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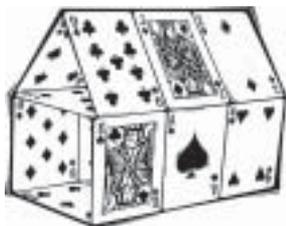
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Editor's Note:

It is with great regret that I tell you that Susan Bracken has had to resign as Editor of the *Kibitzer* due to ill health. We all wish Susan a speedy recovery and a return to the vigour for which she is noted.

On the other hand, I am delighted to resume my own interrupted editorship which ended in the early 80's. Much has changed since then, chiefly technology, but much has remained the same – the people, the tournaments, and *The Kibitzer*. My goal as Editor is to maintain the standards set by Susan and her predecessor, and my successor, John Armstrong.

One of the most entertaining and eccentric characters of Canadian bridge, Donald S. Cowan, universally known as "Moo Cow," died late last year. Moo Cow won the Trials to represent Canada at the 1976 Team Olympiad in Monte Carlo as well as the first CNTC in 1977. John Armstrong pays tribute in this issue.

Unit 166 and ex-Unit 166 players had great success at the recent Spring North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia. Joan Eaton won the Women's Pairs, her second NABC title. Ex-Torontonians Fred Gitelman (now residing in Las Vegas) and Geoff Hampson (currently of Los Angeles) both won NABCs. Coach Eric Kokish prepared the Nickell team well enough to win the Vanderbilt. A list of Unit 166, 246 and 249 top 20 finishers in the North American Championship events can be found elsewhere in this issue.

John Carruthers, Editor

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Matchpoint Quiz

by Ross Taylor

Ross Taylor, former CNTC Champion, was a fixture on the local bridge scene twenty years ago (partnering Keith Balcombe), but retired at a very young age to raise his family. However, there have been occasional sightings recently at local tournaments. We caught up to Ross after the Oshawa Regional in November and here's what he had to say.

Recently I had the opportunity to play with Keith Balcombe for a day at a regional pairs game, in his hometown of Oshawa. I got to bask in his reflected glory as everyone coming to our table marvelled at his recent success on the world stage. He handles this very well, with just the right amount of sincere modesty. Of course, I am all but invisible this day, and to many, I must be a rookie or a client.

Our afternoon game was a dismal 45%, and led to endless queries of, "What went wrong, Keith?" and pitying, knowing looks my way as we sat down for the second session. I was determined to do better. By George, I thought, we might even win if we could score 70% - something that wasn't so hard to do in our salad days all those years ago.

Try your hand at Ross' problems before you look over his shoulder and see how he dealt with them at the table. You are South in all the deals. Answers follow each set of five deals.

The Problems (1-5)

1. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

[KQ64] A3 { A5 } KQ1087

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 {	Dble
1]	1 [2]	??

2. Dealer West. Both Vul.

[J53] 9 { Q542 } 98754

West	North	East	South
1]	4 [4 NT	Pass
5]	Pass	6]	??

3. Dealer North. NS Vul.

[K876] K732 { 83 } 765

West	North	East	South
—	1]	2 {	2]
5 {	Pass	Pass	Pass

You lead the heart king and see this dummy: [A3] J109 { J9642 } KQJ. Partner plays the heart four (upside down count and attitude) and declarer follows with the six. Now what?

4. Dealer West. NS Vul.

[AQJ52] 94 { AK8753 } —

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 {
Pass	1 [Pass	??

5. Dealer East. NS Vul.

[5] AQJ43 { J972 } KQ10

West	North	East	South
—	—	2 { ¹	2]
4 {	5 {	Dble	??
1. Weak two			

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The Results (1-5)

Problem 1. The evening started well when I picked up: [KQ64] A3 { A5 } KQ1087. With no one vulnerable, LHO and Keith both passed and RHO opened one diamond. Dismissing any thought of a heavy two club overcall, I said double. LHO bid one heart, and Keith (who likes to bid in these situations when he has a full thirteen cards) chirped one spade. RHO bid two hearts, and I eschewed science and blasted four spades. It wasn't a bad bet really, because we treat free bids in these auctions as showing a five-card suit.

Sure enough, Keith had extras: [J109734] QJ83 { J92 } — and quickly scored up plus 450. I passed the hand around after the event and some people went slamming and another group simply invited with three spades!

