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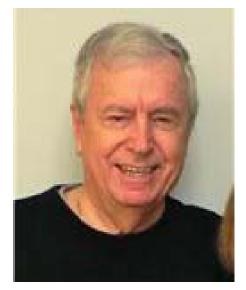


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Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame inducts Ralph Cohen, Doug Drew, Diana Gordon, Eric Kokish and George Mittelman (See page 35).

Toronto's Les Amoils comes runner-up in the Vanderbilt (See page 39 for Louisville results). Left: 2011 Audrey Grant Award Winner Barbara Seagram (See page 17).

Below: Paul Cronin, Winner of the 2011 Kate Buckman Award (See page 15).





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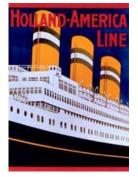
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Editor's Note:

Congratulations to Les Amoils of Toronto, who came within a hair's-breadth of winning the Vanderbilt Trophy in Louisville. Les played on a multinational team with two Yanks, a Limey and a Kiwi.

The Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame will induct Ralph Cohen, Doug Drew, Diana Gordon, Eric Kokish and George Mittelman in a ceremony to be conducted in Regina in May.

That group has 11 medals in World Championship play, more than two dozen Canadian championships and a dozen North American championships among them. Administratively, they have a presidency of the ACBL, a chairmanship of the ACBL Board of Directors and an executive directorship of the ACBL, as well as various WBF positions. Kokish will also be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame at the NABC in Toronto this summer.

John Carruthers

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ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario) **Statement of Financial Position** as at August 31, 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
	ASSETS	
CURRENT		
Cash in Bank – Canadian	7,867	66,597
Cash in Bank - U.S.	9,453	25,185
Short term investments	170,259	100,000
at market value (Note 2)		
Accounts receivable	19,445	25,505
Prepaid expenses	7,072	6,000
	214,096	223,287
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	1,441	2,882
OTHER ASSETS (Note 4)		
Suspense account	—	3,873
	215,537	230,042

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	10,997	15,728
GST payable	279	
Reserve funds -	7,463	8,598
Associations (Note 5)	18,739	24,326
NET ASSETS		
Restricted (Notes 6,7)	54,750	56,178
Unrestricted	142,048	149,538
	196,798	205,716
	215,537	230,042

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors: Director -Treasurer –

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

Statement of Income and Expense and Net Assets

for the year ended August 31, 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
		(Revised)
REVENUE	120.010	200 609
Gross income from tournaments (Schedule 1)	139,910	200,608
Memberships fees (Note 4)	10,915	11,594
Other units share of kibitzer costs	12,409	10,769
Kibitzer advertisements	12,741	13,240
STAC Fall	3,995	3,118
STAC Spring	3,759	2,106
Supplies	2,968	
Interest	913	1,183
Miscellaneous (Note 4)	999	378
	188,609	242,996
EXPENSES		
Tournament expenses (Schedule 1)		
Directors (Note 4)	42,688	61,505
A.C.B.L.	10,4321	8,168
Unit	5,540	6,319
Site (Note 8)	21,428	37,775
Administration (Note 4)	19,331	33,223
Hospitality	9,261	16,418
Committee	4,000	5,000
Transfer to District 2	4,842	7,788
	117,522	186,196
Directors meetings (Note 4)	8,309	6,243
Fees – Treasurer	1,600	1,100
 Executive Assistant 	5,200	4,800
- Auditor	1,400	1,000
- Web master	1,000	1,000
- Kibitzer Editor &		
Typesetting	9,200	9,200
Kibitzer printing and mailing	27,161	26,342
Kibitzer miscellaneous	4,190	1,429
Audrey Grant award	1,000	2,684
Kate Buckman award Travel and hospitality grants	1,306 2,1401	1,588 4,500
Novice promotion (Note 4)	1,023	2,221
Sundry	11,174	12,424
Sundry	192,225	270,727
Excess of income over expenses	(3,616)	(27,731)
Unrestricted Net Assets,	(0,010)	(21,101)
beginning of period	145,664	173,395
Unrestricted Net Assets,	1 10,001	
end of period	142,048	145,664

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

Statement of Restricted Net Assets

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of period	56,178	62,229
Interest during the year	343	425
Expenses incurred to date		
National Presentations Products		
Pens	325	1629
Goodwin Studios Logo	250	
S Rewbottom Planning	1,195	
-	1,770	6,476
Balance, end of period	54,751	56,178

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L.

	Statement of Cash Flows		
For the year en	or the year ended August 31, 2010		
	2010	2009	
	\$	\$	
		Revised	
Cash flows from operating activiti		(
Excess of income over expenses	(3,616)	(27,731)	
	(3,616)	(27,731)	
Operating working capital			
Short term investments			
Accounts receivable	6,060	13,434	
Prepaid expenses	(1,072)	3,594	
Capital assets	1,441	2,568	
Accounts payable	(4,452)	3,572	
Reserve Funds	(1,135)	(5,355)	
Restricted assets	(1,428)	(6,051)	
	(586)	11,762	
Net cash generated (used)		-	
through operating activities	(4,202)	(15,969)	
Cash flows from financing			
and investment activities	(70,259)	(100,000)	
Increase (decrease) in cash	(74,461)	(115,969)	
Cash, beginning of year	91,781	207,751	
Cash, end of year	17,320	91,782	
Represented by:	,•_•		
Cash	17,320	91,782	
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 OF THE A.C.B.L. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS August 31, 2010

The aims and objectives of the Unit are as follows:

- 1 To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge.
- 2 To co-operate with and assist the A.C.B.L. in the promoting and conducting of bridge tournaments.
- 3 To prescribe rules of eligibility for participation in tournaments held under its auspices and to deal with reports of dishonest, unethical or improper conduct of participants in such tournaments and to take appropriate disciplinary action.
- 4 To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit.
- 5 To promote and support the A.C.B.L. education programme within the Unit.
- 6 To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principle objectives.

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and reflect the following policies:

- a) Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. follows the deferral method of fund accounting for revenue.
- b) Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years.
- c) Volunteers contribute services at all Unit run bridge tournaments. Because of the difficulty of determining their market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.
- d) There are no related party transactions.
- e) Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. is a non-profit entity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(f).

NOTE 2 - SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

The short-term investments consist of TD Canada Trust Guaranteed Investment Certificates that mature at various times from 3 months to 2 years.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Equipmen	t:	2010			2009
Original	Accumulated	Net Book	Original	Accumulated	Net Book
Cost	Amortization	Value	Cost	Amortization	Value
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
12,840	11,399	1,441	12,840	9,958	2,882

NOTE 4 - SUSPENSE ACCOUNT

The suspense account represents unreconciled differences from tournaments during the year. The 2009 Statement of Income and Expense and Net Assets

has been revised to reflect the various changes in some revenue and expense accounts.

NOTE 5 - ASSOCIATION RESERVES

In 1973 Unit 166 decided to establish a Reserve Fund into which the Associations in the Unit would deposit their excess surplus funds over an agreed amount. These funds are to be invested and held to credit of the various Associations. The Fund was established in 1974. At August 31 the fund was made up as follows:

	Balance		Interest	Balance
	Aug. 31, 2009	Withdrawal	Earned	Aug. 31, 2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$
NDBA	4,237	-	26	4,263
COBA	3,084	1,188	19	1,915
MTBA	1,277	-	8	1,285
TOTAL	8,598	1,188	53	7,463

NOTE 6 - RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

An amount of \$50,000 was invested in October 1986 to be used for Future Nationals. This account was previously called the Reserve for Future Nationals. The activity in this fund is as follows:

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TOTAL	54,751	56,178
Expenses incurred to date	1,770	6,476
Interest earned during the year	343	425
Opening balance	56,178	62,229
	\$	\$
2	2010	2009

\$20,000 of the balance has been committed - see Note 7.

