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Let the Kids Bid!

Sarah Toy, Aayushi Jha, Eila O'Neil, and Sarah Nanji participating in Kids' Day, 2015





Editor's Note

Belated but heartfelt congratulations to David Deaves and his partner Doug Andrews for doing well in the World Senior Pairs last fall in Sanya. They finished ninth overall. DD is on a roll—he was on the winning GNT team in early April (see p. 37).

Remember John Armstrong? “You send, we print; you no send, we no print.” Please keep those hands and stories coming in.

You will note this issue's heavy coverage of Kids' Day. What an eye-opener this day is—just so refreshing and wonderful to see and feel the buzz in the room when nearly 500 kids fill it with their passion for bridge. We have to keep Kids' Day going strong.

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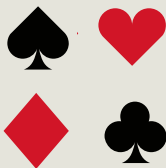
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Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator



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Canada's Future Bridge Stars

By Nader Hanna

For the last few months I had the pleasure of mentoring a group of 14 young players ages 11 – 16.

My involvement started when I was asked to help with last year's annual School Bridge Day. The event, which is held as part of the Toronto Easter Regional, is the brainchild of Flo Belford and thanks to her efforts over the last 20 years and the efforts of many teachers who introduced bridge in their schools, more than 400 students participate in the event each year.

Seeing that many young kids play and enjoy bridge raises the question of why they lose their enthusiasm for the game as they grow older, and why we do not see similar number of students playing bridge by the time they get to university. Though it is true that bridge has a lot of competition for the attention and interest of youth, I also think that one of the reasons that kids do not stick with bridge may be that we do not pay enough attention to helping them develop and learn more about the game. I believe that it is very important to not only welcome young players, but to also support them and make it easy for them to learn and appreciate the beauty of our game.

Accordingly, I made it known to some

teachers that I am available to help their students develop their game to the next level. Teachers started identifying kids who showed interest in learning more about the game and referring them to me.

Since September, I have been meeting with the group, every two weeks or so, for about three hours. We also have some practices on BBO in between the in-person sessions. The group continues to grow and the kids show commitment and a great appetite for learning. They have tremendous enthusiasm for the game and many played at the Toronto CBF regional in September and the Toronto New Year sectional in January. Several are also planning to participate in the Youth NABC in Chicago this summer.



Julia, 11, already fiercely competitive

The kids were excited to learn about the CBF Junior Program and the opportunity to represent Canada at the bi-annual World Youth Team Championships (WYTC) which consists of four team competitions, the World Junior and the World Girls Teams for players under 25 years of age, the World Youngsters Teams for players under 20 years of age, and the World Kids Teams for players under 15 years of age.

Upon learning that the CBF can only afford to send two fully subsidized teams to participate in the Junior and Youngster competitions, the kids and their parents decided to start a fundraising campaign to raise \$30,000 to help send a team to the Kids competition at the 2016 WYTC in Salsomaggiore, Italy.

You can read about this amazing group of kids, and their dream of representing their country in the game they love, on their fundraising website at cbfkids.causevox.com.

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Jacob, 14, studies the dummy



Olivia, far right, ponders her next bid

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Wake Up Call

By Carole Coplea

Bridge is special. It is more than just another game or pastime, it is a global network of like-minded people who enjoy a mental workout while socializing with friends, family, and meeting new people. For this reason alone, it is imperative that we keep the game alive for future generations.

The ACBL is an organization that is dedicated to supporting duplicate bridge in North America, and offers opportunities for us to improve our skills and meet new people over the bridge tables.

It may surprise you to learn that membership in the ACBL has shrunk from a high of over 200,000 to 167,000. If this trend continues, within twenty years the ACBL as we know it will be a mere shadow of itself, according to a leading bridge expert. The average age of ACBL members is 72 or thereabouts, and growing older every day.

So, what can be done to reverse this trend and build a dynamic and viable ACBL for the future of bridge?

THE CHALLENGE

In North America, there are literally millions of bridge players. Most people play bridge socially, with friends and family. Another large group play duplicate for fun, but are not members of ACBL.

The challenge for the ACBL is to encourage social players and casual duplicate players to join ACBL and earn master points.

I asked some leaders in the Kibitzer readership for their thoughts on this issue.

JOHN CARRUTHERS is the editor of the International Bridge Press Association Bulletin, the former editor of The Kibitzer and the former manager and NPC of Canada's Junior Bridge Program.

BARBARA SEAGRAM is a well-known author. Her best-known book is "25 Conventions You Should Know," now deemed to be the best selling bridge book of the last 50 years.

MICHAEL KAMMERMAYER a Bridge teacher who runs games in the Oakville/Burlington area.

NADER HANNA is the President of the Canadian Bridge Federation and one of Canada's top players.

WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME?