Problem 2. I passed six hearts, maintaining partnership discipline (and harmony?), and partner led the ace of spades. Dummy was as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar: [K] AKQ1065 { 76 } KQ32. Of course, minus 1430 was the quick result, and I noted that six spades would have only cost 800, assuming Keith picks off the spade king offside.

I often have trouble with these high level decisions, especially at pairs when you suspect the slam will not be bid at all tables, in which case even minus 800 will be below average. In retrospect, I should have muddied the waters directly over the four no trump bid. How often have people actually discussed what DOPI and ROPI mean?

Problem 3. Declarer most likely has six diamonds and only one heart, leaving him with six black cards. Let's place the club ace with Keith (otherwise there's no hope). If declarer is three-three in the black suits, we should just defend

passively, and hope we can score a spade trick in the end game. The same is true if declarer has four spades and two clubs. Finally, declarer cannot have four clubs and two spades, since that would give Keith five-five in the majors. So I made the decision to continue hearts. Good move. Declarer had: [Q1092] 6 { AKQ1075 } 104.

Only a spade shift would have surrendered the game, and was a trap many fell into. Plus 100 wasn't bad at all.

Problem 4. So far, nothing terrible had happened, and it felt like we have some momentum going. However, we'd need some big boards to score well.

This hand had become a monster with a known five-four spade fit. Bidding at least game was automatic...the question was, should we be in a small, or even a grand slam? And should I be captain or crew on this auction? Should I be telling partner so he can make the decisions, or should I try to extract information from partner, so that I can make the decision?

Really, the sane choices are four clubs, four diamonds, four spades, five clubs, and six spades. (*Anyone for four hearts, trying to entice a club lead if that escapes a double? – Ed.*) I chose four clubs, a slight lie in that we strive not to have voids for our splinter bids. This turned Keith off and he bid four spades which I passed. He had: [K1064] Q10 { 1094 } KQ104. Note that even five spades would not be a sure bet. That was a job well done, and we marched onwards, plus 650 in hand.

Problem 5. It sure looked like partner was void in diamonds and most likely had heart support, or maybe a huge hand with spades that he couldn't risk being passed in four spades. So what now?

Redouble couldn't be right, since that tends to key on your holding in the doubled cuebid, and you had no holding to speak of. Which of course, opposite partner's presumed void, was a very good thing. Five hearts was possible, especially as you had neither first nor second round control in diamonds, and not much more than a minimum overcall in the first place. Pass was possible - perhaps more encouraging than a return to five hearts? An argument for pass is that you get to hear partner's next bid and the find out the reason he cue bid in the first place.

I guess that seems about it for choices. WRONG! At the table, Mike Fernley produced the master bid of six hearts with these cards, and his partner, Trevor Dundas, could hardly contain himself. He held: [AK87432] K5 { — } AJ62. Trevor raised to seven hearts, and with both majors breaking, a lovely plus 2210 was chalked up. We collected zero matchpoints.

Mmmm, that's not what the doctor ordered. I note how things have deteriorated ever since I started thinking about how well we were doing.

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More Problems (6-10)

6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

[1097543] Q42 { 32 } 43

West	North	East	South
—	—	1]	Pass
2 {	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

What do you lead?

7. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

[95] 10743 { KJ108 } Q92

West	North	East	South
1]	Pass	1 [Pass
2 {	Pass	3 } ¹	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Fourth Suit Forcing

Partner leads the club six (third best from an even number, lowest from an odd number). You see this dummy: [AJ10873] Q9 { 5 } K1085. What do you play and why? What is your analysis of the whole deal?

8. Dealer North. NS Vul.

[8432] AK5 { J765 } 93

West	North	East	South
—	1 NT ¹	2 } ²	Pass
Pass!	Pass		

1. 12-14

2. Any one-suiter

I passed at my first turn to await developments. There were no developments! Everyone passed. I led the heart ace and looked at the following dummy: [—] 982 { AKQ9 } Q108654. Declarer played low, partner the seven (still upside down), and declarer the three. And now?