NOTE 7 - LONG TERM COMMITMENT

The Board of Directors previously agreed to pay \$20,000 in honoraria to the Nationals Committee members to be paid after the 2011 Nationals.

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Unit has signed a three contract with the Doubletree Hotel to host the Toronto Regional.

Interest earned during the year	1,479	1,791
TOTAL	1,479	1,791

NOTE 9 - INCOME TAXES

Unit 166 of the A.C.B.L. is a non-profit entity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(f).

NOTE 10 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows is not included as the Board of Directors believes that it would provide no significant additional information.

These notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



The Summer NABCs are coming to Toronto this summer

We expect 8,000 bridge players to descend on the city over the ten days. We will be playing at two venues: the Fairmont Royal York and the Sheraton Centre.

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As you start thinking about your plans to play at the NABCs, think about whether you can spare an hour or so before or after game time or between sessions.

The NABCs come to Toronto only once about every ten years. This is your chance to get involved and to help make them a success.

If you are interested, let me know. I would love to hear from you.

Louise McNeely volunteers@torontonabc.com

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(Visit www.unit246.com for details)

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- 1st time members of the ACBL can apply to the Unit 246 Board for a single session fee reimbursement at a sectional in Unit 246
- Any bridge club in Unit 246 may post its results on the Unit 246 website free of charge
- · Bridge teachers can list their services on the Unit 246 website free

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PAUL CRONIN WINS 2011 KATE BUCKMAN AWARD



Congratulations to Paul Cronin, the 2011 winner of The Kate Buckman Award. This award is presented annually to the person in Unit 166 "who adds most to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge". This award is named in honour of the late Kate Buckman who started and ran the highly-successful Kate Buckman Bridge Studio for many years.

We asked Paul about his early bridge career.

"My first experiences with bridge were the wonderful games at 'Kate's' in the early 1960's with bridge stars like Eric Murray and Sami Kehela in attendance, male players in jackets and ties, and everything directed by the ever-soelegant hand of Kate herself. It was while playing there one evening that I received a telephone call from the principal of Port Colborne High School offering me the mathematics headship. Those being simpler days, I just said, 'Yes,' and thus began my fortyseven-year sojourn in the Niagara Peninsula."

"It was here in Niagara that I had the good fortune to meet my future bridge partner, George Morrissev, from whom I learned much about bridge and even more about friendship and life. And my very dear friend, Ann Speedie, who "reigned" over those memorable dinner games at the Refectory, and who sadly passed away in 2004. Many of you will recall the fantastic tournaments held each February at 'The Beacon' and driving home from same in the inevitable Sundav blizzard. These tournaments, now held at the Parkway in St. Catharines, are put on by the Niagara District Bridge Association, a body on which I have had the honour of serving for the past twenty years or so. The NDBA elected me to represent them on the Unit 166 Board of Directors and I have subsequently had the pleasure of meeting so many great people in my fifteen years on the Unit Board."

"Bridge 'styles' have changed a great deal over the years but I continue to believe firmly in KISS. And I think bridge 'attitudes' have changed also and are now much better due to the Zero Tolerance concept which had the 1 opportunity to co-create along with Barbara Seagram and Hans Jacob. Finding a good partner for tournaments has always been a daunting task and I hope that the 'Online Partnership Desk' which I developed for the ACBL NABCs and the Unit 166 Sectionals and Regionals has been a help."

"Odds and ends? I love cryptic crosswords, owned and operated the Reeb House Tavern, and ran a string of thoroughbred horses at Fort Erie, Cleveland, and Tampa Bay Downs. I enjoy taking piano and voice lessons once a week, and playing snooker twice a week. Other interests include developing web sites, travelling (I love bridge cruises) and collecting stamps, coins, sports cards, books, paintings and antiques."

Mary Jo Crone adds, "Paul is a member of Mensa Canada and is well-read and well-spoken and is fluent in several languages. He can and does talk to everyone about anything. Paul is very interested and current in world affairs and politics. He is, indeed, a life long learner."

"Paul's interest in mathematics carries over to his love for puzzles: Sudoku, Kakuro, crosswords, and the weekend cryptics. He also has a web site where he publishes the answers to the cryptics. Paul plays to win whether it is tennis, golf, bridge, the slots, snooker, poker, or the horse races. Although winning is his priority, he is always cognizant of his partner's and opponents' comfort levels.

It is always a little dangerous to ask someone's bridge partner for input but we did.

George Morrissey, Paul's bridge partner and life long friend, contributes the following: "Paul complete and the was is gentleman bridge player. He never shows any emotion whether he receives a good or a bad result. He makes it a point to greet players at every table and even when they continue to discuss a hand. seemingly oblivious to his hello or welcome, he persists in pleasant talk. He has a unique way of dealing politely with rudeness or lack of deportment at the table. There are few minds superior to Paul's and yet he is always the essence of humility regardless of the result. He always compliments opponents on their good play while minimizing his own good plays with his famous quote: 'Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while.' Paul is truly the 'Man for All Seasons'. Few, if any people, know what he is really thinking, and I often refer to him as 'Mysterium est'. He was and is one of my best friends."

The really important things in Paul's life? Four incredible children: Sheila, Patrick, Tim, and Dan. Eight wonderful grandchildren: Leah, Evan, Isabel, Adam, Maddy, Meg, Char, and Mathew. A woman he adores – Mary Jo Crone of East Aurora, N.Y. And a world of bridge friends who have added immeasurably to his life with so many memories of happy and enjoyable times together. He feels he has been truly blessed.

Fellow Unit 166 Board members count on Paul for his quiet wisdom and integrity. Paul's dedication to the game and making it enjoyable for all makes him a most worthy recipient of the Kate Buckman Award for 2011. Congratulations, Paul, from all your friends in Unit 166.

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

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 three Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have a historic weekend - they are set aside for you.

Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

AUDREY GRANT AWARD GOES TO BARBARA SEAGRAM



In 2005, the Board of Directors of Unit 166 decided to create a new award to recognize the contribution and excellence of the bridge teachers in the unit. The award is named in honour of Audrey Grant, one of the world's foremost bridge teachers. The Board is pleased to present the 2011 award to Barbara Seagram, herself an internationally-recognized bridge teacher and Gold Life Master.

Barbara hails from Barbados in the West Indies where she was educated until age sixteen. She then enrolled in University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Nursing. After working for a few years at Scarborough General Hospital, she became a nursing instructor at Women's College Hospital and then at Ryerson.

In 1975, Barbara started bridge lessons at Kate Buckman's. She soon started working for Kate, teaching and co-managing the club. In 1990, she and her husband, Alex Kornel, bought the club from Kate.

Barbara was a member of the Board of Unit 166 ACBL from 1988 until 2004. She was the Novice/ Intermediate Chairman for the Unit co-founded the Zero and Tolerance programme along with Paul Cronin and Hans Jacobs. She was presented with the Kate Buckman Award in the late 1990's. Barbara was a member of the Board of Governors of ACBL for many years and was a member of the ACBL Task Force for the Future of Bridge.

