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Stephen Overholt wins the Audrey Grant Award





Editor's Note

Congratulations all around: Steve Overholt for winning the Audrey Grant Award for excellence in teaching (see cover); Gary Westfall for winning the Kate Buckman Award (p. 35); and last but not least, Mike Kenny for winning the inaugural BEST Award for Bridge, Enthusiasm, Sportsmanship, and Teaching (p. 19).

Riddle me this: what do the woolly mammoth, the dodo bird, the pig-footed bandicoot, and the Kibitzer all have in common? Answer: they are all extinct or soon will be.Well, not quite—this Kibitzer represents the penultimate hard copy issue, but it will continue online. See page 37 for more details.

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Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator



See You at 1:00 pm By Robert Griffiths

Last week, my somewhat inexperienced (but only at bridge) friend, Maggie & I went to a tournament in Tennessee. So. Maggie, who has played duplicate bridge maybe 20 times in her life, was subjected to a swarm of people who care deeply about masterpoints. She had to listen to intense conversations about all kinds of conventions she would never use, and also to long tedious analyses of forgotten hands. She was doing fine, playing competently, even collecting some of the aforementioned masterpoints. But the intensity of game after game of serious bridge occasionally found her losing her concentration. For instance, take this hand--the first board of a morning team game.



Dir: North Vul: NS	 ▲ J 9 6 3 2 ♡ 8 7 5 ◊ 10 9 4 2 ♣ 8
 ▲ A 7 5 ♡ 10 2 ◊ 8 7 5 ♣ A K J 6 4 	♠ Q 10 4 ♡ J 9 4 3 ◇ K 3 ♣ 10 5 3 2
	▲ K 8 ♡ A K Q 6 ◊ A Q J 6 ♣ Q 9 7

After two passes I opened the South hand with 2NT, showing my balanced 21 points and Maggie came under the spotlight. At 9:00 am when she's on holidays, Maggie's thoughts are focused on her personal quest for caffeine and she clearly wanted no part of big bridge hands. She told me later what she was thinking---that she had confused the 2NT opener with the big 2 Club bid, which meant that her first bid should be a "waiting" bid in Diamonds and so she placed the 3 Diamond bid on the table, possibly not even hearing me announce her bid as a transfer. My first thought was that I should "super accept" the transfer by bidding 4 Hearts but I chose not to show Maggie a bid she had never seen and merely accepted the transfer with a bid of 3 Hearts. Maggie, believing my bid to be natural, now thinks to herself "he says he has a very big hand with Hearts, I have 3 of his hearts and a singleton; I'll raise him to 4 Hearts". And so, I became declarer in 4 Hearts. If bidding is a conversation, this is how ours went: HE: I have a pretty good balanced hand with 21 points. SHE:You don't say! Tell me about your monstrous 22 or more point hand. HE: All right then, you want me to bid hearts? I will. SHE: Oh, you say your monstrous hand has great hearts, I can help a bit.

In many ways, this is quite similar to the non bridge conversations that take place every day in homes all around the country.

Now, this was the first game of a Knockout event---a team of 4 competition. Results are compared and the match is often lost or won when one team makes a game that the other misses. So, making close games is very important. At least if you understand the great value of masterpoints. When 4 Hearts was passed out and Maggie put down the dummy, the opponents' baffled expressions (as well as my own) spoke volumes. They were wondering what sort of madwoman would transfer to a 3-card suit, then raise to game with one high card point. And I'm sure I felt their confidence grow with every glance at the absurd dummy. But overconfidence can work wonders for the other side. West led the normal ace of clubs, then

didn't think too much before he plunked down the ace of spades and continued with another spade. He was expecting to set the contract a lot and win the match easily, playing against such a neophyte. By now, my mild annoyance with Maggie's bid was subsiding, especially when I realized that West had found the only defense that might give me a chance to make 4 Hearts. I was able to ruff both my club losers in dummy, while returning to my hand via diamond finesses, losing only one spade, one heart and one club. For the record, Maggie insists that my annoyance was somewhat beyond mild.

If West had stayed away from spades and led trumps at every opportunity, preventing me from ruffing my club losers in dummy, the game would have had no chance. When the other team played the board, North failed to see the potential of the 3 little hearts and made the more pedestrian transfer to spades, playing at the 3-level, which turns out to be a lot harder to manage.

Maggie, having successfully conned the opponents into thinking that we were going to be pushovers, pulled her game together and we won the match, largely because of the overconfidence she had instilled in them. And, of course, the big swing that her inspired bid created. Good luck can often beat good play.

See you at 1:00 pm.



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Bridge With Maria

By David Deaves

A couple of years ago my wife Maria told me she wanted to learn how to play bridge. I said, "Why?"

She ignored my comment and asked, "Will you teach me?"

Maria had never played any card game before, not even Crazy Eights, so I needed a way to turn off her enthusiasm. I said, "You can't learn bridge by osmosis," (although a lot of bridge players think they can). I said, "I have a very old book called 5 Weeks to Winning Bridge, and if you read the first five chapters and still want to learn, then I'll teach you. I figured this ploy would bring her back to earth and her desire to learn the game would dwindle.

She shocked me. One week later she told me she had read the five chapters, and now I had to keep my part of the bargain. I asked if she understood what she read. "Of course not," she said, "that wasn't part of the deal." I was doomed! This was not going to be an easy task.

Do you have any idea how many days, possibly weeks, it takes to teach someone with zero background knowledge of card games what constitutes a "trick"? My fate was sealed.