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9. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

[Q42
] 73
 { A3
 } AK10765

 [AK109653
] 106
 { Q95
 } 2

West	North	East	South
—	1 }	Pass	1 [
Dble	Rdble ¹	Pass	4 [
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Shows precisely three spades

West leads the ace and king of hearts, then shifts to a diamond. Plan the play.

10. Dealer South. EW Vul.

[K432
] 85
 { K104
 } K982

 [A76
] AQ92
 { A8
 } QJ74

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 }
1 {	1 [Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT		

This time, the one no trump rebid showed 15-17. West led a fourth-best six of diamonds. Plan the play.



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The Results (6-10)

Problem 6. A safe spade lead (a) stays with the field, and (b) might be very profitable if partner has any three spades. But I kept fingering the club four. Partner was marked with as many as 12-13 HCP, and could well have had a long suit of his own, presumably clubs. He may not have had the goods to overcall in the sandwich seat.

I played it safe and led the ten of spades, leading to a rapid minus 660. A club lead strikes gold: ace, queen, small in the dummy, and three small in declarer's hand. Declarer could actually go down if she played aggressively (but reasonably) and finessed the club queen at trick one. Alternatively, she can duck the club completely in dummy. Partner could win cheaply, but the ace-queen would protect against further club attack. In that case, declarer would have made only ten tricks. Anything better than minus 660 would have been a great score for us. It was still average, but we needed some tops!

Interlude. To digress, 20 years ago I wrote an article in the Kibitzer about the merits of undisciplined preempts, and here I am routinely passing with six card major suits and weak hands, at favourable vulnerability! I must be getting old. (*Not to worry, Ross, by the time you reach your fifties, you'll once again routinely bid two spades with that hand at that vulnerability! – Ed.*)

Problem 7. Keith led the six of clubs, which was either his lowest club from a three-card holding, or his third best from a four-card holding. Dummy had: [AJ10873] Q9 { 5 } K1085.

Yes, that Fourth Suit Forcing three club bid seems a bit off-centre, doesn't it? Perhaps two spades, three spades, two no trump, two hearts, three hearts, and even three no trump come to mind before three clubs. Anyway, declarer called for the five from dummy, and it was my turn to play.

It seemed to me that Keith was most likely leading from ace third, ace fourth, jack third or jack fourth. Given that declarer had unhesitatingly bid three no trump over three clubs, I placed the ace of clubs with declarer and inserted the club nine. I hope you did better, since declarer scooped up his doubleton jack, played king and another spade, finessing partner's queen, and quickly racked up "only" twelve tricks when Keith carefully preserved the correct ace in the end game.

Could I have got this one right? The more I thought about it, the more I came to believe that all the clues were there. Notwithstanding the bidding, I should confidently play the club queen and then pierce declarer's gizzard with the jack of diamonds (or first the king, followed by jack). Why? Well, when declarer did not call for the eight of clubs from dummy, it almost certainly eliminated the ace doubleton and ace third holdings from his hand. So the club queen was the right play, and it wasn't a pure guess.

Declarer's hand was: [K4] AKJ65 { Q765 } J3. Needless to say, winning the club queen and switching to diamonds would have yielded plus 50 against the opponents' cold four spades. About the only thing I can say in defence of the opponents' bidding is that they both seemed to be on the same planet. This event was rapidly slipping away!

Problem 8. I led the heart ace against two clubs and had to decide what to do at trick two when it went two, seven, three. It seemed clear declarer had a one-suited spade hand, with about 7-9 HCP. It was likely Keith did not have the queen of hearts, unless he had exactly queen-ten-seven, thus the seven would have been his lowest and most encouraging heart.

I switched to the three of clubs. Bingo! Keith won the jack; cashed the king; and pushed the jack of hearts through declarer's queen. From there, we defended carefully and kept declarer

dummy-locked throughout the play of the hand. The result was down two, for plus 100 and a very good result.

"Curious hand," as Oscar the Owl would have said, "the spade suit seems to be missing from the deck!" For, in addition to no one bidding spades, not a single round of spades was played during the entire hand by anyone! Declarer had: [AQJ9765] Q63 { 83 } 7. Note that a heart continuation by me will lead to down one only, or even making if I don't then switch to a club, and a spade or a diamond shift may also result in two clubs making!