In 2006, The Kate Buckman Bridge Studio was voted by ACBL to be the top bridge club in North America out of over 3200 clubs. Barbara and Alex decided to sell the club in order to slow down a bit. However, "slowing down" is not in Barbara's nature. In September 2006, Barbara and Alex opened a school of bridge at 694 Mt. Pleasant above The Sweet Gallery Restaurant. They realized that their students needed good а environment which would foster their playing skills so they opened a part-time bridge club at The Regal located at Bathurst and Lawrence in Toronto. They thought this would have seven or eight tables but it turned out to be a huge success with often eighteen or nineteen tables in play. The percentage of her new students who become dedicated players is very high, giving proof of her ability to pass on to them her passion for bridge.

The Barbara Seagram School of Bridge has seminars, Play and Learn games and courses of lessons for all skill levels. Classes are booming and there's a whole lot of teaching going on.

Barbara wrote her own course for beginners teaching and intermediates and has used it very successfully all of these years. Based on Goren standard, it uses excellent bidding, play and defense techniques to start the player on their path to sound bridge. Subsequently, Barbara has co-authored seventeen instructional bridge books. Her first, "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know", is now into its fourteenth printing and has been translated into French, German, and Japanese. The subsequent books have been translated into other languages as well. At least two of her books have won awards the from American Bridge Teachers' Association [ABTA] for the best book of the year in the

year that they were published. Barbara thanks Ray and Linda Lee of Master Point Press who give so much back to the game they love.

As well, Barbara has been tireless in her promotion of bridge at all levels:

- For years, she worked as a volunteer at tournaments [sectionals, regionals and nationals] to ensure that novice and intermediate players came out and enjoyed the tournaments
- She gave free space and free treats at her club so that teachers could teach kids using the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) program
- She has been a member of ABTA for many years and has supported their work to develop teachers and teaching programs
- She has helped many Toronto and area people start their teaching careers
- She often presents at local sectionals and regionals and is a regular presenter at nationals

- She has given many free bridge lectures in Canada and around the world promoting bridge and teaching others how to teach
- She is a regular contributor to the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and the Kibitzer

Alex and Barbara teach bridge on cruise ships and escort large numbers of people on trips around the world, most recently Vietnam and Cambodia, Africa, China and Japan, Australia and New Zealand. In February 2012, they will escort their final group to Latin America.

They have two wonderful children, Heather and Christopher, and a much loved grandson, Justin, age seven.

Barbara Seagram is most certainly a worthy recipient of this award honouring exceptional bridge teachers.

Congratulations, Barbara, from all your former and present students and your many friends in Unit 166.

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Players looking for partners for any of the Unit 166 tournaments (six Sectionals and at least one Regional every year!) can make a great start on finding one by going to the Unit 166 website, http://unit166.ca/, and clicking on "Partnership Desk" (second link from the bottom in the left hand menu). This program has proven to be a real player favourite. The site is very user friendly, and the partner of your dreams may be just a few clicks away!







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GOLD FROM THE GOLD COAST John Carruthers

The Gold Coast Congress celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The tournament is held in Broadbeach at a magnificent convention centre with tons of rental apartments and restaurants within easy walking distance. That, the magnificent weather and superb organization have made the GCC the most popular tournament in Australia. Broadbeach is like South Beach without the attitude, drugs, violence and poseurs.

This year I was invited to join the Daily Bulletin team of David Stern and Barry Rigal. Despite my Bulletin duties, I played both main events, the Pairs and the Teams. My partners, Anton Blagov from Toronto (Teams) and P.O. Sundelin (Stockholm) for the Pairs are 50 years apart in age. Anton is a multi-talented kid, having graduated from the University of Toronto at the top of his class in Actuarial Science, currently making his living playing poker and having played on Canada's Junior bridge teams for the past five years. On the following hand he used his poker skill to get a 'read' on his opponent and make a successful anti-percentage play (See top of next page):

North led a diamond against six no trump and Blagov won in hand to find out who had the queen, led a club to the jack and pulled a low heart from dummy. When South smoothly played the four of hearts, declarer put in the nine! When that forced the king, he was home with 12 tricks. Had South split his hearts, and how could he know to do so, Anton could have squeezed him in the majors to make his contract.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

	♣ 74	376542	
♠ AK	-		2832
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	★ 109	964	
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West	North	East	South
Blagov		Carruthe	ers
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2NT	Pass	3⇔I	Pass

3\2	Pass	3⊉ ³
3NT⁴	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	

- I. Checkback Stayman
- 2. 3-card heart support
- 3. Checking for a 4-card spade suit

Pass Pass

4. Denies 4 spades

Had the nine of hearts lost to the ten or jack, Blagov planned to run the queen of hearts next to try to pin the other honour. If that did not work, a favourable spade split or a squeeze on South in the majors might still be available (as long as Anton's 'read' was correct and the heart king was with North).

The Teams has a unique format: three days of Swiss Qualifying (12 x 14-board matches) with the top six qualifying. Teams I and 2 have a bye to the

semifinals and team 3 picks its opponent for the quarterfinals. (Team I picks its semifinal opponent.) On Board 9 of set 1 from the quarterfinal match, David Appleton of the Travis team displayed skillful declarer play:

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

Board /	. Dealer		
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	♡ Q6!	54	
	♦ ÂK		
	♣ A98		
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♠ Q4		♠ (
♡ KJI0	72	♡ 98	3
♦ Q10	92	♦ 8	74
♣ 104		₩K	
1.01	🛦 AK		2.5
	-	02	
	♡ A3		
♦ 53			
	🕭 J632	2	
West	North	East	South
Reid	Appleton	acob	Reynolds
	INT	Pass	2♡́I
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
I. Trans	1. Transfer to spades		

Three very good declarers failed in four spades here when the spade finesse lost.

Appleton received the nine of hearts opening lead. He won the ace, just in case there was a ruff about, and played another heart.West won the king and shifted to a diamond, declarer winning his ace.Appleton now played the queen of hearts. Can you blame East for ruffing this? When he did so, Appleton placed West with the queen of spades and played the ace-king of the suit for plus 420 and 10 IMPs in.

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DIAMONDS FROM AMSTERDAM John Carruthers

Every year a Canadian team is invited to the White House Junior International Teams, an invitational tournament in Amsterdam. This year, we were able to accept the invitation; our team was Anton Blagov and Daniel Lavee from Toronto and David Sabourin-Gordie Zind from Ottawa with your scribbler as the team's nonplaying captain and head cheerleader. It was only March and it was already the third continent on which Anton Blagov had played bridge in 2011.

The team finished just above average (11th of 24 teams). Our downfall seemed to be grand slams – we had five grand slam swings against us before one went our way. In a reprise of the 2010 World Junior Championship in Philadelphia, Israel beat France in the final to win gold.

The team did have some impressive results. This was one:

Finland v. Canada. Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

Dealer	Journ. E	vv vui.	
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	♡ AK9	9 72	
	♦ AJ4	3	
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♡ 65		♡ 43	
♦ 962		♦ K	
♣ Q64	2		K983
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West	North	East	South
	Lavee		Blagov
			Pass
Pass	\square	2 🛧	3 ♣ ¹
Double	Redble ²	Pass	3♡³
Pass	3♠	Pass	4 ♡
Pass	5◇	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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I. Limit raise or better in hearts

- 2. Ist-round control of clubs
- 3. Limit raise

When Lavee carried on beyond game, Blagov was happy to bid slam with such good major-suit cards. East led the diamond king and Lavee let it hold. It was more than East could bear not to try a high club; Lavee ruffed it, crossed on spades twice to ruff more clubs, and finally crossed on a heart to ruff dummy's last club. Finally, a spade ruff to dummy allowed the remaining trumps to be drawn. The pointed aces were good in the end.

Daniel had taken eight trump tricks and his four top side-suit winners in executing a perfect dummy reversal. Note that no lead, not even a trump, defeats six hearts.