There are numerous factors that make it difficult for ACBL to attract members. All four leaders identified the proliferation of video games, hundreds of cable TV channels and social networking websites combined with the steep learning curve, the time commitment required to learn the game and the image of bridge as an old people's club. Young people may not have the money to invest in books and lessons and shy away from bridge as something 'uncool'.

YOUTH VS SENIORS

Opinions were split on whether the ACBL should focus on attracting young players and students, or seniors who are retiring and need something to do with all that free time.

Nader commented, "It is true seniors are a greater source of new players (aging population, time and financial resources). However, if we do not make the game more attractive to youth, the game will eventually die."

SOCIAL BRIDGE VS DUPLICATE

The issue of promoting social bridge raised some concerns, because social bridge does not help players to accumulate master points. However, the vast majority of bridge players are not members of ACBL and do not play in duplicate clubs.

Kammemayer commented: Social bridge players are usually afraid of duplicate games. There would need to be a big push to educate these people as to the advantages of duplicate. Right now the biggest competition for ACBL club owners is from non-sanctioned games run by various municipal and city programs. These programs often charge \$2 or \$3 and are hybrids between social and duplicate bridge.

THE ISSUE OF MASTERPOINTS

Seagram commented, "Duplicate awards master points. That is the big hook for all players once they get into duplicate. I think we have to push duplicate and push the idea that the face of duplicate is now a new and different one."

Kammemayer: "The heart and soul of the ACBL is the master point system. Without competition for master points I don't think people would be attracted to organized bridge."

However, according to Carruthers, the emphasis on master points may turn some people off. "Many are encouraged too early to play duplicate bridge in order to win master points and become life masters. The result in many cases is that they play at a club, feel uncomfortable or intimidated, and quit the game altogether."



BRIDGE SCHOOL CREDIT

The idea of offering bridge as a school credit was generally well received.

Carruthers pointed out that Canada lags behind other countries. "If the game is to survive, we need to get it introduced into the school system. In countries such as Indonesia, China, and Poland, the game is introduced to school kids. It has been proven that bridge improves students' abilities in other areas, academically and socially"

Where it has been introduced in Canada, there are some challenges, Carruthers said, "Not many (students) continue to play the game into their teenage and university years. I think one of the reasons is that the school programs are designed to introduce the kids to the game but not necessarily to maintain their bridge development to the intermediate level."

Seagram commented: "The ACBL has developed one-hour programmes that can be held at lunch or any other time. It definitely helps the kids with their logical thinking and should be a recognized course credit ...but we still have to convince the educational system."

WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

From my perspective as a rank and file ACBL member, looking into the future is a murky business at best. There does not seem to be a magic bullet to attract newcomers or encourage lapsed members to re-join.

What is clear is that the ACBL needs to develop a long-term, multi-dimensional strategy that covers several bases: young people, the over-50 age group, social bridge players, and lapsed members.

BRAINSTORMING

One way to start the process is brainstorming sessions in the form of round table discussions at the unit and district levels. These discussions can bring together recognized leaders, young players and others to discuss the challenges and suggest solutions.

ASK THE MEMBERSHIP

The general membership should also be asked for their input, using the ACBL Bulletin and website as a way to communicate their ideas and concerns.

A PLAN OF ACTION

Here are some ideas to consider:

- increase outreach to school administrators and provide the materials to teach bridge to students
- develop relationships with local charities that target youth (provide bridge materials, card tables, etc.)
- for social players, instead of master points, offer rewards for achieving certain goals
- challenge ACBL members to sign up new members (friends, relatives, etc.)
- develop better public relations materials and outreach to local media
- promote the image of bridge as a cool way for all age groups to have fun
- organize special events with cash prizes
- offer free lessons and books for

newcomers to bridge

- organize regular social events, such as pro-am games, marathons and charity fundraisers

Each one of these ideas needs its own well-developed strategy to make it work. For example, to harness the power of word-of-mouth advertising, the ACBL can organize a membership drive and incentivize members by giving them a credit towards their annual fee for every new member they sign up.

In my opinion, the ACBL needs to set an annual membership goal and build towards that and apply the resources needed. The strategy needs

to be ongoing, permanent and flexible to address changing social conditions, technology, and other factors.

All ACBL members have a stake in ensuring that our duplicate bridge games continue in the future. Let's all start now!

Carole Coplea is a communications strategist and a long time ACBL member. She is the author of Death In Duplicate, a murder mystery about bridge players and available through Master Point Press. You may contact Carole with your ideas for the future of bridge at copleac@gmail.com.

