "regardless of tempo."

The Declarer has essentially made a call from the dummy out of turn but seeing his LHO card being played wants to change his call which is not permitted.

Duplicate Decisions, Laws Commission Interpretation of Law 45C.4.(b) and ACBL Rulings FAQ Changing a Card Called from Dummy provides 11 examples to clearly explain when and when not a change of a call from the Dummy is permitted.

"The bottom line is that there is to be a strong presumption that the card called is the card that was intended to be called."

4. Declarer's Lead Out Of Turn

"Law 55A Declarer's Lead Accepted
If declarer has led out of turn from his or dummy's hand then either defender may accept the lead."

"Law 55B.2 Declarer Required to Retract Lead

If declarer has led from the wrong hand when it was his turn to lead from his hand or dummy's, and has been required to retract the lead, he withdraws the card led in error. He must lead from the correct hand."

Defenders Beware: Now you know your rights.

Interesting, the Laws make no reference to the Dummy.

The Dummy can verbally remind the Declarer during the play of the hand if she is in her hand or tap the table to signal the lead is on the table.

However, when the Declarer incorrectly plays a card or calls for a card from the Dummy,
THE LEAD FROM THE WRONG HAND INFRACTION HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

The Dummy must remain SILENT! No late warning, "You're in your hand."

Law 43 Dummy's Limitations is very explicit:

I.(b) Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play.

I.(c) Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer.

If one Defender exposes a card in response to the Declarer's played or called card from the Dummy, it is deemed the out of turn lead was accepted by the Defenders and play resumes as normal.

Don't be stream rolled by a Declarer who when informed of the infraction, either illegally by her Dummy or by one of the Defenders, immediately takes corrective action and proceeds with the play of the hand.

Either Defender has the right to accept the wrong lead as made, provided there is no consultation on the matter.

The Declarer when informed by a Defender that the lead was out of turn may not arbitrarily proceed to play from the correct hand without approval by the Defenders.

Often Defender silence is accepted as approval for the Declarer to correct the lead out of turn and for play to resume.

The Defenders have to be on the ball to know whether it would be advantageous to accept the lead from the wrong hand or not.

Lack of entries to the Dummy, unfavourable trump finessing position or keeping Declarer on the board are valid possible reasons that come to mind.

If the Defenders do decide not to accept the Declarer's lead out of turn, the Declarer must lead from the correct hand, however Declarer is not required to lead the same suit.

5. Inspection of Tricks

Law 66A. Current Trick states: "So long as his side has not lead or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played on the trick to be faced."

Defenders Beware: Now you know your rights.

Declarer and Defenders: you give up the right to ask the defenders/declarer to expose their quitted (played) cards when your card is turned faced down.

It is essential to learn and follow this proper trick inspection protocol!

It may only be a social club game, but it is improper to ask an Opponent to expose his card when you have turned your card face down on the table.

Therefore, don't be surprised if the answer is a polite, "Sorry, No! I am obligated to follow the trick inspection protocol."

Brian and Wayne Gray are 72-year old twin brothers who began playing Duplicate bridge about 4 years ago at MOBridge.

We both played bridge at university; bridge was our nightly entertainment on our many golf vacations.

We are very sympathetic to Newcomers' struggles to learn the bidding, declaring, and defensive skills.

I don't think Wayne and I wear our Hearts on our sleeves but about halfway through a session we get asked about our game results, "Are WE Brother's Gray or Brothers Grimm?!"

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Play a Hand with Me

By Mike Cafferata

Photo by J.S.

This hand came up when I was going over the hand records with a couple intermediate players. They both ended up in 4♥ obviously through a common misunderstanding. They tried to show a good hand with five hearts and their partners rightly interpreted it as a holding of six hearts. They both went down a few.

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♥*
Pass	4♥	All pass	

*Instead of 3♥ the correct bid is DBL to allow partner to fully describe her hand. You will probably end up in 5♦.

Anyway, partner raises you to 4♥ and there you are.

The opening lead is the ♠Q.

Analysis: 5♦ looks like a good contract, probably losing just a club and a diamond. So you need hearts to be divided 3-3 or else you will go down in 4♥, losing a club, a diamond, and two hearts. So LHO is, we hope: 5323 or 6322 leaving RHO to be 4324 or 3325.

Our plan: Always have a plan and be prepared to adjust the plan as the hand develops. Win ♠A, and lead the ♣K as we can't afford to cross to hand to lead clubs towards dummy. The opps should return a heart to stop spade ruffs in dummy. Win ♣A, ruff a spade, cash the ♣Q and throw your last spade away.

Now play the ♥K and a small heart and hope for the 3-3 split. Ruff the return and play ♦A then a low diamond and guess to play the ♦Q or ♦9.

Now the actual play: The lead is the ♠Q so RHO has the ♠K and LHO doesn't seem to have a stiff diamond. So diamonds are hopefully 2-2 or maybe 3-1 with LHO holding 3. Could LHO be 5332? We can only hope! Win ♠A and play the ♣K as planned. RHO wins the ♣A. He also has the ♠K so probably doesn't have the ♦K Good news for us.

Whoops he leads the ♦K. This must be must be a stiff. Great news for us. Win ♦A and ruff our last spade and cash the ♣Q to pitch the last spade. I love it when a plan comes together.

Whoops LHO plays the ♦J. She must be 5332 or 6232 and RHO is 4315 or 3415. But we don't care; we won't be losing a diamond trick as LHO started with ♦Jxx and so his jack can be finessed.

Let's get the kiddies off the street, (i.e. lead trumps quickly). Play ♥K and a small heart; we don't care if they are 3-3 or 4-2.

Yea, they are 3-3. Ruff the spade return and take the diamond finesse making 5!

Bridge Is So Easy! (BISE)



Jonathan Steinberg, pictured here at the recent Charleston Regional where he won the Thursday Open Pairs, finished second in the Richmond Trophy Race with 1276 MPs. Jonathan is also the Kib's number one photo supplier. Thanks, JS!



Maria and the Huff and a Puff

By David Deaves

Photo by J.S.

The Sluff/Ruff (Amazing!)

We have all been schooled about the evils of giving declarer the dreaded ‘sluff and a ruff.’ This mistake, leading a suit that dummy and declarer do not have, when both have trumps, is only made by ‘beginners.’ Yes we know the sluff and a ruff gives declarer a trick that she cannot conjure up by herself. However, Maria gave me a new perspective of the sluff and a ruff when this deal occurred at a club game a couple of years ago against average, but aggressive, opponents. Maria was defending, and I had not yet given her the lesson about the disaster of a sluff and a ruff, aka ruff and a sluff.