The Swedish team was unusual in that it featured two mixed pairs, Sandra Rimstedt-Erik Frycklund and Cecelia Rimstedt-Mikael Grönkvist. The Rimstedts are indeed sisters, both still very young, but have been playing internationally for more than five years – Sandra, the elder of the two, is in first-year university at Lund. Here they are in action against Sweden's perennial rivals, Norway.

Sweden v. Norway. Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

	▲ 109654	
	♡ 54	
	♦ 93	
	📥 AJ I 05	
≜ 2		♠ AKQJ7
♡ Q3		♡7
♦ KJ1085		♦ Q742
& 97632		뢒 K84
	4 83	
	♡ AKJ109	862
	♦ A6	
	♣ Q	

West	North	east	south
Grönkvist	Eide	C.Rimstedt	Ellingsen
Bogen	S.Rimstedt	Johansen	Fryklund
Pass	Pass	♠	4 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The auction and play to the first three tricks were identical at both tables: spade two to the jack, spade queen (diamond five discard, encouraging), spade king (ruffed with the jack and overruffed by the queen). Both Wests found the club shift (how could they not after East's spade plays?), Bogen the seven and Grönkvist the two.

The Norwegian declarer, not completely trusting the carding, ducked the club and Cecilia won her king – he was down at trick four.

Frycklund, on the other hand, believeed his opponent's suit preference signals and rose with the ace of clubs. He continued with the club jack, intending to run it, discarding his diamond loser, if East did not cover. East did play the king, however, and Frycklund ruffed it, being careful to keep his heart two!

When the ace of hearts drew both remaining trumps, Frycklund was able to use that deuce of hearts to enter dummy and discard his diamond loser on the ten of clubs.

Sweden made the semifinals where they lost to eventual winners Israel. In the other semifinal, the Netherlands Girls team lost to France. Both semifinal winners trailed at halftime in their 24-board matches.

NEWER PLAYERS CORNER Eddie Kantar

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Dealer South. Both Vul. AK9 ♡ K]10 ◊ KQ72 🕭 AKO **4**3 42 ♥ 9643 ♡ **O82** AI09
 AI09 ◊ |86543 ♣ |10875 **96** ▲ Q|108765 ♡ A75 ◇ ___ 432 South West North East 3♠ 4NT 60 Pass Pass Pass 7♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♣J.

Bidding commentary: South's sixdiamond response to North's Blackwood query shows one ace and a diamond void. North decides to gamble on a grand knowing that there are only 12 tricks – seven spades, three clubs and two hearts – but with many chances for 13. If a red suit is led, there are 13 tricks. If South has two hearts and four clubs to go along with seven spades, there are 13 tricks because a club can be ruffed in dummy. If the ace of diamonds ruffs out, there are 13 tricks. If all else fails, there is always a two-way heart finesse. When there are so many chances for an extra trick, go for it! (No comment on that three-spade bid? - Ed.)

Lead commentary: It is far too risky to lead the ace of diamonds after South has told the world of a diamond void. The club sequence is a safer choice.

Play commentary: South can do better than take an early heart finesse. After the ace and king of spades are cashed, the diamond king is led from dummy. If East has the ace and covers, South has 13 tricks. If East plays low, South ruffs, enters dummy via a club, ruffs a diamond, returns to dummy via a second club and ruffs a third diamond. Happiness! The diamond ace drops and there is no need to worry about the heart finesse. And what if the ace hadn't fallen? Then South would try to work out from the fall of the cards which opponent figures to have the greater length in hearts and then play that opponent for the queen. As it happens, that wouldn't work. West has the greater heart length, but East has the queen. Go figure. In any case, it is important to look for alternative chances before banking on a finesse. Of course, it would have been much easier on everyone's nerves if North had decided to play in six spades or if West had led a heart.

PEGGY WHITEHOUSE

Peggy Whitehouse, a major contributor to the development of bridge in the Toronto area, passed away on January 21ST at age 90. Peggy will best be remembered for starting and running the main ACBL duplicate clubs in the city of Etobicoke, in the west end of the Greater Toronto Area. She started directing/owning at the Etobicoke YMCA club in the late 70s. Then she made the excellent decision to move the club to its current location at the Etobicoke Olympium in 1982. There the game flourished, with normally 20 or so tables in play every game, these being held on four afternoons and one weeknight. As a director, Peggy always ran efficient games, and was not one to put up with any shenanigans. If you were slowing down the game, you were promptly and professionally told to catch up, and you did!

That this game still exists at the same location is a credit to her foresight and strong efforts. In 1994, Peggy sold the club and thereby completed a very successful two decades of bridge leadership.

Peggy also deserves kudos for her work in Unit 166, as Secretary and Treasurer for many years. If you told her your name once she would know what city you were from...she had a gift of remembering a name and a face. She also ran the hospitality and partnership desks at all the tournaments in Toronto including the Summer North American Bridge Nationals with her late husband Jack. Together he chaired and she hosted the hospitality and partnership desks at tournaments for many years, from 1964 to 1981, always delivering a well-run, successful event.

Peggy was also an excellent player in her own right, achieving Life Master status early in her bridge-playing career. One of her many fortunate partners recalls, "At table #1 in the North-South direction were always sitting two middle-aged ladies. Whenever the travelling score slip was opened, you had to notice that at the first table, North-South always made more tricks than at any other table. Later, we learnt that the lady achieving most of those great results was Peggy Whitehouse. Her card sense and knowledge of playing hands and defending were unbeatable. She was also a pleasant partner, never criticizing her partner's play after a hand; she rather changed the conversation to more pleasant subjects." "Peggy not only had card sense, but an incredible memory about how the play went," Joan (her daughter) remembers. She recalls both her mom and dad reciting hands they had had decades previously.

The bridge players of the Toronto area, and even more so, Etobicoke, owe a great thanks to Peggy for all of her hard work developing and overseeing our great game.

Steve Overholt

WHAT'S THE RUSH? Naveed Ather

The deal described below came up in a game at John Rayner's club. I was playing with an excellent partner, but we had not fully sorted out our bidding agreements, so we did not achieve the optimal result!

How would you bid the following hand with your favourite partner (assume you are playing two-over-one game forcing):

You are the dealer and you bid one spade; the bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
♠	Pass	INT	2 🛧
?			

I. One round force

Back to you, now what?

Let's pause a bit. Some of the thoughts going through your head might be:

- partner bid one no trump showing some points so it appears that you can make a game; and
- you don't want partner to pass below game with a suitable hand.

Your hand is great in terms of playing potential; the long spade suit can give you six tricks, the club ace and maybe the heart king another 2 tricks. So, do you feel the urge to jump directly to four spades? Your thoughts are on the right track; you have a good hand with a high probability of making a game...but, wait a second, what is the rush? Partner has just bid one no trump, asking you to describe your hand as per the normal two-over-one agreements, right! Can you now do something to make sure that partner knows that you have a strong hand in terms of playing strength?

The answer is, YES!

Your RHO's two-club bid here is helpful; perhaps, it makes your task easier. For now, how about just forcing the issue by bidding three clubs? This should tell partner that you have a good hand, and you want a descriptive bid. Say that partner now bids three spades: It is possible that partner has only two spades and a minimum hand! Then again, it is possible that the partner has a different hand! What's the RUSH!

Let's carry on; now you bid four diamonds, hopefully telling partner that you are sure four spades is on; but, asking partner, "Do you have more to tell?"

Now, partner bids four hearts. What does this show?