DISTRICT 2 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2015–16

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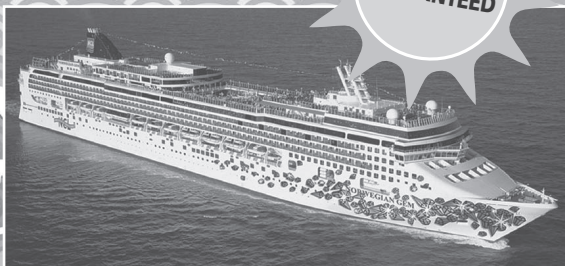
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Kids' Day, 2015

(But everyday is Kids' Day!)

If you played Tuesday afternoon at the Toronto Easter Regional this year and you listened closely you may have heard the faint echoes of kids laughing, prancing around, and high-fiving each other from the previous day: just another year and just another successful one-session tournament for Flo Belford and her army of volunteers.

Kids' Day at the Regional is starting to get a buzz. Students as young as 9 and as old as 16 come to play from all over the GTA, accompanied by their regular teachers and their bridge teacher. The kids play about eight boards, each board against another pair. Yes, that is a one-board movement. But the youngsters show patience beyond their years as they wait for the next table to open up.

Roman Klein, bridge teacher at an Oakville school says, "They're crazy, in the good way of course—they love to play. For them theory is a nuisance. They can hardly sit still. They sometimes stand up at the table and play." Flo, who's been teaching bridge to school-aged kids for years, likes to focus on the play and keep the bidding lessons simple. She doesn't even bother teaching INT openings

since they can still describe their hands with a one-of-a-suit bid. "No INT openers, and no Stayman. One year I attempted to teach takeout doubles and before I knew it they were opening the bidding with 'Double.'"

In total 472 students attended--that's 118 tables of perpetual motion. While each section-winning pair scored up a game easily north of 65%, the biggest game of the day belonged to a pair who posted an 84.5% game. Another pair, Jordan Harper and Sam Sherratt had a unique auction. Here was their bidding with Jordan as South:

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♦
2 ♠	3 ♦	3 ♥	Double
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Director!

At her third turn to bid, Jordan called over a Director. She inquired, "If I double 3♥ and they go to 4♥ does it mean that I have already doubled that contract, too?" "No, you have to double that one, too," responded the Director. Gleefully, Jordan placed another red card on the table and that became the final contract.

Check out the opening lead. From a holding of:

♠ K 8 6 3
♥ J
♦ A K 8 7 5
♣ Q 10 5

Jordan led the five of diamonds as the tall director bit his tongue. Her partner, Sam Sherratt, calmly won the queen and shifted to the king of trumps. The North-South defenders got their four defensive tricks for a splendid down one and plus 200. But it was East-West who got in the first high five—so excited they only went one down.

One high schooler, a declarer in a 2-level contract, could not believe how strong his partner's hand was for opening INT on:

♠ K 4
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A K 9 3
♣ K Q J

Together they held two aces and 32 HCPs, so missed the laydown 3NT.

Lynn Hope, a Grade 4/5 Enhanced Classroom teacher at Helen Wilson has been attending this event for a few years. She says, "They learn to think in different ways, and get experience playing with a partner. They look forward to this day." Another teacher, Kandice Raymond, an Enhanced Classroom teacher at Greenbriar, says "The students get Gary Westfall about once per week. They learn all kinds of learning skills, like logic and reasoning. Plus they get social skills. I'm usually in the classroom during the bridge class and it's definitely loud and

chatty in there. The kids love to play."

Before starting the event the students congregated in the foyer waiting for their table assignment. A group of students from Greenbriar were asked what they found so cool about bridge. The responses came fast and furious: "You have to think." "You have to use your memory." "You have to plan it out." "You need good communication." "Teamwork." "Collaboration."

Two students from Greenbriar, Aayushi Jha and Sarah Nanji, drew a pair from W. H. Morden, Sarah Toy and Eila O'Neil. Ms. Nanji declared the first contract and made it. She was ecstatic. At another table, the first deal was passed out. So the kids reshuffled and bid out the next hand. It too was passed out. Another shuffle ensued and this one led to a 5 Diamond contract down a bunch.

The law of averages dictates that some junior playing in this event is going to be Canada's next star. It might even be Nathan Richardson. Needing clarification on a rule Nathan jumped up from his table when it was his turn to play a card as a defender.

He ran to the first Director that he could find and asked, breathlessly, "If I can't play, do I have to trump?"

The tall Director responded, "You mean if you can't follow suit, do you have to trump in?"

"Yeah."

"No, if you need to make a discard, you can play whatever you want."

Nathan's face lit up as he bolted back to his table. The Director followed to see firsthand why a ten-year old kid was refusing to trump something. Nathan's trump holding, after six tricks had been played, was the singleton king. (The ace, queen, and jack of trumps had already been played.) The king was the boss trump. Nathan was waiting until he got

the lead so that he could play his king and draw two trumps from his opponents. Wow!