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

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

Yes, I know, South is cold for 3NT, and yet no South played there.

Don't forget, this was not high-level competition. Anyway, East and West were vulnerable, not that anybody noticed the vulnerability, other than me, North.

With my lovely flat hand, I concluded that Maria must have a monster, because penalty doubles were rare bids for her at this stage of her bridge career. Of course, double is her favourite bid now—negative double, responsive double, balancing double, reopening double, card showing double, unbid major double, cooperative double, lead directing double, and the penalty double—she makes them all. However, a penalty double seemed reasonable as she told me later she had four machine guns and a shotgun.

Maria has her own terminology to

describe her hands and cards. Aces are machine guns, and kings are shotguns. Honour cards are people and if she has a good hand she says she has lots of money. Obviously, a bad hand is no people. Newer players and improving players can learn a lot from her labels. If you have a good hand (lots of money) don't squander it. She correctly places high value on aces (machine guns).

Aces are control cards and on Goren's 4-3-2-1 high card point scale they are undervalued. We have all heard silly comments like "I had a bad hand for one no trump. All I had was four aces. Aces and spaces!" This attitude is totally wrong. Learn to appreciate the power of aces. Maria does!

Let's get back to the deal. After my club lead, Maria played ace, king, and another club, giving declarer his first sluff and a ruff: he ruffed in the dummy and sluffed a diamond from his hand. Declarer led the ♠K and followed with the queen after Maria ducked the king. Winning with the ♠A, Maria led a club to give declarer a second ruff and a sluff. Again declarer took the ruff in dummy, and sluffed another diamond from his hand. Now declarer led a heart from dummy as Maria grabbed her ace to play another club, the coup de grace, as declarer had to ruff in hand and could not avoid the loss of either my low trump or Maria's sixth club.

Let's review the end position:

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

Declarer, West, has ruffed Maria's fifth club; if he cashes the ♠10 and his two high hearts, Maria wins the last two tricks with the ♦A and the ♣2 for plus 500. If instead, declarer tries for a diamond trick before extracting my ♠6, Maria will play her sixth club, a fourth sluff and a ruff, to promote my ♠6. Declarer had his choice of how to go down 500, as the constant sluff and a ruff plays by Maria had caused him to lose control of the play. I decided there was no rush to teach Maria about the evils of giving declarer a ruff and a sluff.

The Uppercut (Success!)

A couple of years have passed, and Maria now fully understands the evils of a sluff and a ruff. Last week at a local club game this deal came up.



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

West (DD)	North	East (Maria)	South
	1♣	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♠	All pass	

The 2♠ bid was one of those weak jump shifts, typically showing a bid of 2-5 HCPs. I know, the bidding is not the best, especially South's 2♠ bid and my 3♥ bid, (3 shotguns made me do it). But this hand is not about the bidding; I just showed it because I knew you'd want to know.

Well, 4♠ appears cold, but appearances can be deceiving. I made the cunning lead of the ♦K, followed by the queen, and then the nine as Maria won the ace at trick three. Without missing a beat, Maria tabled the ♦2. I had the ♠J ready to play before declarer could move; I wasn't born yesterday. Yes, the sluff and a ruff beat the contract. If Maria returns any card other than the ♦2, the contract is cold. Declarer simply enters his hand with the ♠Q, hooks the ♣Q, sets up the club suit with one ruff, and then pulls trumps ending in dummy.

Later, I asked Maria how she found the

incredible play of the ♦2. She said, "It was obvious that declarer could set up the club suit for the contract, so a spade, heart, or club return seemed pointless. Therefore, the diamond return seemed the only chance, in case you held the unlikely ♠Q or ♠J. I knew that if it didn't work you'd tell me a sluff and a ruff return was a moron play, but I decided, 'screw him,' and led the ♦2 anyway."

I'm sure Andy edited that last sentence. Regardless, Maria's logic was excellent and illustrates that, on occasion, a "Huff and a Puff" is the best possible play. Woe is me.



Tourney Chair of the TO Easter Regional David Halasi invites you to try out the Advance Entry Sales at unit166.ca



Richard Chan, left, finished third in the Richmond Trophy with 1116 MPs. Here he is with his partner Michael Heymann after winning the Silver Ribbon Pairs in March.



Keith Heckley (left) was fourth in the Richmond with a total of 920 MPs. That's John Arblaster on the right, enjoying his buddy's success!



Improving Your Minor Auctions

By David Baker

From my earliest days in bridge, I was taught that I should open hands with four diamonds and five clubs with a 1♦ call. Since I was also taught that I should open my longest suit first it left me with a problem. I solved it by opening 1♣ and rebidding 2♣ and letting the diamond suit go undiscovered. Not ideal, but this solution felt better than distorting my hand. Take this auction:

Partner	You
1♣	1♥/1♠/1NT
2♦	

The 2♦ bid is a reverse showing a strong hand, about 16+ HCP. As the years rolled on, I pondered this indisputable fact: the above auction has rarely come up and has never, to my recollection, gotten me to a minor suit slam that I wouldn't have gotten to anyway. My solution is to treat the auction as 4+ diamonds and longer clubs and an opening hand or better. Partner strives to respond to 2♦ (in case it is a strongish hand), but the bid of 2♦ is *not forcing*. This gets you to the correct partial, avoids the NT trap, and occasionally leads you to a good slam.

Here is a hand from Paul Thurston's article in the December, 2018 issue of Bridge Canada:

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

My auction would be:

South	North
1♣	1♠
2♦	2♥
2NT	3♦
3♥	3♠
4♣	4NT
5♦	5♥
6♦	Pass

Some explanations: 2♥ is fourth-suit forcing; 4NT is Roman Keycard; 5♥ shows 0 or 3 keycards; 5♥ is the queen ask; and 6♦, a return to the trump suit, denies the ♦Q. If South had the ♦Q he could bid a suit in which he held a king,

or, having no outside kings, bid 5NT. There are many different auctions you could take to get you to this decent 6♦ contract. One expert opened 1♦, but the undiscovered 5-card club suit made them stop in 5♦. The other pair played in 3NT after a 1♣ opening

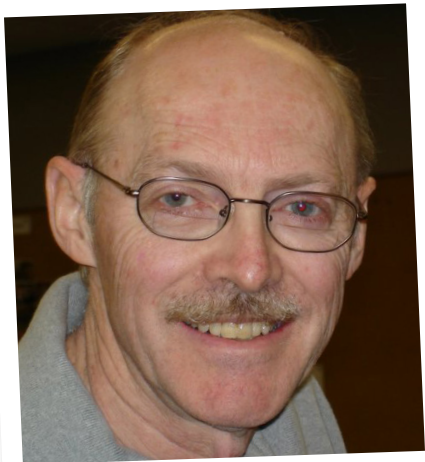
bid, even though the diamond fit was discovered.