Partner could have just bid four spades with a minimum, right? It appears that the partner is cooperating and showing something useful in hearts; probably not a bad hand! If that is your agreement, then you need to take control:

West	North	East	South
♠	Pass	INT	2 뢒
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4 \diamond	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
4NT ²	Pass	5 ♠³	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

- I. One round force
- 2. Roman Key Card Blackwood
- 3. Two key cards and the spade queen

The combined hands:

🛦 AK87632	♠ Q94
♡ K5	♡ A9732
◊ K	♦ A6
🛧 A85	& 763

A cold slam!

If you had immediately bid four spades over two clubs; what would you expect partner to do? Partner is looking at three small clubs and will just pass with quick losers there!

Alas, we only managed to RUSH to four spades.

Partner's hand is close to a two-overone response but not quite that strong. If you had a minimum opening, game would be poor.

Back, to the original bidding: What if your RHO had not bid two clubs? Now, bidding a slam on these cards is a lot more difficult, isn't it?

Think about it - how you will handle these hands with your favourite partner, with or without an opponent's interference! Forcing no trump situations come up quite often; one needs to develop agreements and follow-up sequences to respond to partner's forcing no trump. A couple of comments from the editor:

I. Naveed makes some very good points here: especially when holding the spade suit, there is no need to rush. However, it is debatable whether West should take control over East's four-heart bid. It is a sound principle of slam bidding that opposite an unlimited (or nearly so) partner, a cue bid below game shows no extra values, merely a control and suitability Thus, East might have something like:

and cooperate by bidding four hearts, after having given a three-spade preference. In my view,West now has a clear-cut four-spade bid on the given hand and it is East who should carry on past game, cue-bidding five diamonds.With my example hand,West bids four spades and East passes painlessly, having shown his hand.

On the other hand, had responder merely bid four spades (to show a minimum). opener might have two low hearts and be unable to carry on past four spades if he is lacking a heart control. He might have something like this, for example:

2. Had South passed, West might manufacture a jump shift to three clubs in lieu of a cue bid or a jump to game (with Naveed's hand). He can then revert to spades on virtually any auction, showing roughly this hand type.



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Please feel free to call Rob if you have questions or feel like having a chat.

Lessons: \$10.00 per visit. No reservation necessary. Just walk in and join Marilynne or Rob as follows...

Day	Subject	Start	End
Monday	Beginner	9:30am	11:30am
Tuesday	Refresher	9:30am	11:30am
Wednesday	Supervised Duplicate	9:30am	11:30am
Thursday	Play of the Hand	9:30am	11:30am
Friday	Improve at Duplicate	9:30am	11:30am

Games: Open duplicate games are held every afternoon at 12:30pm (1:00pm on the weekends); and at 7:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All games are stratified, ACBL sanctioned and last approximately 3 hours. Monday night at 7:00 pm is our social duplicate game, which runs about 2 hours in length.

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Correspondence



Dear John:

Deb Kestenberg's letter in the Spring 2011 issue of the Kibitzer has inspired me to write again. I think that Deb represents the vast majority of bridge players in Toronto when she requests that the Toronto Regional move back to a downtown Toronto location from the transit-challenged airport strip.

I understand that the issue is funding. I have a suggestion to make. A few years ago I was the chair of fundraising for a small education foundation. For two consecutive years we organized and ran a small 50/50 lottery. In each case 1,000 tickets were printed and about 800 were sold. Tickets were sold for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Each year a single winner won about \$3300.00 and the foundation netted about \$3000.00 after expenses. In each year about 14 people sold tickets and the sales took place over a period of 2-3 months.

I'd like to suggest that the Board of Unit 166 attempt to organize a giant 50/50 lottery involving all the bridge clubs in Metropolitan Toronto. If all the bridge clubs were involved in selling tickets at the quoted rates and volunteers (like myself) were encouraged to participate, I feel confident that at least 8000 tickets could be sold in an 8-10 week period. If this were so, Unit 166 would have an approximate additional \$30,000 at its disposal. Surely this would be enough to bring the Toronto Regional back to downtown Toronto. A single winner in the scenario that I described would win about \$33,000 which should be a strong incentive to buy tickets.

There are city government requirements that must be met before a lottery can be launched. Since Unit 166 is a non-profit organization I don't anticipate any problems in this regard. In her letter Deb challenged Unit 166 to think outside the box. Perhaps my suggestion qualifies. I hope that the Board will give it some serious consideration.

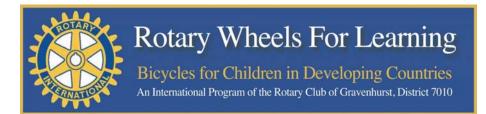
Sincerely, Ron Walenius

Dear John,

I have recently published a novel, "The Bridge Club," and Barbara Seagram is going to put a blurb about it in her newsletter. She suggested I also contact you.I have attached a press release which will give you more of an idea about "The Bridge Club." It has been well received and we are working on a marketing campaign for the spring. Although it is not a 'bridge book' per se, it certainly illustrates how addictive the game is and how much a part of one's life it can become.

You can see my blog by clicking on the link below my name if you would like further information.

Many thanks, Patricia Sands www.patriciasands.wordpress.com



BIKES FOR CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA Barbara Seagram & Patti Lee

The Rotary Club of Gravenhurst has a superb programme that allows Canadians to donate bicycles to school children in rural Cambodia. The bicycles allow these children to attend school. Without them, the schools are simply too far away. While Patti Lee & Barbara Seagram were in Cambodia with a group of 34 bridge players, the group donated 27 bicycles. A total of 40 have now been donated, thanks to the generosity of these bridge players & their friends. You too can donate, learn all about this & receive a tax receipt at:

http://rotarywheelsforlearning. blogspot.com

Cost per bike: \$50.00.

The Rotary Club reported events as follows:

13 MORE BICYCLES DONATED BY TORONTO BRIDGE GROUP

A very happy day again for children at Banyan Learning Tree School as they receive 13 more **Rotary Wheels for Learning Bicycles** sponsored by Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and their Bridge Group from Toronto. This makes a total of 40 Bicycles that their group has donated to date, enabling



children who live in the surrounding villages to attend this free-education school easily. The small school is located on the outskirts of Phnom Penh and is enthusiastically attended by close to 100 students.

Lisa McCoy of the Rotary Clubs wrote to Louise McNeely to thank her for the bridge players' involvement:

Dear Louise,

Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and their bridge group from Toronto, Canada arrived in Phnom Penh Harbour, got off the boat, climbed into tuk-tuks and gave out two suitcases of donations and 25 Rotary Wheels for Learning Bicycles at Banyan Learning Tree School (near the Killing Fields).

There's a new posting with lots of photos and a video at http:// rotarywheelsforlearning.blogspot.com/

Many Thanks, Lisa McCoy, Rotary Wheels for Learning

Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame to Induct 5 Greats in 2011

The Candian Bridge Hall of Fame Committee has announced their list of inductees for 2011: Ralph Cohen, Doug Drew, Diana Gordon, Eric Kokish and George Mittelman.

Ralph Cohen: As a player, Ralph won three North American Championships, two Inter-City Championships and finished fourth in the 1960 Team Olympiad. As an administrator, he was Executive Director of the ACBL and held various other top ACBL and World Bridge Federation positions.

Doug Drew: Doug was one of the architects of the Canadian Bridge Federation and served as President of the ACBL, Chairman of the ACBL Board of Directors, and on the ACBL, District 2 and Unit 166 Boards, as well as the Executive Committee of the World Bridge Federation. He initiated the ACBL Educational Foundation.