And wow to Flo Belford and all her volunteers. Come see for yourself next year: 9:30 am on the Monday before Easter. Feel free to volunteer and see the joy on the kids' faces for yourself. Be sure to let Flo know your interest by emailing her at fbelford@sympatico.ca.

Kids' Day at the Toronto Regional



472 school kids NOT on their iPads



*Audrey Grant holding up her chart
on Opening the Bidding*



*Flo Belford explaining the
one-board movement*



*High schoolers Mica Ong, Andreas Skenderija,
Melanie Paré, and Kyle Kennery*

Port Franks Vacation Sectional



Sat. June 27

Sun. June 28

**Open Pairs Playthrough
299's Pairs**

**Swiss Teams - Open
- 299's**

Single Session entries
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Stratifications: (Master points are averaged)

Open Pairs
A - Over 1500
B - 750 - 1500
C - 0 - 750

299's
A - 200 - 300
B - 100 - 200
C - 0 - 100

Entry fee:
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All sessions start at 11AM with the second session to be announced.
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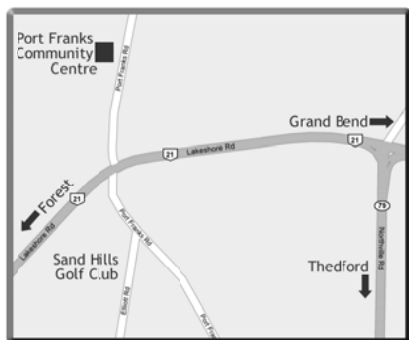
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THORNHILL SUMMER SECTIONAL

Saturday, July 4th – Sunday, July 5th, 2015

Please join us for fun, silver points, great bridge and hospitality
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Event Schedule

Saturday, July 4

Stratified Open Pairs - Two session event, single entries welcome

1 & 6:30 A: open, B: 750 – 2000, C: 0 - 750

0 – 299 Pairs

1:00 & 6:30 pm

0 – 50 Pairs (if numbers sufficient)

1:00 & 6:30 pm

Sunday, July 5

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

11:00 am & TBD

Playthrough, lunch on site

Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0-3000

Flights B/C/D: B=750-2000, C=300-750, D=0-300

Please help the Directors start on time. Arrive to register
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10:30 am

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Stratified *OPEN PAIRS*
(single session entries welcomed)

3:00 pm

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Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 **0-20 & Students \$6**

Prizes for 0-20 MP's

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Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 **0-20 & Students \$6**

Sunday July 19th (1/2 hr. lunch)

Stratified Swiss Teams (\$96 per team) 10:30 am
C: 0-750 B: 750-1500 X: 1500+ A: 2500+

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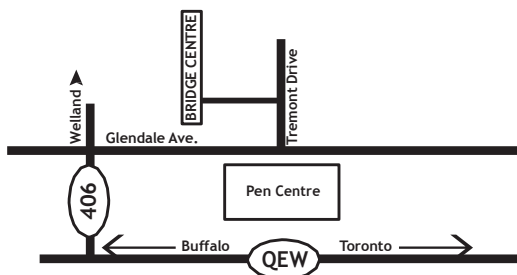
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Pairs

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299ers: A=100-300, B=20-100, C=0-20

Teams

Strats: A=1500+, B=500-1500, C=0-500

299er Teams: 0-300

LOCATION:

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Underbidding

By John Cunningham

It's common to underbid bad hands and overbid good ones, particularly in 2 Club auctions. Take this one from a recent club game.

Suppose you open an artificial, strong, 2♣ and the pumpkin on your left interjects 2♠. Many have the notion that a double of that bid depicts a double negative while a pass indicates values. (For some time it wasn't thought to apply at the 2-level, but now it seems universally accepted.) Anyway, it's useful to have a definition as to the stress point: say a control or two, for instance.

Absent that discussion I hold at unfavourable vulnerability:

♠ J 7 6 ♥ Q 8 4 3 2 ♦ Q 6 2 ♣ 8 2

Partner opens 2 Clubs. RHO overcalls an agonized 2 Spades. This little hand of mine, bereft of controls, seems worth an undefined pass to me. (Have you defined the ranges?)

LHO raises to 3 Spades and partner doubles.

Well!! In theory a pass by partner

here would show a flat hand, and a double would be penalty except that the vulnerability arguably skews this significantly—at least according to Reese. But I imagine from my holding that partner doesn't eat chocolate. So? I'm going to call an unsteady 4 Hearts.

That goes back to RHO who bids 4 Spades: a "fielder's choice" - the worst sin in Bridge. I have surely a minimum here, hence I am constrained to show that by doubling.

Good ol' Partner. Partner is there with 5 Clubs. Not 4NT, 5 Clubs. What is THAT?