This one tiny switch in your partnership agreements will improve your minor suit auctions.



Photo by J.S.

Peter Petruzzellis of Scarborough was fifth in the Richmond Trophy Race with 888 MPs. Peter is pictured here with his frequent partner Sue Lan Ma. Peter, we could do with some of that nice weather right about now!



Name That Play

By Doug Andrews

Photo by J.S.

As the winter surrounds us and the holiday-season credit-card indulgences fall due, it is common to be in the January doldrums. Here are two hands from January played against expert opponents to brighten your winter.

Let's start with a defensive problem. You are South in the following layout:

East (Dummy)

♠ Q J 3
 ♥ A 9 8 7
 ♦ A 10 4
 ♣ Q 9 2

South

♠ K 6 5
 ♥ J
 ♦ J 8 7 3 2
 ♣ A 10 7 6

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

Against 4♥, partner leads the ♦Q won by declarer's king. Declarer plays three rounds of hearts ending in his hand as

partner follows and you pitch a ♦ and a ♣. Declarer plays the ♠10, partner and dummy follow low, and you win the king. How do you continue?

If you get this right you will win the Compact KOs at the Toronto Sectional against Ray Jotcham-Richard Chan, and Doug Baxter-Bill Koski (spoiler alert: the eventual winners).

While you are thinking about your defence, here's a feel-good hand played against Michael Yuen of Vancouver, and Bob Todd of Winnipeg. You hold:

♠ 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ Q J 9 6 5 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A

Both vulnerable, Michael opens 4♣ on your left, alerted as a broken minor; partner doubles; Bob, on your right, bids 4♦ seeking the minor, and it is your call. You have never discussed this sequence in your life with any partner. What is your call?

I reasoned: in an ideal world a double would be takeout. But when it has not been discussed shouldn't double be for penalties? So I bid 4♥ (also dreaming in

an ideal world that if partner did not have good support for hearts he might bid 4♠). Everyone passed and Michael led the ♠7.

Here's the full deal:

♠ A Q 10 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A 8 6 5 3
 ♣ 6 5

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

♠ 9 8 5 4 2
 ♥ Q J 9 6 5
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A

This does not look like fun. You are playing your 7-card fit instead of your 9-card fit. Maybe Michael led the ♠7 from 7-6 doubleton so you will have a chance. You rise with the ace, Bob playing the 6 so you are pretty sure you have 2 spade losers, 1 heart loser, and at least 1 diamond loser. What to do in such situations? Be optimistic, pray to the bridge gods, maybe the opponents won't find the optimal defence; therefore, start by drawing trumps.

You cash the ♥A and there is good news and bad news. The good news is that Michael plays the king so you now know the trump layout but the bad news is Bob has 5 trumps. You continue with the ♥7, Bob covering with the 8, you win the 9, as Michael

discards a club. Time to set up spades.

You play a spade to the queen; Bob wins and returns a club. You win and lead another spade to the jack, which Bob wins, and returns another club. You ruff, now play both your remaining trumps and confidently play your spades. Sure enough, Bob is finished – he can ruff whenever he wishes but then has to give you your ♦Q, good spade, and ♦A to make the hand! As I said, this was a feel-good hand.

So what is your defence on the first hand? Did you lead a low club away from your ace? If so, you win the event. If not, Richard makes 4♥ and you come second. The full deal:

♠ A 8 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ Q
 ♣ J 8 4 3

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

♠ K 6 5
 ♥ J
 ♦ J 8 7 3 2
 ♣ A 10 7 6

It appears that you have 4 defensive winners - 2 spades, 1 club and 1 diamond trick - but the problem is how to take them when partner has only one entry and no more diamonds to lead. The danger is that declarer, Richard Chan, will set up the ♠Q for a

pitch and then lead a club toward the king for a Morton's Fork. If you rise on the ace he will have 2 pitches for his losing diamonds, but if you duck he will discard his club on the spade and give you a diamond making 4.

What about playing 3 rounds of spades early to force him to pitch before the Morton's Fork play? It doesn't work. He pitches a \diamond , leads a club to the king and you cannot afford to rise with the ace, then he cashes the rest of his trumps forcing you to hold singleton \clubsuit A and the protected \diamond J, then endplays you in clubs.

The solution is to lead a low club.

Richard will win the king, but when he leads the next spade partner can win and lead a club through the queen, and you can ruff out the club menace and be off the threat of an endplay.

Does this bridge play have a name? Pre-emptive underlead to defend against a Morton's Fork? May your winter be filled with sunshine, good hands, strong opponents, and great results!

Ed. Note.:The bridge world is due for a new coup and a new coup name. How about Andrews's Knife? It's any play that cuts Morton's Fork.



Burlington's very own Mel Norton finished sixth in the 2018 Richmond Race with 823 MPs. Here he is with his granddaughter lyla and grandson Caden, at a family event last summer.

OSHAWA SECTIONAL

March 2nd & 3rd 2018

LVIV Hall & Pavilion

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

Saturday March 2nd: 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)

Newcomers & Novice: Under 100 (Stratification based on attendance)

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

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

B, C, D, AX Pair stratification based on average Master points with no player above the MP limit

Sunday March 3rd: The event will start at 10:30 AM.

Bracketed Team Game: Two session play through for all 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.