Problem 9. Next, I found myself in four spades with: [Q42] 73 { A3 } AK10765 opposite: [AK109653] 106 { Q95 } 2 LHO had made a takeout double, showing the red suits, and had cashed the ace, king of hearts and shifted to a diamond. Now what?

Ten tricks were cold. How could I make eleven? I could duck the diamond to my queen. Unless RHO had the king, then the hand is over and I'd be plus 650. But even though I felt the diamond king was on my left, I saw a better play. I could try to establish the clubs for two diamond discards. So I won the diamond ace, cashed the ace of spades, fetching the eight from West and the jack on my right. I played the ace of clubs from dummy, and ruffed a club with the king of spades. Actually, any spade would have done except the precious three.

Then I played the ten of spades to the queen (again, any spade except the three) cashed the king of clubs, and prepared to set up the clubs finally with a ruff with any spade (repeat after me) EXCEPT the three. Why? Of course, we need the precious three to travel to the dummy's four on the third round of spades to be able to run the clubs if they are four-two!

I was proud that I still had enough technique to execute this play after many years away from the game. I was also very disappointed to see that the clubs were actually three-three, and thus the fancy trump management plays were not necessary. And, of course, LHO had led away from the diamond king anyway, but I still think it would have been very wrong to duck in dummy at trick three. Anyway, plus 650 was another average board. At this point, I thought we were just playing for pride and a possible section top.

Problem 10. Shortly after that deal, Keith was playing three no trump and had to make a decision whether to put in the ten of diamonds at trick one, after his LHO had overcalled and led the suit.

He played low, and the nine forced his ace. He reasoned that even if the four only produced the nine, as it did, from his RHO, he still had another arrow in his quiver. After knocking out the club ace and winning the diamond queen return with the king, he set about

The rest of the hand was over very quickly. Keith cashed his clubs and spades ending in dummy. The ten of diamonds followed, and his LHO won this and was forced to lead from the king of hearts into the ace-queen for Keith's ninth trick.

Of course, had LHO stiffed the king (a far better play against an expert, if done smoothly, in tempo, and early in the discarding process, as opposed to an agonised final discard), Keith would have dropped the king offside too.

Conclusion. There was no storybook ending. We scored something like 57% and indeed, 70% was needed for the win. I was reminded all over again that we lose at bridge far more often than we win. And the winners usually make the fewest errors while simultaneously inducing mistakes by their opponents. In short events like this, a healthy share of good luck is always useful too. Still, it was fun to get back into the swing of things, and meet up with many old friends. Maybe I'll do this again some time.

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Unit 166 Annual General Meeting January 4, 2003

MINUTES of the annual meeting of the Members of The Ontario Unit No. 166 of the American Contract Bridge League held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on January 4, 2003 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon.

The President, Barbara Sims, took the Chair, and Irene Warner acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Notice calling the meeting having been mailed to all Members and a quorum being present, the Chairman declared the meeting to be regularly constituted. Waivers of notice signed by the Members present and all of the Directors and by the Corporation's Auditor were directed to be annexed to these minutes.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Moved by Kay Allen and seconded Marion Watson that the minutes of the meeting of the Members held January 5, 2002 be adopted as published in The Kibitzer. Carried.

Financial Statements

The Chairman presented to the meeting the financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended August 31, 2002, together with the Auditor's report thereon.

On motion made by Muriel Allen and seconded by Paul Cronin and carried, the following resolution was passed:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the balance sheet of the Corporation as at August 31, 2002 and the statement of income

and expense and Members' equity for the year ended on the said date, together with the auditor's report thereon, being one and the same, are hereby approved and adopted.

Confirmation of Election/ Appointment of Directors

Moved by Fred Andreychuk and seconded by Louise McNeely that the election/appointment of Bina Adams, Muriel Allen, Andy Brownbill, and Paul Cronin to the Board of Directors be and is hereby confirmed. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

On motion made by Jonathan Steinberg and seconded by Paul Cronin and carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT G. J. Westfall, C.A., be and he is hereby appointed auditor of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of Members at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Directors.

President's Report

The Unit Board has endeavored to serve the interests and concerns of the approximately 3,000 members of Unit 166 in 2002.