A Spade void surely. And maybe clubs with 3-card heart support? Again, no 4NT...

Well, I did double – partner's bid can't be a slam try, can it? Yuck.

A review of the bidding:

West	North	East	South
		2♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Pass ??

Is this an offer to play? Can it be preferable to Hearts?

I could grasp the chance to err by passing. Okay I will.

Successfully, as partner has:

♠ Q ♥ A K J 6 5 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ A K J 2

It turns out 5 Hearts was Cunningham-proof; 5 Clubs another story. 4 down.

Moral? Morale. While passing 5 Clubs was most arguably silly, I shouldn't be given that opportunity. Confusion over the double of 4 Spades seems to have been contributory. Oh well; it's only one board.

Here's the entire hand: note that declarer can seem to scrape up a useful seven tricks in Spades.

♠ K 5
♥ 9 7
♦ J 9 7 5 3
♣ Q 10 4 3

♠ J 7 6
♥ Q 8 4 3 2
♦ Q 6 2
♣ 8 5

♠ Q
♥ A K J 6 5
♦ A 10 8
♣ A K J 2

♠ A 10 9 8 4 3 2
♥ 10
♦ K 4
♣ 9 7 6

Upon further review...my partner thought that his double was for takeout, while a pass of 3 Spades would show a big balanced hand. I think the point about 4NT as a belated slam try is interesting,

and may have merit.

Even if 5 Clubs was an offer to play, (as I feel it should be), my pass was feeble. But the fact remains that it offered a choice: which I mistakenly took.

In Memoriam

Our beloved mother and devoted bridge fan, Marjorie Morgan, passed away suddenly on Feb. 15, 2015. We know she would like to be fondly remembered by all her cherished Halton and Oakville bridge club friends.

Keith and Lorraine Morgan





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299er Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Margaret Blackie – Murray Blackie – Sheila James – Floyd James, London, (Flt. B + C) Pat White – Susan Kime – Janet Caskey – Don Charles White, London

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St. Catherines, ON
Feb. 6-8, 2015**

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Friday Aft. 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Allan Utz, Welland; Ronald Paddon, St. Catherines; (Flt. C) Tony Dai, Toronto, Vladimir Kondratsky, Mississauga

Friday Aft. 49er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Patricia Flaman, Toronto – Patricia Bourne, Etobicoke; (Flt. C) Sally Carter, Newmarket – Patricia Leeson, Aurora

Friday Eve Open Pairs (Alt. A + B) Diane K. M. Gordon, St. Catherines – Andrew Russell, Bowmanville; (Flt. C) Larry Sugden, Guelph – Donna Coombe, Elora

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Saturday A/X Pairs (Flt.A + X) John Laufer, Toronto – Sean Pryke, Dundas

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Sunday 299er Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Alexandra Peck – Susan Sillery, Toronto; Robert Brown – Matt Brown, Cambridge; (Flt. C) Mariann Glynn – C. Lee Dunlop – Lezlie Cullen, Toronto – Graham Howes, Etobicoke

Barrie Friendship Day Swiss Teams
Barrie, ON
Feb. 22, 2015

Stratified Swiss (Flt. A) Paul Janicki & William Koski – John Duquette & Richard Chan; (Flt. B) J. Ronald Moore & Bryce Johnston – J. Mark Wolfe & Sandor Olcsvary; (Flt. C) Ruth Eidt & Steve Roberts – David Verdun & Gladys Barron

Oshawa Swiss Teams Sectional
Oshawa, ON
March 7-8, 2015

Saturday A/X Teams (Flt.A) Don Kersey – Shona Donovan, Kingston; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa – Daniel Miles, Toronto; (Flt. X) William Ju, Waterloo – Difan Wang, Scarborough; Wensong Zhen, Markham – Ken Wu, Mississauga

Saturday B/C/D Teams (Flt. B + C + D) Theresa Tierney, Oshawa – Sally Giles, Ashburn; Richard Legault, Courtice – Henry Stevens, Scarborough

Sunday A/X Teams (Flt.A) Don Kersey – Mark Donovan, Kingston – Andrew Firko, Oakville – Don Brock, Brampton; (Flt. X) Casey Vandeputte, Dundas – Bruce Roberts, Ingersoll; Ken Collins, Richmond Hill – Steven Mehta, Mississauga

Sunday B/C/D Teams (Flt. B + C + D) Peter Hutchison, Willowdale – Jerry Machtinger, Toronto; Charles Smith, Bolton – Gaye Villa, Caledon East

**Royal City Guelph Sectional
Guelph, ON
Mar. 21-22, 2015**

299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Susan Lawton, Waterloo – Sharon Boyd, Cambridge; (Flt. C) Paul Gateman – Sandra Gateman, Chesley