Entry Fees

Over 20 MP: Current ACBL members pay \$14 per session on Saturday/\$112 per Team on Sunday

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

Students: \$5 per session on Saturday/\$40 per Team on Sunday

Additional:

- Lapsed ACBL members add \$4 /person/session
- Non-ACBL members are required to join for one month for \$10

Lunches for Purchase: \$10 per person

Saturday - Choice of Meat Chili, Chicken Cutlet on a Bun or Veggie Lasagna + Salad + Drink

Sunday - Choice of Ukrainian Plate (2 perogies, 1 cabbage roll, 1 shish kabob), Chicken Cutlet on a Bun or Veggie Lasagna + Salad + Drink

Tournament Co-Chairs: Doug Darnley & Brenda Griffiths

416-258-1331 dougbridge@rogers.com

Partnerships: Jack Stafford 905-431-1694 jkerrstaff@gmail.com



BURLINGTON 0-500 SECTIONAL

Saturday March 9, 2019

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
828 LEGION RD.
BURLINGTON ONTARIO

“FREE PARKING”

*Stratifications for all sessions based
on average masterpoints:
A: 0-500; B: 0-300; C: 0-50*

(0-20 separate game if attendance warrants)

*2 Single Session Events: 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
\$14.00 PER SESSION
\$4 EXTRA FOR UNPAID ACBL MEMBERS*

*Hamburgers prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary will be available
for purchase.*

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

Partnerships: Jackie Syer | jackiesyer@hotmail.com | 905-844-0574





ROYAL CITY (GUELPH) SPRING FLING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT MARCH 23 & 24, 2019

Tournament Chair Thea Davis

theasdavis16@gmail.com | (519) 400-4053

Partnerships Pat Fung pat.fung@sympatico.ca

Jack McFadden (519) 821-9958

Saturday March 23 - 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Open Pairs: \$25 per person for 2 sessions

A: 2000+ B: 2000-750 C: 750-0

NLM/499Pairs

A: 500-300 B: 300-100 C: 100-0

I/N 299 \$12.50 per session per person

Assignment to Flight Based on Player with Highest Masterpoints

Sunday March 24 - 10:00 am and TBA

Bracketed Swiss Teams: \$100 per team

Play at your own level

7 Rounds of 7 Boards

LUNCH AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY \$10 per person

FREE COFFEE AND SNACKS THROUGHOUT

**Novice ACBL members with 5 or fewer points play
one free session on Saturday only**

To participate in this tournament, players must have an ACBL Player #. Players without an ACBL # must purchase a temporary one month membership for \$10.00, or join on an annual basis. A \$4.00 surcharge per session for non-paid members.

**Puslinch Community Centre 23 Brock Road South, Puslinch N1H 6H9
From 401 travel north at Exit 299 Brock Road - site is 3km north of 401**

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644 Imperial Road North, Guelph ON N1H 7M3

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The Credit Valley Bridge Association BRAMPTON SECTIONAL April 13-14, 2019



Region Of Peel Agricultural Society
12942 Heart Lake Rd., Caledon, L7C 2J3

From the east, west or south: From Hwy 401 go north on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd.(10th exit). Go west (left) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately 3 km north.

From the north: Take Hwy 10 south until it merges with Hwy 410. Stay on Hwy 410 and exit at Mayfield Rd. Go west (right) on Mayfield Rd. Go north (right) on Heart Lake Rd. The fairgrounds are on the west side of the road approximately 3 km north.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13: Stratified Pairs at 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

99ers (2-single sessions):	A: 50-100	B: 20-50	C: 0-20
499NLMers (2-sessions*)	A:300-500	B: 100-300	C: 0-100
Open (2-sessions*)	A: 2000+	B: 750-2000	C: 0-750

Game times: 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

* Single morning or afternoon only sessions welcome

SUNDAY, APRIL 14: Stratified Swiss Teams will start at 10:30 am

99ers: Morning session only

Stratification at director's discretion and based on attendance

499ers: 2- sessions*	A:300-500	B: 100-300	C: 0-100
Open: 2- sessions*	A:2000+	B: 750-2000	C: 0-750

* Single morning or afternoon only sessions welcome

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

Entry Fees:

\$13/player/session for ACBL members

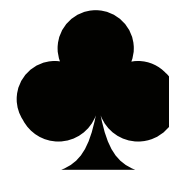
\$17 for non-ACBL members

Tournament Chair

John Quayle john.quayle46@gmail.com

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John McWhinnie johnmcwhinnie@bell.net



Toronto Easter Regional 2019

April 16th-April 21st 2019

Downtown Location! Parking, Transit, GO Train Accessible!

123 Queen St West, Toronto, ON M5H2M9

416-361-1000 or 1-888-627-7175

Quote: Group American Contract Bridge League 2019 for a room rate of
\$124 CAD per night is only available on Friday and Saturday nights
\$164 CAD per night for Tues–Thurs

Limited availability—must book by March 3rd to avoid disappointment!!

Or book online: [Book your group rate for American Contract Bridge League 2019](#)

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Full schedule of events for all players: 0-200, 0-750, Swiss Teams, Pairs,
Knock-outs, Match Points, IMPs and the SHEARDOWN TEAMS

New Event – Extra Chance KO! Win Golds Even After Losing a Match!

Gold Rush Pairs, KOs & Teams

Midflight (0-4000) Pairs Thurs / Fri; Swiss on Sunday

Fri & Sat Fast Pairs– Finish 2 sessions by 3:30!

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Chair: David Halasi

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416-997-4911



This tournament has Zero Tolerance For Unacceptable Behaviour! If someone negatively affects your enjoyment, please report this to the tournament staff.

Toronto Easter Regional 2019

Intermediate/Novice Schedule (199 MPs or less)

SHERATON CENTRE HOTEL

123 Queen St W - Toronto, ON

Day	10:00	10:00 Games	2:00	2:30 Games
Tuesday April 16	Bidding Warmup Steve Overholt	49er Pairs 199er Pairs	Hand Analysis w Sandwiches	199er Pairs
Wednesday April 17	Swiss Team Intro & Strategies Steve Overholt	99er Swiss Teams ** (single) \$5 ONLY 199er Pairs	I/N Hospitality After Game	49er Pairs 199er Pairs
Thursday April 18	Lesson TBA	0-5 Supervised = FREE 49er, 199er Pairs	Lesson TBA	49er Pairs 199er Pairs
Note Times Different for rest of week				
	9:00 - 9:45	10:00 Games	2:00 - 2:45	3:00 Games
Friday April 19	Lesson TBA	49er Pairs 199er Pairs	Lesson TBA	0-20 Pairs 199 Pairs
Saturday April 20	Lesson TBA	0-20 Pairs Supervised 199er Pairs		49er Pairs 199er Pairs
Sunday April 21	Lesson TBA	199er Swiss Teams (1 of 2)	Nothing Scheduled	199er Swiss Tms (2 of 2)

Yellow = Teaching Sessions

Any questions? Anything? Contact Intermediate/Novice Chair, Steve Overholt
at soverholt1@gmail.com or 647.897.6179

Need a partner? Contact Steve Overholt

Still nervous about tournaments; come out to our **SUPERVISED**
(Questions allowed) Games

The 0-5 game on Thursday is FREE. 99er Wednesday Swiss team is only \$5!!