Diana Gordon: Diana is the premier Canadian female player of all time: 15 CWTC wins, one COPC win, gold (Mixed Pairs), silver (Olympiad Teams) and bronze (Venice Cup) medals in World Championships, and one North American Championship. She represented Canada in seven straight Olympiad Teams.

Eric Kokish: The top bridge coach in the world, Eric is also renowned as a player, writer, editor and theorist. His World Championship teams as a coach include the USA, The Netherlands and Russia. He has two second-place finishes in World Championship play (Open Pairs & Bermuda Bowl) and a Vanderbilt win. He will also be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame this year.

George Mittelman: The only Canadian with two World Championships (Mixed Pairs, Senior Teams), George has won more CNTCs than any other player (eight), as well as four NABCs. He also has a silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl and two third-place finishes in the Rosenblum Cup.



Mary Paul has an extensive collection of bridge magazines dating from the 50's, including The Bridge World, the ACBL Bulletin, the Bridge Journal, the Kibitzer and Modern Bridge. She will give it to anyone who will come to collect it. Phone Mary at 416-781-6596 or email her at mary.paul@sympatico.ca to make arrangements.

DISTRICT 2 MASTER POINT LEADERS FOR 2010

Mini-McKenney Award Winners

0 to 5 5 to 20 20 to 50 50 to 100 100 to 200 200 to 300 300 to 500 500 to 1000 1000 to 2500 2500 to 5000 5000 to 7500	Guixiang Xu, Scarborough ON Shan Huang, Toronto ON Marianne Johnson, Winnipeg MB Penny Hyman, Winnipeg MB Jenna Tichon, Winnipeg MB Yuan Chen, Toronto ON Yan Wang, Scarborough ON Jan Stewart, Toronto ON Don Domansky, Thunder Bay ON David Grainger, Bend OR Robert Colton, Brantford ON	56 225 24 30 94 211 548 295 282 734 503		
7500 to 10,000	Hans Jacobs, Downsview ON	899		
Over 10,000	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	829		
Ace of Clubs Award Winners				
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Youth Leader	Melissa Luo, North York ON	56		
Junior Leader	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	333		
Senior Leader	Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON	26		
Sectional Leader	Bill Anderson, Tillsonburg ON	184		
Online Leader	Len Charney, Winnipeg MB	1344		



TOURNAMENT WINNERS

City of Toronto Sectional Toronto, ON Jan. 7-9, 2011

Fri. Aft 299er Pairs - Victor Drevnig -Bryan Rakusin, Toronto ON. Fri Aft 49er Pairs - Denys Robinson, Toronto; Chris Robinson, Toronto ON. Friday Aft Open Pairs - Andy Stark - Rashid Khan, Toronto ON. Fri Aft Senior Pairs - Michael Bilon, Toronto ON; Thomas Revesz, Scarborough ON. Stratiflighted A-X - Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON. Stratiflight B-C-D -James Sharples - Keith Jewett, Markham ON. 299ers - Ingrid Megow - Milena Tolar, Toronto ON. Sat Aft 0-5 - Linda Tyndall - Keith Jones, Toronto ON. Saturday Aft 299'ers - Akemi Odamura -Arthur Odamura. Mississauga ON. Saturday Aft 49'er Pairs - Maryann Chard, Etobicoke ON; Barbara Quinn, Toronto ON. Saturday A/X Pairs - Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON. Saturday B/C/D Pairs - Michael Moore, Oakville ON; Steven Mehta, Mississauga ON. Sat Eve299er Pairs - Gary Reinblatt - Cynthia Winkler, Toronto ON. A/X Swiss - Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; David Grainger, Bend OR; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON. **B/ C/D Swiss -** Mark Brader - Catherine Brader - Michael Levine, Toronto ON; Eric Lee, Thornhill ON. **Sun Aft 299er Swiss -** Arthur Odamura - Akemi Odamura - Jan Woolfrey - Allen Woolfrey, Mississauga ON. **Sunday Aft 299'er Swiss** - Charles Smith, Bolton ON; Gaye Villa, Caledon East ON; Maxim Newby - Leo Kistemaker, Brampton ON.

Western Ontario Sectional London, ON Jan. 22-23, 2011

Sat AM 199ers - Keith Dawson -Joanne Dawson, Chatham ON. Stratiflighted A/X Pairs - George Hodgson - Michael Alderson, Strathroy ON. Stratiflighted B/C Pairs - Mark Pettit, Petrolia ON; Alan Leaver, Buffalo NY. Sat Aft 199ers -Tom Haygarth, Kitchener ON; Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON. B/C Swiss Teams -Don McNiven - Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Robert Griffiths, Elora ON; Mike Peng, Waterloo ON. Stratified A/X Swiss - Daniel Korbel - Susan Korbel, Waterloo ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON; William Koski, King City ON.

57th Niagara Dist Sectional St Catharines, ON Feb. 4-6, 2011

Friday Aft Open Pairs - Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON. Friday Aft Women's Pairs - Valerie McQuarrie, St Catharines ON; Viola Heywood, Welland ON. Friday Eve 299'er Pairs - Marshall Lee, Newmarket ON; Ken Salter, Waterdown ON. Friday Eve 299'er Pairs - Alice Foster - Dale Wagner, Toronto ON. Friday Eve 49'er Pairs - Brian Quinlan - Martin Swales, Fonthill ON. Friday Eve Open Pairs -Mel Grunstein, Niagara Falls ON; David Reed, St Catharines ON. Friendly Fred Swiss Teams - Paul Thurston, Wellington ON; Jeremy Smee - Robert Starfield, St Catharines ON; Brian Macartney, Vineland ON. Sat Aft 299'er Pairs - June Strachan, Oakville ON; Dean Hartwell, Burlington ON. Sat Aft 49'er Pairs - Kai Gade -Watutantrige De Alwis, Brantford ON Bracket I KO's - Nancy Mulhall - David Duff, Oakville ON; Robert Spencer, Freelton ON; Hugh Clark, Dundas ON. Bracket II KO's - Nora Hovland - Fave Gardiner - Darlene Scott, Oakville ON; Arnold Hagel, Burlington ON. Saturday A/X Pairs - Randolph Seidenberg Jr, Buffalo NY; Christine Urbanek, Tonawanda NY. Saturday B/ C/D Pairs -Steven Mehta. Mississauga ON; Michael Moore, Oakville ON. Saturday Eve 299'er Pairs - Raymond Findlay - Glen Findlay, Hamilton ON. Sunday Morn 299'er Swiss - Emile Macedo - Suresh (Ray) Aggarwal, Markham ON; Michael Miranda, Toronto ON; Abdulhak Bulbulia, Thornhill ON. Sunday Swiss - Bracket 1 - Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON; Stephen Mackay - Paul Janicki, Markham ON; William Koski, King City ON. Sunday Swiss - Bracket 2 - Ken Salter, Waterdown ON; John Morrison, Newmarket ON; Debbie Feldman -Christopher Cowan, Oakville ON. Sunday Swiss - Bracket 3 - David Eddy - Pam Husband - Henryk Nowak - Malgorzata Lukasiak, Mississauga ON. Sunday Aft 299'er Swiss - Alison Burkett - Diane Jamieson - Janusz Poniatowski, Kitchener ON; David Longstaff, Waterloo ON.

Oshawa Teams Oshawa ON Feb.19/20 2011

Strat A/X Teams - Daniel Korbel -Susan Korbel, Waterloo ON; Darren Wolpert - Hazel Wolpert, Thornhill ON. Strat B/C/D Swiss - Joseph Mantell, Thornhill ON; Neville Jesuvant, Unionville ON; Edgar De Souza, Burlington ON; Bruno Gomes, Scarborugh ON. Strat A/X Teams -Richard Chan, Markham ON; Alan Lee, Willowdale ON; Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON. Strat B/C/D Teams - Suresh (Ray) Aggarwal - Emile Macedo -Rajaratnam Sinnadurai, Markham ON; Abdulhak Bulbulia, Thornhill ON.