Our primary focus is the running of tournaments. The Toronto Regional, capably chaired by Marion Watson, and the Toronto Sectional, now chaired by Jack Stark, were very successful. In addition, the Unit revived a Sectional in Hamilton, which will continue this year co-chaired by the Unit and COBA.

The STAC tournaments, which the Unit runs for all of District 2, continue to be very well organized by DIC, Patti Lee and Chair, Bev Ross. Patti Lee was the popular recipient of the 2002 Kate Buckman Award.

There have been notable changes in the Board this year. Last Easter, we honored retiring long-standing members, Bina Adams, Penny Augustine, and Barbara Seagram at a dinner hosted by George Retek, ACBL President. After the Easter election, we were very pleased to welcome newly elected members Fred Andreychuk, Shirley Ashworth, Louise McNeely, and Marion Watson. (Marion Watson had previously been the appointed MTBA representative.)

Many years ago the Unit was divided into four associations because of its size. Each appoints a representative to the Board. Paul Cronin, Unit and District Recorder, represents the Niagara District Bridge Association, which sponsors the great Niagara Sectional. Muriel Allen represents Credit Valley Bridge Association, which hosts wonderful Sectionals. Andy Brownbill has recently been appointed representative of the newly resurrected Central Ontario Bridge Association. And Bina Adams, after a very short retirement, has been re-appointed by the Metropolitan Toronto Bridge Association.

As well, there have been changes in appointed officials. Flo Belford, whom you will see creating an entire section of school children at the Toronto Regional, has taken on the position of Education Liaison. Many thanks to Enid Roitman, who served in this capacity for the past 12 years.

John Ross has accepted the position of Disciplinary Chairman. Martin Hunter has done an excellent job as Webmaster and now as Membership Chair as well.

On behalf of the Members of the Unit, I would like to thank all my colleagues for contributing so much time and effort towards the enjoyment of our game.

Confirmation of Proceedings

Moved by Janice Upineks and seconded by Jack Stark that all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors of Unit 166 enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last meeting of Members be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting then terminated.

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Unit 166 Financial Report

(Incorporated as Ontario Unit 166 of the ACBL under the laws of Ontario)

Balance Sheet as at August 31, 2002

	2002 (\$)	2001 (\$)
ASSETS		
Cash in bank – Canadian	32,162	32,983
Cash in bank – U.S.	37,213	48,218
Cash in bank – 2001 Nationals	0	34,726
Cash held in trust	200	200
Bonds and debentures	117,390	67,286
Accounts receivable	16,335	62,228
Prepaid expenses	0	3,786
Equipment	4,399	6,499
	207,699	255,926
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Accounts payable	8,721	40,597
GST payable	132	4,755
Reserve funds – Associations	15,349	13,924
Reserve for Nationals Fund	50,660	58,574
Members' equity	<u>132,837</u>	<u>138,076</u>
	207,699	255,926

Statement of Income and Expense and Members' Equity for the Year Ended August 31, 2002

INCOME

Gross income from tournaments	193,782	124,423
Membership fees	13,155	12,699
Kibitzer table fees	13,120	14,135
Kibitzer advertisements and subscriptions	9,410	9,835
STAC fall	295	622
STAC spring	650	185
Interest	3,676	10,323
TAP	1,166	0
Donation towards trophy case	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	235,254	173,222

EXPENSE

Tournament expenses		
Directing	56,046	37,263
ACBL	25,738	16,506
Unit	12,798	8,323
Site	37,573	10,568
Administration	29,059	24,176
Hospitality	13,542	17,202
Committee	4,608	2,911
Transfer to District 2	<u>6,018</u>	<u>4,131</u>
	185,382	121,080
Directors' meetings	1,890	1,786
Fees	1,200	800
- Treasurer	4,800	3,600
- Executive Assistant	1,100	800
- Various events	600	1,300
- Kibitzer Editor and typesetting	11,091	8,600
Kibitzer printing and mailing	19,667	25,999
New player development	0	1,401
Kate Buckman Award	828	936
Travel and hospitality grants	5,500	5,500
Trophy case	0	2,675
Sundry	<u>8,435</u>	<u>10,529</u>
	240,493	185,006
Excess of income over expenditures	(5,239)	(11,784)
Members' equity, beginning of period	138,076	149,860
Members' equity, end of period	132,837	138,076



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Women's Pairs – 1st – Joan Eaton, Willowdale

*North American Open Pairs "C" – 4th – Ioana Ciura and Alexander Ciura, Mississauga
Open Pairs I – 13th – David Lindop, Toronto; 19th – Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy, Thornhill*

Silver Pairs – 18th – Naveed Ather, Oakville and Ron Sutherland, Mississauga

Open Pairs II – 13th - Darren Wolpert, Thornhill

Vanderbilt – T 17th - George Mittelman, Toronto; Robert Lebi; Toronto; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill (all on different teams!)