All events are stratified

Prizes for First place in each event; other draws/prizes

** Most of you have probably not played Swiss Teams, no problem!! Form your own team or just pre-register as a pair or single and we will form a team of four. Come at 9:00 Wednesday for game explanation. Only \$5, you can't go wrong

Schedule

Tuesday, April 16

Open Pairs (Open/4000/2000) Choose 2 of 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs (750/500/300)..... Choose 2 of 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
Extra Chance KO I 2:30 & 7:30; Compact KO I 4:30 & 7:30

Wednesday, April 17

Open Pairs (Open/3000/750) Choose 2 of 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
Flight A/X Swiss Teams (Open/5000)..... 2:30 & TBA
Bracketed Midflight (0-4000) Teams..... 2:30 & TBA
Bracketed GOLD RUSH (0-750) Team..... 2:30 & TBA

Thursday, April 18

Open Pairs (Open/5000) Choose 2 of 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
MidFlight Pairs (4000/2000) Choose 2 of 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs (750/300)..... Choose 2 of 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
Sheardown Open KO 10:00 & 2:30
(Continues Fri @ 10:00 & 3:00)
Extra Chance KO II 2:30 & 7:30; Compact KO II 4:30 & 7:30

Friday, April 19

Stratified Fast Open Pairs (Open/2000/750) Finish by 3:30pm..... 10:00 & 1:00
Open Pairs (Open/4000) 10:00 & 3:00
Midflight Pairs (4000/2000)..... 10:00 & 3:00
GOLD RUSH Pairs (750/300)..... 10:00 & 3:00
Extra Chance KO III 10:00 & 3:00; Compact KO III Noon & 3:00

Saturday, April 20

Stratified Fast Open Pairs (Open/2000/750) Finish by 3:30pm..... 10:00 & 1:00
Open Pairs (Open/4000/2000) 10:00 & 3:00
GOLD RUSH Pairs (750/500/300)..... 10:00 & 3:00
Unit 166 Youth Cup Pairs (Open/750/100) 10:00 & 3:00
Extra Chance KO IV 10:00 & 3:00; Compact KO IV Noon & 3:00

Sunday, April 21

Open Swiss (Open/5000) 10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Midflight Swiss (0-4000)..... 10:00 & TBA
Bracketed GOLD RUSH Swiss (0-750)..... 10:00 & TBA

Team Event Notes:

Extra Chance KO Teams

- Play 18 boards;
- Winning teams continue and play half of the 2nd session before the break, and half after. The final session will be finished by approx. 10:30pm (Tues/Thur) or 6:00pm (Fri/Sat)
- Teams that do not advance are entered into a Compact KO with similar playing structure
- All events finish the same day that they start
- Single Bracket events will be handicapped at DIC's discretion
- Bottom line...even if you lose the first or second match, you have a chance to win gold points!

Bracketed Swiss Teams

- Aiming to have 9 teams of similar point total in each bracket
- Top 4 teams receive gold points

Playing Site / Host Hotel

Sheraton Centre – In the heart of downtown!
123 Queen St. W., Toronto, ON 416-361-1000
Room rate: \$124 CAD
Session fees: \$18 CAD (members)
+\$4 for non-current members

Tournament Chair:

David Halasi
halasid@rogers.com
647-760-6939

Gateway to the North Sectional

April 26-28, 2019

North Bay Elks Club
325 Elks Lane, North Bay, Ontario • 705-474-7491

Schedule of Events

(Stratification of all events determined by pair or team average)

Friday April 26th, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Open – A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299er Pairs
Newcomer Pairs 0-50 (fewer boards and more relaxed)

Saturday April 27th 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Open – A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
Stratified 299er Pairs
Newcomer Pairs 0-50 (fewer boards and more relaxed)
Snack Table Provided

Sunday April 28th 10:00 am

Stratified Swiss Teams 2 Session Play Through
Based on Average Master Points A = 1500+, B = 500-1500, C = 0-500
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams – Two Single Sessions
Lunch Included

This is a zero tolerance tournament. Please let the Directing Staff know if someone negatively affects your enjoyment of this tournament.

Cost for all sessions is to be determined

Tournament Chair: Andrew Aitchison – amhsn@cogeco.ca
Partnerships: Jim Lamorie – jimlamorie@gmail.com
North Bay Duplicate Bridge Club: 705 476 2345 or
northbaybridgeclub@outlook.com



The North Bay Club has arranged special tournament rates as the following:

Comfort Inn Airport

1200 O'Brien St | North Bay | 705-476-5400 or 844-682-6145

For the best rate identify at the time of booking as a participant in the North Bay Bridge Club Sectional Tournament (Elk's Club) and the room must be booked by April 12th, 2019.

Canadore College Residence and Conference Centre

15 College Drive | North Bay | P1B 8K9

Group Rate: \$69.00

Check In: 26 April

Check Out: 29 April

Cut-Off: 12 April

Promo Code 8460

Contact Info:

northbay@stayrcc.com

705 980 1301 x 7000

Website:

stayrcc.com/northbay



The Peterborough Sectional 2019

Sat, May 4th – Sun, May 5th

Same Great Location, Same Great Hospitality

McDonnel St. Activity Centre

577 McDonnel Street

Lots of Free Parking

Saturday May 4th, 11am & TBA (Approx. 2:45)

(Playthrough – lunch for sale on site)

- Open Pairs - Stratified A/X & B/C/D – single sessions welcome
- 199 pairs (Single Sessions) depending on number of players