Canada Wide STaC Feb. 21-27, 2011

- 1 34.92 Heather Peckett, Nepean ON
- 2 24.43 Rob Avery, Barrie ON
- 3 22.65 George Knight, Victoria Harbour ON
- 4 22.39 Priscilla Kennedy, New Waterford NS
- 5 22.39 Kerry Hicks, Dominion NS
- 6 21.63 Melvin Johnsen, Thunder Bay ON
- 7 21.29 Tim McCormack, Thunder Bay ON
- 8 21.26 Bill Koski, King City ON
- 9 21.12 Dennis Glazebrook, St. Catharines ON
- 10 20.94 Kit Nash, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON

Sudbury Sectional Sudbury, ON Feb 25-26-27, 2011

Friday Aft Open Pairs - Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Lloyd Harris,

Sudbury ON. Friday Aft 299er Pairs -Colleen Zubyck - Gordon Zubyck, Elk Lake ON. Friday Aft Open Pairs - Bill Moffatt - Anne Harris, Sudbury ON. Friday Eve 299er Pairs - Wilma Castonguay, Chelmsford ON; Linda Morrison, Sudbury ON. Saturday Morn Open Pairs - John Ducklow -Gail Payne, Nobel ON. Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - Lawrence McDonald, Chelmsford ON; Linda Morrison, Sudbury ON. Handicapped KO - William Koski, King City ON; Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Marc Langevin, North Bay ON; Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON. Saturday Aft Open Pairs - Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON; Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON. Saturday Aft 299er Pairs - Ray Vincent - Emily Vincent, Sudbury ON. Sunday Swiss Teams - William Koski, King City ON; Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Marc Langevin, North Bay ON; Brian Thomas, Tilden Lake ON.

City Of Hamilton Hamilton,ON March 4-6, 2011

Fri Aft Open Pairs - Eva Upper -Steven Mehta, Mississauga ON. Fri Aft 199er Pairs - Sharon Jones, Hamilton ON; Judy Chaisson, Souris PE. Fri. Eve. Open Pairs - Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON; Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON. Friday Eve 199'ers - Patricia Bell, Paisley ON; E Jean Goldsworthy, Southampton **ON.Saturday Newcomer Pairs** -James Vanderburgh - Carrie Vanden Broek, Brampton ON. Saturday Aft 199er Pairs - Robert Rivers -Ferdinanda Coolsma, Ancaster ON. Stratiflighted A/X Pairs - Ioana Ciura - Alexander Ciura, Mississauga ON. Stratiflighted B/C Pairs - Reginald

Smith, Wilsonville ON; Bob Defreyne, Simcoe ON. Sat. Eve. 199'ers - Faye Baker, Stoney Creek ON; Lois Matton, Hamilton ON. Saturday KO's - Nancy Mulhall - David Duff, Oakville ON; Hugh Clark, Dundas ON; Robert Spencer, Freelton ON. Sunday B/C/ D Swiss - Margaret Wynarchuk, Richmond Hill ON; Donald Morrison, ON: Oakville Bill Swerdon, Mississauga ON; Joy Shapiro, Thornhill ON. Sunday A/X Swiss -Lino D'Souza, Burlington ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Naveed Oakville ON; Jonathan Ather, Steinberg, Toronto ON



BRADFORD - VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND SECTIONAL

Please join us for fun & bridge at the spacious Portuguese Cultural Centre, 767 Simcoe Road, Corner of Simcoe Road & Canal Road, Bradford, Ontario (Just north of Newmarket)

Event Schedule

Saturday, May 21

4 Session Bracketed KO - Sessions 1 & 2	
Stratiflighted Pairs (A/X and B/C/D) - single	e sessions1 & 6:30
Flights A/X: A=3000+, X=0-3000; Flights B/C/D:	B=1000-1500, C=300-999, D=0-299

Sunday, May 22

Bracketed KO ContinuedSessions 3 & 41 &	6:30
Stratiflighted Pairs - two session event, single entries welcome	6:30

Monday, May 23

Intermediate/Novice Games: Separate games every day as numbers permit

Entry Fees: \$11 per session for ACBL members (non-members add \$1), \$5 for students, and SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE - for players who have never played in a Tournament before -1 FREE session.

Tournament Chairperson - Linda Lord, lindaleelord@hotmail.com, 905-713-9141

Partnerships - Margaret MacFarlane, pmacf@rogers.com, 905-535-3343



Directions: Hwy 400 to Canal Road (just north of Hwy 9), go east on Canal Road 5.6 kms to Simcoe Road, turn left (north) on Simcoe, go over bridge and you're at the site, 767 Simcoe Road. If coming from the east, Hwy 404 to Green Lane, west to Yonge St. (Hwy 11), turn right (north) and proceed up Yonge 7.2 kms to Bridge St. (just past a bridge) which quickly becomes Canal Road, turn left (west) and proceed 3.2 kms to Simcoe Road, turn right, go past the bridge and you've arrived.



32nd GOLDEN LEAF SECTIONAL

TILLSONBURG, Ontario

August 5th, 6th and 7th, 2011

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th

Strat. Senior Pairs PlayThru 1:00 & 7:00 pm (single sessions welcomed)

Strat. Open Pairs	l:00 pm
Strat. I/N 299er's	1:00 pm
Strat. Open Pairs	7:00 pm
Strat. I/N 299er's	7:00 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th

Stratiflighted Pairs PlayThru 1:00 & 7:00 pm (single sessions welcome)

Strat. I/N 299er's	I:00 pm
Strat. I/N 299er's	7:00 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	11:00 am & tba
Strat. I/N 299'ers Swiss	11:00 am & tba

*Free snack after Saturday night's session

*Free coffee and donuts wake up Sunday morning *Free coffee/tea - Pop is available

*Lunch available (\$5) between sessions Sunday *Free wine and cheese after Friday night's session

Entry Fees:

\$10.00 ACBL/session; \$11.00 non-ACBL/session Note: 0-5 ACBL Novices play free! Tournament: Jed Drew: 519-842-8786 e-mail: JedDrew@aol.com Partnerships: Jim Duffus: 519-688-0014 e-mail: jduffus@yaknet.ca

Seniors & Open Pairs:

A: 1500+, B: 500-1500 (LM), & C: 0-500(NLM) Stratiflighted Pairs and Swiss Teams: Flight A: (2500+, 1500-2500) & Flight B: (500-1500(LM), 0-500/NLM)

I/N 299er's:

A:100-299, B: 20-100, and C: 0-20 unless the depth of the field warrants otherwise.

Strat Limits for seniors, open pairs, and teams based on average. Upper limits for stratiflighted and 299'ers based on player with highest total then averaged.

The GCC and Zero Tolerance apply to this tournament; the DIC is required to record all incidents.

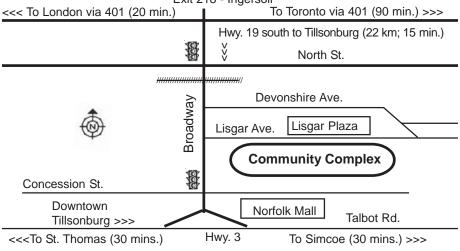
We are sympathetic to those who are fragrance intolerant.Please be mindful of the fragrances you wear!

Well lit, air conditioned (sweater advisable), free parking. No smoking in the building.