Open Swiss Teams – 3rd – Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy, Thornhill; 5th – George Mittelman, David Lindop, and Les Amoils, Toronto; 5th - Darren Wolpert, Thornhill

Additionally, Eric Kokish of Toronto was front-and-centre as the coach of the victorious Vanderbilt team captained by Nick Nickell.



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Donald S. "Moo" Cowan
1931-2002

Don Cowan died in late 2003 after being in failing health for some years.

He was my friend for almost 50 years. We had some memorable games together. He was happy to say that I taught him how to play! Well, the really basic ideas, anyway.

When asked what made him such a good player, Don replied, "I've always been able to visualize." On defence he was building your hand with each round of the auction. That led to some remarkable opening leads.

In 1975, Don was on the winning Olympiad Trials team which represented Canada at the world Team Olympiad in Monte Carlo in 1976. In 1977, he won the first CNTC, representing Canada at the first Rosenblum Cup in New Orleans as a result. He enjoyed rubber bridge tremendously, leading him inevitably to team-of-four games.

Don would often make some remark that was misunderstood by opponents who were offended. "I only do that for my own

amusement," he would say. His true friends knew that he was not firing personal barbs., though they sometimes sounded that way.

Don believed that the gods of bridge looked down, and when they saw a wrong card on the table, he was obliged to point it out. "Oh, I see, let's see how much we can confuse Moo," he would boom in the voice of Zeus, as he wrestled with misinformation based on my misplays. Then after the session he would apologize and offer to buy dinner.

I miss him, and it hurts.

John Armstrong

As a friend and frequent teammate of the "Moo", the things I remember most about him are his sense of humour and the kindness of his heart.

Moo was the long-time owner of King Entertainment, which he operated out of the ground floor of his big Victorian home in the Annex. If you phoned him at the office and were unlucky enough to miss him, he always brought a smile to your face with his answering machine message: "We're late getting into the office today, but we're going to make up for it by leaving early. We'll call you back," was one of my favourites

Over the years, the house on Huron Street provided a home for many bridge players who were a bit down on their luck. As did Shorty Sheardown before him, Don Cowan provided for those in need - whether it was a place to stay, a job, or just a meal - nothing was asked for, or expected, in return.

Moo always enjoyed life, but no joy was greater than when his first and only child, daughter Katie, was born when he was 50 years old. He was, he said, "over the moon."

John Carruthers

2002 MINI - MCKENNEY RESULTS
UNIT 166

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Marion Bodi	Toronto	71.98
Zuwei Shan	Mississauga	50.60
Morteza Maziar	Toronto	45.57

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ray Pathinathan	Mississauga	93.50
Laurie Due	Hamilton	80.09
Anders Kovacs	Mississauga	50.91

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mehdi Sadegh	Mississauga	109.84
Lesley Thomson	Toronto	98.91
Morton Glickma	Willowdale	97.18

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Max Vaigh	Toronto	179.92
Chelliah Murugesu	Scarborough	176.85
Gail Lambache	Oakville	130.64

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ezzat Armanios	North York	151.54
Bert Fountain	Mississauga	132.45
Donna Fette	Welland	119.81

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Nathan Rosen	Toronto	317.37
Andrew Risman	Toronto	189.91
Shelley Kua	Toronto	166.77

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mary-Ellen Barlow	Niagara-on-Lake	178.67
Susan Harbour	Waterloo	172.47
Ragi El-Hoss	Willowdale	170.06

BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Daniel M Korbel	Waterloo	316.95
Peter Petruzzellis	Toronto	252.68
David Grainger	Etobicoke	234.95

SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Tom Buttle	Toronto	569.51
Wendy Dooley	Mississauga	342.08
Charles Arthur	Weston	340.14