Sunday May 5th, 11am & TBA

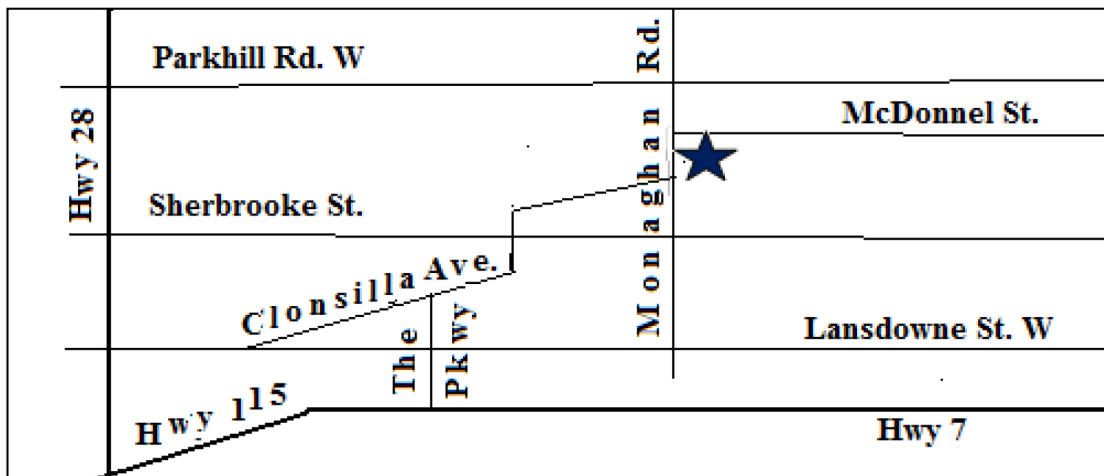
(Playthrough – lunch for sale on site)

- A/X Swiss Teams (A=3000+, X=0–3000)
- B/C/D Swiss Teams (B=750–1500, C=300–750, D=0–300)
- 199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)

Entry Fees:

\$13 per session for ACBL members

(\$4.00 additional fee for unpaid members), \$5 for students.



Tournament Coordinator & Partnerships

Ron Haney (705) 738-3100 | Cell (705) 464-9062 | ronhaney13@hotmail.com



Saturday/Sunday May 25–26, 2019

The Grand River (Cambridge) Sectional

Hosted by The Grand River Bridge Club

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

Saturday, May 25: 99ers/499ers(NLM)/BCD/AX at 10:00/2:30

Two Single Sessions for 99ers and Two Session Play-through for all others although single session pairs will be welcome

Saturday Stratifications:

99ers:	A: 50-100	B: 20-50	C: 0-20
499ers(NLM):	A: 300-500	B: 100-300	C: 0-100
BCD Pairs:	B: 1500-2000	C: 1000-1500	D: 0-1000
AX Pairs:	A: 2500 +	X: 0-2500	

Sunday, May 26: Bracketed Swiss Teams- Two Session Play-through starting at 10:00am with a short break for lunch.

A light lunch will be available for \$10 each day

Entry Fees: **Saturday** - \$25 / pair /session (99ers only \$10 / pair / session).

Sunday - \$100 per Swiss Team (2 sessions).

ACBL members, whose memberships are not current, add \$4 / person/ session.

Non-ACBL members are required to join the ACBL.

Co-Chairs: **Ted Boyd** (519) 740-9614 boydst1945@gmail.com

Mike Pengelly (519) 621-5634 mikepengelly09@gmail.com

Partnership Desk: **Ronna Hoy** Home: (519) 650-1551 Cell: (519) 242-9975

Location:

Hespeler Arena, Beehive Lounge
640 Ellis Road West,
Cambridge 519-740-4681 ext. 4605

Directions:

Highway 401 to Townline Road (exit 286),
North on Townline Rd to Ellis Rd West
Left on Ellis Rd West to Hespeler Arena

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sectional

May 31-June 2, 2019



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



0-750 Tournament

Friday May 31st, 2019

Welcome Reception 6:30pm
 750 Pairs 7:30pm
 99er Pairs 7:30pm

Saturday June 1st, 2019

750 Pairs 10:30am playthrough
 99er Pairs 10:30am playthrough
Guest Speaker 2:15pm to 2:45pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

Sunday June 2nd, 2019

750 Pairs 10:30am playthrough
 99er Pairs 10:30am playthrough

Lunch will be available for purchase

FREE Coffee, Tea and Snacks all Day

Great Venue • Prizes

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 see Unit 255 Website

Tournament Chair:

Muriel Tremblay 905-468-9349
 Email muriel@cmtmc.ca

Partnerships:

Tom Perris 289-439-0521
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Stratification

(Pair Average)

750 Pairs 200/400/750
 99er Pairs 20/50/100

General Information

All Events are Playthrough or
 Single Session
 \$14/player/session for ACBL members
 Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members
 Temporary membership for non-ACBL
 members will be available.
 All events stratified by average master-
 points.



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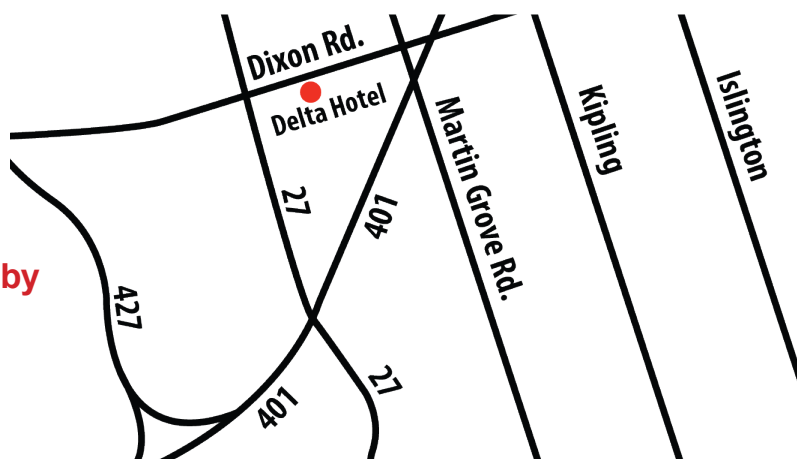
TORONTO SUMMER REGIONAL

JULY 2 - 7, 2019

Delta Hotels by
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**Rooms - Ask for special
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June 10, 2019**

**1-800-721-7033 or
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Tuesday July 2, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 1(1 & 2 of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Open pairs (Open/4000/2000)	10:00 & 2:30
Super Gold Rush (1500/750/300)	10:00 & 2:30
49er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Swiss Teams - single session	2:30
Open Pairs Series (1st of 4 sessions)	7:15

Wednesday July 3, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 1(3 & 4 of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed KO Teams 2(1 & 2 of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Open Pairs (Open/4000/2000)	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Super Gold Rush Teams (0-1500)	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Supervised = FREE	10:00
49er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Swiss Teams - single session	2:30
Open Pairs Series (2nd of 4 sessions)	7:15