A/X Stratiflighted Pairs (Flt. A + B) Ted Boyd, Cambridge – Edith Ferber, Waterloo

B/C Stratiflighted Pairs (Flt. B + C) Harry Shen – Lingyun Cao, Guelph

Aft. 299er Pairs (Flt. A) Peter Grimwood – Marlene Grimwood, Rockwood; (Flt. B) Lezlie Cullen, Toronto – Paul Pointet, Mississauga; (Flt. C) Karen Whitworth, Guelph – Pam Servos, Puslinch

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Aft. 299er Swiss Teams (Flt. A + B) Ron Ellis, Fergus – Paul Radigan, Guelph; Stephen Carpenter – George Malon, Conestogo; (Flt. C) Pat White – Don Charles White – Susan Kime – Norma Masterson, London

**Toronto Easter Regional
Toronto, ON
Mar. 31 – Apr. 5, 2015**

Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs (Flt. E) Max Rutherford, Mississauga – Amy Lee, Toronto; (Flt. F) Keith Gardiner – Michael Etherington, Oakville

Tuesday A/X Pairs (Flt. A) David Baker, Kitchener – Tom Ramsay, Guelph; (Flt. X) George Berton, Newmarket – Hinda Silber, Toronto

Tuesday Midflight Pairs (Flt. B + C) Harry Freedman, Ottawa – Martin Gordon, Nepean

Tuesday 7:00 pm 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Tamara Colbourne – Gail Andrews, Toronto; (Flt. C) Raymond Hui, Scarborough – Yu-No Diane Hsu, Toronto

Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams (Flt. A) Peter Clark, Ottawa – Jacqueline Syer, Oakville; Douglas Dolbear – Daniel Cecchelli, Hamilton; (Flt. B + C) Susan Bartlett – Dale Whitmore – Stan Fong – Margot Fong, Toronto

Tues-Wed Bracketed KO Teams

Bracket A Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto
– David Sabourin, Ottawa; Shan Huang,
Scarborough – Richard Chan, Markham

Bracket B Chris Chambers, Thornhill,
Akbar Husain, Markham; Sonia Ostroff,
Pickering – John Stafford, Newcastle

Bracket C J Ronald Moore – Marc Brenner,
Barrie; Jan Gilewicz, Minesing, J Mark Wolfe,
Angus

Bracket D Ron Franks, Thornhill – Jill
Thomas – Janice Keane – Krisztina Luttor,
Toronto

Wednesday Round Robin Swiss Teams

Flt.A (Top Bracket) Katie Thorpe – John
Carruthers, Kingsville; Martin Kirr, Toronto,
Joey Silver, Hampstead, QC

Bracket 1 Rob Avery – Leigh Ives,
Barrie; George Knight, Victoria Harbour,
Hindupuram Sriharsha, Orillia

Bracket 2 Nancy Mulhall - Michael Moore,
Oakville; Louise Fowler, Burlington - Robert
Spencer, Freelon

Bracket 3 Pat Fung - Marcel Villeneuve -
Janet Waters, Guelph; Thea Davis, Eden Mills

Bracket 4 Ed Hills - Jeannine Hills - Robert
Conway, Smithville; Scott Hills, Cambridge

Bracket 5 Jan Flott, Thornhill - Phoebe
Visser, Richmond Hill; June Kusiak, Toronto
- Kathy Hill, Mississauga

Bracket 6 Pat Robinson - Joan Stock -
Barbara Gibbings, Toronto; Sheila McLaughlin,
East York

Wednesday Stratified Pairs (Flt. A)
Hazel Wolpert – David Cohen, Thornhill;
(Flt. B) Terry Du, North York – Kole Meng,
Richmond Hill; (Flt. C) John Morrison,
Newmarket – Ken Salter, Waterdown

Wednesday Aft. 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B)
Marius Cosma – Anda Cosma, Ottawa; (Flt.
C) Dave Harris – Antony Stuart, Etobicoke

Wednesday Eve 299er Pairs (Flt. A)
Arnold Broudie, Thornhill, Cheryl Atkinson,
Toronto; (Flt. B) Marius Cosma – Anda
Cosma, Ottawa

Thursday A/X Pairs (Flt. A) Joel
Wooldridge, Astoria – Lynne Tarnopol, New
York; (Flt. X) Lee Daugharty – Gary Westfall,
Brampton

Thursday 0-3000 Pairs (Flt. B) Steven
Mehta – Mehdi Sadeghi, Mississauga; (Flt. C)
Stephen Foster – Andrew Collins, Toronto

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs (Flt. E + F) Paul
Finley, London – Fred Stoneman, Newmarket

Thursday Eve 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B)
Helene Lavertu, Toronto – Donna Jensen,
North York; (Flt. C) Roger Jolliffe – Judy
Jolliffe, London