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Martin Hunter	Mississauga	432.80
Ronald Sutherland	Mississauga	357.30
Despina Georgas	Willowdale	342.89

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Steinberg	Toronto	507.32
Colin Revill	Burlington	369.12
James Priebe	Mississauga	353.50

2002 ACE OF CLUBS RESULTS
UNIT166

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Marion Bodi	Toronto	48.47
Morteza Maziar	Toronto	41.11
Stephen Holinsk	Mississauga	37.06

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ray Pathinathan	Mississauga	72.69
Laurie Due	Hamilton	48.13
David Loucks	Toronto ON	38.37

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mehdi Sadeghi	Mississauga	95.71
Lee Woods	Toronto	79.32
Lesley Thomson	Toronto	73.96

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Chelliah Murugesu	Scarborough	115.32
Ruth Nichols	Toronto	92.04
Benjamin Beer	Willowdale	89.35

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ezzat Armanios	North York	127.51
Bert Fountain	Mississauga	115.10
Susan Dufton	Toronto	88.86

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Nathan Rosen	Toronto	263.10
Sheldon Pearlman	Toronto	111.43
Barbara Staples	Welland	100.22

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Claire Sheridan	Oakville	91.56
Mary-Ellen Barlow	Niagara-on-Lake	84.74
Ragi El-Hoss	Willowdale	80.01

BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Morton Victor	Toronto	120.03
Barbara Shnier	Toronto	117.89
Howard Tate	Toronto	116.23

SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Tom Buttle	Toronto	223.25
Fred Day	Toronto	203.13
Leyden Chao	Toronto	194.25

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ray Jotcham	Scarborough	182.21
Linda Wynston	Toronto	179.14
Gail Jotcham	Scarborough	173.52

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mark Liberman	Don Mills	209.82
Dudley Camacho	Toronto	155.22
Don Brock	Brampton	115.23

Michael Davey Wins 2003 Kate Buckman Award



Congratulations to Michael Davey of Toronto for winning the 2003 Kate Buckman Award. The award is given annually to the Unit 166 member, "who contributes most to others' enjoyment of bridge."

There is no question that Michael is a worthy winner of the award. He has brought thousands of players to the game over the past several decades with his friendly, avuncular style, and is one of Toronto's most popular bridge teachers ever.

Web Sites

The Kibitzer web site pages are incorporated into the Unit 166 site (see below).

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Unit 246: <http://members.rogers.com/unit246/>

Unit 249: www.unit249.ca

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District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg's home page is: www3.sympatico.ca/jonathan.st (Read his reports from every meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors, new Life Master list, junior player information, and more.)

Canadian Bridge Federation: www.cbf.ca

World Bridge Federation: www.worldbridge.org

Martin Hunter Is Named as New NPC of Canadian Junior Team



Martin Hunter has been appointed as the Non-Playing Captain for Canada's Junior Team. Martin, a high school teacher of Mathematics & Computer Science, has been playing competitive bridge for 16 years and enjoys tournament bridge and travelling to various Regionals and Sectionals.

Martin is a Certified Director and the Webmaster for both Unit 166 and the Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Club sites. He took part in the Kokish Training Weekend January 4,5,6 2003 and is looking forward to contributing to Junior success, both at the local and at the international level. Martin tells us he would love to see more high school / college students pick up the game.

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Tuesday evening, 7:30 pm.....NOVICE BRIDGE GAME
Tuesday evening, 7:30 pm.....OPEN BRIDGE GAME

Wednesday morning, 9:30 am.....NON LIFE MASTER GAME
Wednesday evening, 7:30 pm.....OPEN BRIDGE GAME

Thursday afternoon, 12:30 pm.....NON LIFE MASTER GAME
Thursday evening, 7:30 pm.....0-1500 MP BRIDGE GAME

Friday morning, 9:45 am.....SUPERVISED PLAY
Friday afternoon, 12:30 pm.....OPEN BRIDGE GAME
Friday evening, 7:30 pm.....OPEN BRIDGE GAME

Saturday morning, 10:00 am.....0-1500 MP BRIDGE GAME
Saturday afternoon, 2:00 pm.....(only when advertised)
Saturday evening, 7:30 pm.....(only when advertised)

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