Thursday July 4, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 2(3 & 4 of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed KO Teams 3(1 & 2 of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Stratified Fast Open Pairs(Open/2000/1250)	10:00 & 1:00 finish by 3:30
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/100)	10:00 & 2:30
0-20 Pairs Supervised	10:00
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
49er Pairs	2:30
Swiss Teams - single session	2:30
Open Pairs Series (3rd of 4 sessions)	7:15

Friday July 5, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 3 (3 & 4 of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Compact Bracketed KO Teams	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/100)	10:00 & 2:30
Stratified Fast Open Pairs(Open/2000/1250)	10:00 & 1:00 finish by 3:30
99er Swiss Teams (single)	10:00
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-20 pairs	2:30
Swiss Teams - single session	2:30
Open Pairs Series (4th of 4 sessions)	7:15

Saturday July 6, 2019

Compact Bracketed KO Teams	10:00 & 2:30
Open Pairs (Open/4000/2000)	10:00 & 3:00
Super Gold Rush Pairs (1500/750/300)	10:00 & 3:00
0-20 Pairs	10:00
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
49er pairs	2:30
Swiss Teams - single session	2:30

Sunday July 7, 2019

Flight A/X Swiss (Open/4000)	10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams(0-3500)	10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Gold Rush Teams (0-750)	10:00 & TBA
199er Swiss (single sessions allowed)	10:00 & TBA

**Session fees: \$18 CAD (members) +\$4 for non-current members
Players with no ACBL number MUST buy a 1 month \$10 membership
BEFORE buying entry**

Tournament Chair:

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DarleneScott@me.com

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Intermediate/Novice:

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HAMILTON SECTIONAL

July 20 and 21, 2019

**Royal Canadian Legion
435 Limeridge Road East
HAMILTON ON L9A 2S8**

Lunch Saturday: Swiss Chalet available for purchase
Hospitality after the game Saturday
Lunch Sunday: Subs available for purchase

**All flights are play through
Stratification by average masterpoints per pair/team**

Saturday July 20 (\$14.00 per session, single entries welcome)

Stratified (Open Pairs)..... 10:00 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.

C: 0-499 B: 500-2499 A: 2500+

Newcomer & Intermediate Games 10:00 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.

Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200

Saturday July 21 (\$112.00 per team—play through)

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m.

C: 0 - 499 B: 0 -1499 X: 0 - 2999 A: 3000+

Newcomer Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m.

D: 0-200

Entry Fees

All participants must have an active ACBL membership

\$14.00 /player/session for ACBL members

Extra \$4.00 for lapsed ACBL members

Temporary membership for non-ACBL members will be available

Tournament Chair

Jackie Syer 905-844-0574

jackiesyer@hotmail.com

Partnership Chair

Eileen Grady 905-379-4029

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GODERICH BRIDGE SECTIONAL JULY 27 & 28, 2019



**Columbus Hall
390 Parsons Court
Goderich ON**

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Percy Sheardown Open Pairs 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
299er Pairs (2 sessions)..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Stratifications	A: 1500+	B: 500-1500	C: 0-500
299er Stratifications	A: 200-299	B: 50-200	C: 0-50

Stratifications based on average master points
Single session entries welcome

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Bracketed Swiss Teams 11:00 am and TBA
299er Bracket Guaranteed

Entry Fee: \$12.50/session
\$4.00 extra for NON-ACBL members
NO SUNDAY LUNCH AVAILABLE/Cash Bar Available

Tournament Chair

Maria Deaves
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Jerzy Zakrzewski	39.07
Joanne Lecker	35.23
20 to 50	
Giulia Bizzarri	51.25
Paolo Bizzarri	48.6
Isolde Carvalho	44.55
50-100	
Myrtle Herzenberg	73.95
Rory Ryan	72.13
Huaiming Zhou	58.33
100-200	
Danny Tomlinson	91.33
Lalie Harcourt-Park	68.05
Holly Kee	60.38
200-300	
Russell Baird	103.43
Jerry Lenders	103.04
Suzanne Lofft	97.2
300-500	
Graham Dixon	151.22
Anne Pettigrew	90.96
Nancy Lucas	88.56
500-1000	
Rod McLeod	138.51
Jerry Machtinger	134.55
Max Rutherford	126.45

1000-1500	
Emile Macedo	138.87
Eileen Grady	119.31
Rosemary Miller	111.3
1500-2500	
Terry Bradley	164.27
Doug Dolbear	159.84
Wayne Ruttan	140.62
2500-3500	
Isadore Sharp	205.72
Steven Mehta	192
Mehdi Sadeghi	174.53
3500-5000	
Mel Norton	273.14
Jan Stewart	264.36
Rosalie Sharp	204.33
5000-7500	
Jack Shinehoft	258.83
Ron Smith	204.23
Andy Firko	200.23
7500-10,000	
Mark Liberman	163.32
Despina Georgas	118.96
Joy Phillips	105.62
Over 10,000	
Andrew Tylman	238.01
Ray Jotcham	203.57
Linda Wynston	193.02

The Ace of Clubs award goes to players who earn masterpoints at bridge clubs. Congrats to all the winners!



Correspondence

*The Kib received an email from
Bruce Liberman:*

Hi Andy,

I had a very interesting situation, in which I can see equal arguments for two different viewpoints.

You hold:

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 7 5 3
♦ void
♣ A K Q 10 4

You open in 3rd seat 1♥, partner bids 3♦ (4-card support, limit raise).

Standard Bergen Raises apply even by a passed hand. Cuebid agreements are for first- or second-round control when below game level.

You bid 4♣, partner bids 4♥.

Your call.

Now I will give you partner's hand and tell me if you agree with the 4♥ bid, and then I will give you a theoretical hand that partner could hold and you will see the problem and the arguments.

Partner held:

♠ J 6
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ A K Q 8 2
♣ 6 3

Partner bids 3 diamonds in response to my 1♥ 3rd seat opening, then over the 4♣ partner logs out that opener has 2 quick spade losers and realizes there is zero chance for slam so simply signs off in 4♥, bypassing the useless diamond cuebid.

I held the opener's hand and when partner bypassed 4♦ and bid 4♥, I thought partner could easily have a hand that had spade values and no diamond cue available, such as

♠ A K 6
 ♥ 10 9 8 4
 ♦ Q 8 6 2
 ♣ 6 3

in which case the heart slam is almost a slam dunk, so with the opener's hand I took a 5-level cue bid I chose 5♣, but there is a good argument for 5♦.