Thursday Eve Side Swiss (Flt. A) Gerry
Wood, Toronto - Daniel Lavee, Thornhill;
Richard Bowley – Simon Cope, United
Kingdom; (Flt. B + C) John Parkinson –
Sydney Johnson, Toronto; Micheline Bujold,
Saint-Lambert, QC – Michel Leonard, Saint-
Hyacinthe, QC

Thursday – Friday Knockouts

The ‘Sheardowns’ Ray Jothcam, Scarborough, Stephen Mackay, Markham, Andy Altay, Toronto, James Priebe, Mississauga

Bracket 1 Paul Janicki, Markham, Don Kersey, Kingston, Bill Koski, King City, Bill Woodcock, Sarnia

Bracket 2 Michael Ritza, Niagara Falls, Max Rutherford, Mississauga, Maureen Clark, St. Catharines, Sharon Stevens, Vineland Station

Friday – Saturday Knockouts

Bracket 1 John Carruthers – Katie Thorpe, Kingsville, Joseph Silver, Hampstead, QC, Martin Kirr – John Rayner, Toronto, Mike Roche, Victoria, BC

Bracket 2 Richard Garlick – Helene Taylor, Alliston, Charles Smith, Bolton, Gaye Villa, Caledon East

Friday Fast Pairs (Flt. A) Craig Macintosh, Scarborough - John Cook, Toronto; (Flt. B + C) Richard Ross, North York – Mary Lovrics, Don Mills

Friday A/X/Y Pairs (Flt. A + X + Y) Shashi Taylor, Unionville – Gord Brown, Toronto

Friday Eve 299er Pairs (Flt. A + B) Bill Cunningham – Neil Jeffrey, Waterloo; (Flt. C) Sandra Sarner, Toronto – Antony Stuart, Etobicoke

Friday B/C/D Pairs (Flt. B + C) Steve Overholt – Sudhir Patwardhan, Etobicoke; (Flt. D) Pater Hutchison, Willowdale – William Phipps, Pickering

Friday Eve Side Swiss (Flt. A) Craig Henderson, Chicago, IL – Kathy Pollock, Amherst, NY, Roger Woodin, Rochester, Randy Breuer, Sarnia; (Flt. B) Paul Slick – Bruce Liberman, Toronto, Tony Viidik – Joan Viidik, Waterloo; (Flt. C) Plamen Minchev, Montreal, Tzvetalin Vassilev – Albenia-Maria Vassilev, North Bay, Olivia Laufer, Toronto



Saturday Fast Pairs (Flt. A) Ron Bishop, Toronto - John Duquette, Oshawa; (Flt. B) Robert Lees, Ancaster – Terry Bradley, Burlington; (Flt. C) Jim Ferguson – Diane Ferguson, Peterborough

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs (Flt. A) Roy Wiseman, Brampton – Barbara Dance, Toronto; (Flt. B) Nancy Brown – Bill Robertson, Toronto

Saturday A/X Pairs (Flt. A + X) Ross Driedger, London – William Breedyk, Toronto

Saturday B/C Pairs (Flt. B + C) Richard Lash – Gloria Stone, St. John's, NL

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (Flt. D) David Ryder, Toronto – Bruce Becker, North York; (Flt. E) Lesley Ruggles, Antigonish – Sharon Cupples, Fredericton, NB

Saturday Eve 299er Pairs Martha Stigler
– Linda Armstrong, Toronto

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (Flt. A + X)
Doug Barnes, Caledon - John McWhinnie,
Hillsborough - Elizabeth Barnes, Bracebridge
- Mike Fernane, Brampton

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams (Flt. B)
Alain Chamsi, Ottawa, David Lin – Jerry Lin,
Mississauga, Gabriel Sitarenios, Richmond
Hill; (Flt. C) Karen Kline – Esther Climans
– Gillian Mason, Thornhill, Kathy Cohen,
Scarborough; (Flt. D) Dinshaw Burjorjee,
Oakville, Gordon Harron – Vinod Bhalla –
Peter Hidas, Mississauga

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Open David Baker, Kitchener – Colin
Lafferty, Whitby, David Deaves, Ripley – Tom
Ramsay, Guelph

(Flt. A) Jianfeng Luo – Peter Wong, North
York, Jiawei Luo, Markham – Yan Wang,
Scarborough

(Flt. B) Andrew Collins – Stephen Foster,
Toronto, Paul Roth, Etobicoke – Jim De Boer,
Scarborough

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*Colin Lafferty, Tom Ramsay, David Baker & David Deaves won the GNT Open
and will represent District 2 at the Chicago Nationals in July*