Host hotel: **Howard Johnson**, 92 Simcoe St., Tillsonburg, N4G 2JI. Toll free I-866-942-7366. Please reserve directly with the hotel to receive the preferred \$99 rate for tournament players.

Tournament Website:

http://www3.sympatico.ca/tillsonburgbridgeclub



Exit 218 - Ingersoll



THORNHILL REGIONAL Sunday, Sept. 11 – Friday, Sept. 16

Yes, you read the dates correctly; September is a very busy month for conferences & weddings so we cannot get a large area on a Saturday for a non-catered event.

However, we know nothing stops dedicated bridge players, therefore, please join us for fun, bridge, gold points and great hospitality at the gorgeous:

Le Parc Banquet Hall

8432 Leslie (just south of Hwy. 7) close to Hwy 404 & Hwy 407

Record the dates now for lots of great bridge (with free parking) in an area teeming with wonderful restaurants.

Fee: \$15 per session (\$2 extra for non-ACBL members) and, did we mention abundant parking that's *free?*

Places to Stay: All of the hotels have *free parking*. For the discounted rates on the hotels below, mention 'bridge tournament'. These rates are in effect until the cutoff dates shown below.

- 1. Courtyard Marriott (across the street from the site); rooms from \$99, 1-866-449-7396, or bookings can be made athttp://cwp.marriott.com/ yyzmk/bridgetournament/. Cutoff date Aug. 10.
- 2. Hilton Garden Inn (a couple of blocks away at Commerce Valley Dr. & Hwy. 7); rooms from \$129, 1-888-805-8889. Full breakfast \$10. Cutoff date Aug. 20
- Staybridge Suites (just west of site), I-800-238-8000, www.staybridge.com/torontoon - studio suites (I-3 people) - \$105; I bedroom (I-6 people) - \$115; 3 bedroom (2-8 people) - \$175. Hot buffet breakfast included with all suites. Cutoff date Aug. 20. Quote BTR.
- 4. Holiday Inn, 7095 Woodbine Ave. (Woodbine & Steeles) rooms from \$105, 1-800-387-3303, www.holidayinn.com. Cutoff date Aug. 24.

Attention Intermediate & Novice Players - Don't miss the opportunity to receive a free lesson. Lessons are at 12 noon: Monday - Patti Lee with great points on the Director's role; Tuesday with Hazel Wolpert; Wednesday with John Rayner Beginners: First time at a Regional? Welcome - Come and play your first session free.

Tournament Chair - Linda Lord, lindaleelord@hotmail.com, 905-713-9141 Partnerships - Marg MacFarlane, pmacf@rogers.com, 905-553-3343

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept ||

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	TBD
0 – 299er Swiss Teams	TBD

Monday, Sept. 12

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO I finishes Tuesday morning	
Morning Side Game Series* 5 sessions Mon. – Fri	9 am
Stratiflighted Pairs - (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	I & 7 pm
Monday & Tuesday Bracketed KO sessions 1 & 2	
Intermediate/Novice Games	I & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series* 5 sessions Mon. – Fri	I pm
Evening Side Game Series* 5 sessions Mon. – Fri	7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 13

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO II finishes Wed. morning	9 am
Stratiflighted Pairs - (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	I & 7 pm
Tuesday Compact KO two sessions	I & 7pm
Monday & Tuesday Bracketed KO sessions 3 & 4	I & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games	I & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* at9 ar	n, I & 7 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO III finishes Thursday morning	9 am
Stratiflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) two sessionsI	& 7 pm
Wednesday & Thursday Bracketed KO sessions 1 & 2I	& 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice GamesI	& 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* at9 am, I	& 7 pm

Thursday, Sept. 15

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO IV finishes Friday morning	9 am
Stratiflighted Pairs - (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	I & 7 pm
Thursday Compact KO two session event	I & 7pm
Wednesday & Thursday Bracketed KO sessions 3 & 4	I & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games	I&7pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* at9 a	m, I & 7 pm

Friday, Sept. 16

2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO IV final	9 am
Stratiflighted Swiss - (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	& 7 pm
0 - 299er Swiss	& 7 pm
Morning, afternoon & evening Pair Side Games if sufficient numbers.	

*Side Game Series – You can use your 2 best scores and be eligible for gold points!

Stratiflighted: A = 3000+, X = 0 - 3000; B = 1000 - 2000, C = 300 - 999, D = 0 - 299**Intermediate/Novice**: $A = \max$. 300, B = 100 - 199, C = 50 - 99, D = fewer than 50



LABOUR DAY Silver Point Sectional Duplicate Bridge Tournament

WHEN:

September 2- 5, 2011

WHERE:

Doubletree Hotel 655 Dixon Road Toronto ON M9W1J3

WHY:

Make it an End-of-Summer Mini-Vacation Weekend!

HOW MUCH:

All Session Fees (unless otherwise specified):

\$12 for ACBL members

Special Price for Midnight Zip KO's - \$10/Team All Friday Pairs Games - Only \$5

Special Novice (0-20) games Saturday and Sunday Morning - Only \$5

For any **questions** or to **volunteer**, please call co-chairmen: David Eddy: 905-826-6303, deddy8@gmail.com, or Leo Upenieks: 416-970-3770, leou@sipcos.com If you need a **partner**, please call: Louise McNeely: 416-230-9747, lmcneely@primus.ca or to find a partner online: visit unit166.ca and select "Partnership Desk" on left hand menu

Sanction #: \$1109188

GAME SCHEDULE

<u>GAME TIMES</u>: 10am, 2:30pm, 7pm, 11:30pm (Midnight Zip KO's --> Lose-N-Snooze!) FRIDAY - 2:30pm and 7pm A/X, B/C/D, I/N Pairs (Friday Special: All Pairs games only \$5),

11:30 Midnight Zip KO's <u>SATURDAY</u> - 10am A/X, B/C/D, I/N, Novice Pairs, 2:30pm KO's, A/X, B/C/D, I/N Pairs, 7pm KO's continued, A/X, B/C/D, I/N Pairs, 11:30pm Midnight Zip KO's

SUNDAY - **10am** A/X, B/C/D, I/N, Novice Pairs, **2:30pm** KO's cont, **2:30pm** and **7pm** 2-session A/X (IMPS), B/C/D, I/N Pairs,

7pm KO's continued, Single-session Swiss Teams, 11:30pm Midnight Zip KO's

MONDAY - 10am A/X, B/C/D Swiss Teams (play-through with a break at half), I/N Swiss Teams (4 rounds of 6 Boards), 2:30pm I/N Swiss Teams (4 rounds of 6 Boards)

A: Open, X: 0-3000, B: 0-2000, C: 0-1000, D: 0-500, I/N 0-500 (NLM), Novice (0-20 Pairs game Saturday and Sunday Morning)

Note: All KO's are Handicapped

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Sunday, May 1 to Saturday, May 7 The winner in each strat receives extra free plays!

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Thursday evening games, beginning Thursday, May 5 \$3 for members & \$5 for non-members Proceeds from 1st game go to Summer NABC Fund

New 0-300 MP Game

Starting on Wed.afternoon, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. Stay to discuss the hands with Hazel - \$8 to play - if you play Mon. of the same week, you pay only \$5

Sundays

Come at 12:00 for bagels and bid some hands with your partner, which we shall review. The game starts at 12:45. All this for \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members

Pizza Night Saturday May 14

You must reserve by 5:00 p.m. Saturday and come for pizza at 6:30

> Monday Morning Series Popular Conventions

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Schedule, Lessons & Team League Information

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Tournament Trail

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