So, my question is, should partner with the hand that had Jx of spades cuebid diamonds, even though he knows we have no chance of slam (we each have 2 quick spade losers) to show me where his values are or should he bid 4♥?

If you follow my question, I think you can see it is an interesting situation with good arguments to bid 4♦ and good arguments to not bid 4♦

Thanks for your input.

Bruce Liberman

Dear Bruce,

Control-showing cuebids are for the most part made "up-the-line." When Opener bypassed cuebidding spades, in order to cuebid clubs, he was saying to his partner, "I do not have the ♠A, or the ♠K or a ♠ singleton or a ♠ void, but I do have a control in clubs!" Responder, seeing his spades are Jx, should not cooperate in the cuebidding dance no matter how luscious his diamonds are. He will sign off in game and Opener should (must?) respect that and pass 4♥.

Some pairs play Serious 3NT. This is an agreement whereby after a nine-card major fit has been discovered by both

players (through Jacoby 2NT or a Bergen Raise), 3NT is not a place to play. Rather, it's a bid that says, "I am serious about trying for slam." The corollary is that a simple cuebid (without bidding 3NT) says, "I am just bidding this to show you I have this, but I don't really wish to go to slam unless you have extra values" i.e. Not serious about slam.

Playing this treatment, your auction would go thusly:

Partner	You
Pass	1♥
3♦	3NT*
4♦**	4♥***
Pass#	

*I am serious about a slam—please cuebid

**I have a diamond control and 2+ quick losers in clubs

***It's spades I need a control in

I can't cover spades

However, if partner had the hand with AKx of spades he might have held, your auction would go like this:

Partner	You
Pass	1♥
3♦	3NT*
4♠**	6♥***
Pass#	

*I am serious about a slam—please cuebid

**I have a spade control and 2+ quick losers in both clubs and diamonds

***Wow, you are the perfect partner—thank you for cuebidding spades

#Be still my beating heart



CBF Online Championships

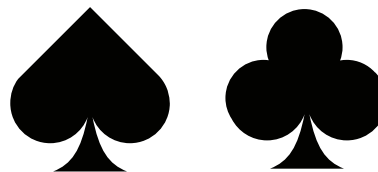
By Jack of Spades

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) runs a national online championship on BBO (Bridge Base Online). What's so cool about this event? Let me count the ways: 1) you can play in your pyjamas, (I suspect some folks do); 2) your partner can be four time zones away; 3) you can play in the comfort of your own home; 3.1) with your favourite beverage; 3.2) with your favourite tunes playing; and 4) it's a national championship! Come on! What's not so cool? As always: distractions. I don't know about you but I can stink it up when playing online bridge and the "comforts of my own home" are screaming for my attention.

The Round Robin portion is all but over and the four semi-finalist teams have been determined. All of the top 4 teams feature "locals" or "former locals." Team CAMPBELL of Alberta finished first and won the right to choose their semi-final opponent (TURNER). The captain is Calgarian Gordon Campbell; also on the team are former Torontonians Ian Findlay, and two other Westerners: Peter Jones and Susan Culham.

Team HANNA, second overall, has Ontarians Nader Hanna, John Rayner, Joan Eaton, Martin Kirr, Katie Thorpe, and Joan's partner Karen Cumpstone of BC. Team TURNER finished third by the slimmest of margins, 0.07 of a victory point, over the fourth-place team, Team FREEMAN. TURNER is comprised of David Turner, John Gowdy, Fred "I'm-Just-A" Lerner, Michael "The Shoe" Schoenborn, and the Brothers Caplan: Mark and David.

FREEMAN is captained by Toronto's own Jacob Freeman, and features a who's who of Canadian bridge: Robert Lebi, George Mittelman, Boris Baran, and Pierre Daigneault. Dan Jacob may or may not be on the team—he was playing for FREEMAN with Robert in their last round-robin match versus CAMPBELL when they handed the top team their only drubbing, a 54-imp beatdown.



Here is a hand that came up from that match. What would you do? You, West, hold:

♠10 6
♥Q J 9 8
♦A 10 7 3 2
♣Q 3

First seat, non-vul vs. vul., you pass. It goes 1♠ on your left, pass by partner, pass, back to you. Do you pass, double, or bid 2♦?

While you are pondering that one, here is the only hand I remember from the past three months while playing on the STARK team. Versus the HORNBY team I was caught red-handed:

♠6 2
♥A K Q J
♦A K Q J 9 6 2
♣—

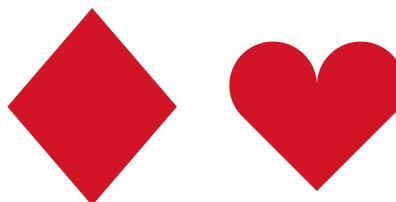
The opponents were vul. and we were not. It went 1♣ on my left, pass by partner, pass to me. I thought of double but did not could not would not stand it if partner left the double in or if he bid and re-bid spades thinking I had spades, so I decided to trot out the BWYTYCM convention. I bid 6♦. What is the BWYTYCM convention? It's bid what you think you can make.

Well, Neil Kimelman of Winnipeg must know all about BWYTYCM: holding my cards at the other table, he, too bid 6♦. We were both rewarded when dummy came down with the ♠A. Thanks, Eiji Kujirai. Good partner!

So that was a push at +920. We (Lew Richardson, Steve Mackay, Lino D'Souza, Martin Hunter, and Eiji) will be back next year.

Re: the 9-count hand from earlier, Dan Jacob chose to double with his hand. It went pass, 3NT by Lebi, all pass. Robert made an overtrick for +430. At the other table, West chose to pass so 1♠ was the final contract. The defenders got all their tricks and beat 1♠ by three tricks to go +300 so FREEMAN won 4imps on the deal. The best possible result is to double 1♠ and to leave that in for +800, but Robert's style is to not risk declarer making his doubled contract, even when looking at three trump tricks. He's seen too many -160s and -360s. By the way, after Dan's double, if Robert had bid the dreaded 2♣ Dan would have bid 2♦ to show a hand with diamonds and hearts.

The CBF Online semi-finals will be played soon; you just have to check BBO around 7pm any given evening. I suggest you watch in your jammies with a beverage since you can't do that at the club. (Peterborough being an exception.) It'll be CAMPBELL vs. TURNER, and HANNA vs. FREEMAN. The two winners will play for the championship.



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