Visit the New CBF Website

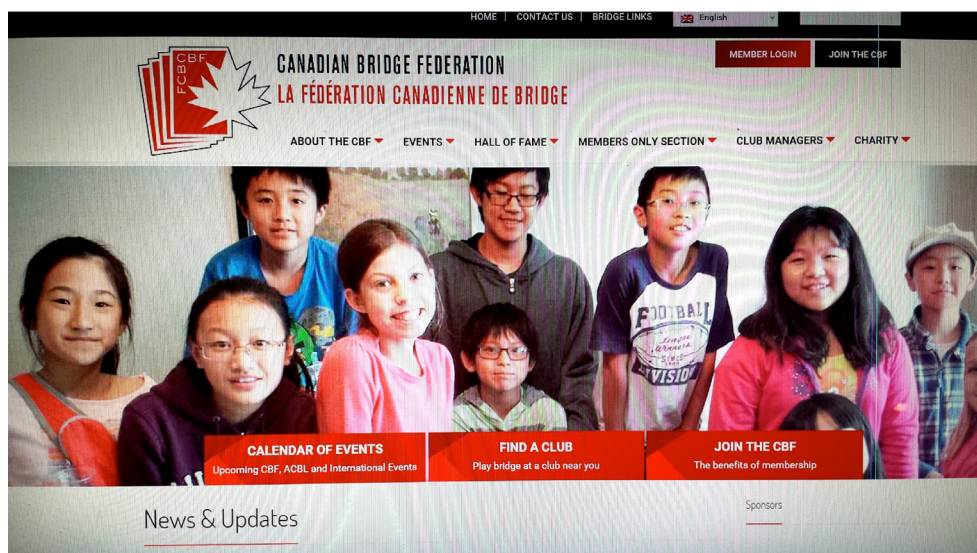
By Nader Hanna



The Canadian Bridge Federation has recently launched its new website (www.cbf.ca). The revamped website features a new look and feel, as well as enriched content and improved navigation. Sections such as the “Hall of Fame”, “Events” and “About the CBF” have undergone major redesign in order to improve the user experience, and provide more organized and substantive information.

The “Members Only Section” of the new website allows CBF members to

access current and past issues of the bi-monthly Bridge Canada magazine, and to review the latest standings for the various CBF masterpoint races. In addition, CBF members now have the ability to register teams for the Canadian Open and Women team championships, and pay the entry fees by credit card online. More new features are currently under development including a French version of the website, a rich library of historical articles and press clippings, and a monthly




The newly revamped Canadian Bridge Federation website

interactive bidding contest, so stay tuned! To gain access to the member only features of the website, CBF members need to register by selecting “Existing CBF Members - Register Here” from the “Members Only Section” menu, and submitting the required information. Once membership is verified you’ll receive an e-mail with a link to reset your login password.

If you are unsure about the status of your

CBF membership, login your MyACBL account at www.acbl.org, and the Dues tab in the Member Information section will indicate if you are a CBF member. If you are not a CBF member you can read about membership benefits in the “About the CBF” section of the website. Should you choose to join the CBF you can submit your application, and pay the membership dues, online from the website.



Notes, Quotes & Anecdotes

Congratulations to Howard Weinstein—the latest recipient of the Sydney Lazard, Jr. Award for sportsmanship in bridge. So here’s my Howie story.

I was fortunate to be on a Swiss team that included Howard’s good friend and expert’s expert, Bart Bramley. I was even luckier to play 7 boards with Bramley. I picked up:

♠A
♥AK 7 4
♦AJ 9 4
♣K 10 9 3

Bart opened the bidding one club. Having such a huge hand there would be lots of time to bid hearts so I responded one diamond.

Bart rebid one spade. I now trotted out the fourth suit forcing bid of two hearts—artificial, may or may not have hearts, forcing to game. Bart bid three clubs. I bid four clubs to show trump agreement, and by extension a mild slam try (at least!) because we were now beyond 3NT.

Bart didn’t cuebid anything as he had a minimum opening bid, so he bid five clubs. I wasn’t passing that so I put him in 6. We were off the queen of clubs but there were some handling issues. He played it beautifully; declarer at the other table, also in 6♣, went down so we won a bunch of imps.

Later that evening we met up with Howard and told him about our LOL auction. “How so?” Howie asked. “Well, clubs were bid four times in a row. It went blah-blah-blah 3♣-4♣, 5♣-6♣.” Howie got a good chuckle. “I’ve never heard that one before.” So I jotted down both hands. He studied, listened as I told him the exact auction, studied our hands some more, and then said, “Hmph, good auction. Makes sense.”

Tournament Trail

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September

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18-20	Buffalo
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October

3-4	Trenton
3-4	Chatham
7-12	Ottawa Regional
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November

7-8	Oshawa
10-15	Niagara Falls Regional
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22-24	Kingston
23-24	London
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February

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