Well, to my pleasant surprise Maria turned out to be a fast study, and she became addicted to the game very quickly. I started to find a new enjoyment in the game as she progressed. The following hands illustrate fun bridge with Maria.

The Michaels (Ingenuity)

After about six months into the game I decided to teach Maria the Michaels Cuebid, a bid she immediately fell in love with. After a couple of weeks, and a couple of successful Michaels bids we encountered the following deal:



Dlr:West Vul: NS				
	▲A J I0 3 ♡A K J 7 5 ◇7 ♣6 3			
≜ K 7 ♡Q 10 9 ◊A J 10 6 ∳ A K 8 4		¢κ	4 6 3 Q 3 10 9	
	≜ Q 9 8 5 ♡4 2 ◇9 8 5 4 ♣ Q 5 2			

West opened INT and Maria thought for a few seconds before overcalling 2NT. East was a little flustered and inquired about the bid. I pondered and then said. "I think she has created her own version of Michaels over a INT opening; she's probably got five hearts and five spades and a good hand." East passed, I bid 3 Spades, and Maria raised to 4 Spades as I cringed. What am I in for? However, as you can see the hand was Deaves proof; I could not go down, no matter how badly I declared. Although I was impressed with her resourcefulness, when we got home I had to teach her DONT (where a bid of 2 Hearts over INT shows the majors). So now DONT is a favourite bid along with Michaels.

The High Level Takeout Double (Fearlessness)

Most, if not all new players underbid, and the teacher has to make them become more aggressive. Maria is the reverse; I have to reel her in. Mind you, I prefer it this way rather than the other way around.

Let me share a deal from last fall at our local club in Goderich.

Dir:Wes Vul: EW			
	⊘Κ ΙΟ	932	
	◊5 4 3	2	
	♣A J I (09	
≜ A K Q J	10876	∳9 2	
♡A		♡76 4	
⊘7 6		♦ 10 9	8
♣ K Q		♣ 8 5 4	3
	≜ 5 4 3		
	♡Q J 8		
	⊘Α Κ ζ	2	
	♣ 7 6 2		
	Maria		DD
West	North	East	South
4♣			Pass
4♠	Double	Pass	5♡
All Pass			

When West opened 4 clubs, I knew immediately that it was Gerber! It was a club game. What else could it be? After Maria doubled 4 Spades, I knew it was for takeout.

Should I pass and convert to penalty with my good diamonds? No, I know Maria's aggressive style of making takeout doubles, and she always has the other major so 5 Hearts became the contract. Again Deaves proof! Most Wests opened 4 Spades and played there. Apparently, Maria was the only North to find the "obvious" high level takeout double.Yes, on 8 HCPs! I like to think she was daring but the opponents thought it was nervy.

The Lottery (Exaltation)

This hand occurred last month in a Flight A Sectional against two experts, (friends of Maria's and mine), so I'm sure they won't mind this chronicle. From the beginning Maria always played in Flight A; I believe this is the best way to learn the game: playing up.

Dlr: East Vul: EW

	 ▲ K J 10 6 5 2 ♡ 9 4 3 ◇ Q 6 ♣ A 4
♠ Q 9 8 3	♠ 7
♡ A J 7	♡ K Q
◇ A 10 5	◊ K J 9 8 7 3
♣ 10 9 5	♣ K Q J 2

	Maria		DD
West	North	East	South
		$ \diamond$	Pass
	Pass	2 ◇	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Maria led the spade 2 as I won the ace and returned the 6 to declarer's 8, and Maria's 10. Maria cashed the king and returned the 5, "to show the club ace" she told me later. She must have a good teacher. Maria recognized a suit preference signal situation: her lowest

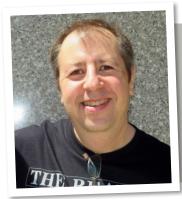
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spade card corresponds to the lowest ranking suit where she might have an entry—Ed. \heartsuit Declarer shed the club 2 and the club jack from dummy.

Declarer said, "What happened to fourth best leads? Hmph!" I said, "Check our card—we lead small from anything." I know, technically the lead should be the jack; however the king or 2 are equal possibilities: the king caters to the stiff queen in dummy and the 2 is equal to the jack if Declarer has the ace and the queen.

Back to the hand, Declarer played heart to the queen, and led the diamond jack from dummy as I smoothly played the 2, and willed him to run it. After some thought he played the diamond 5 and Maria looked amazed and then elated as she grabbed the queen and mumbled something about just winning the lottery. She was in ecstasy and bliss as she set the contract three tricks. After that hand she told me she plans to take early retirement next summer so she can play





Six Clubs. Twice.

By David Cohen

The afternoon session just ended. I was sitting alone at my usual table in the corner of the Ingrate pub. The pub is where all the players meet after the game to go over the hands. Besides having a great selection of beer, the menu was all local, and healthy. I was eating the soup that the Chef made in the morning. It was a fabulous soup that he called his Everything Healthy soup.

The recipe for Everything Healthy Soup (serves 4):

Sautee I cooking onion and I large carrot, both diced fine and sweat. Add diced sweet potato, butternut squash, and potato. Add 2 cups total of your choice of lentils, split peas, beans, barley and rice. Add 4 cups/2 boxes of no salt added chicken stock. Toss in a few bay leaves. Boil, then reduce to low, cover and simmer for a couple of hours. Use immersion blender to puree.

We all played at the Scumbank Bridge Club. No one remembers what the real name of the club is anymore, but 3 generations ago people started calling it the Scumbank and the name just stuck. Today was a charity pair's event, and I was directing. I was kibitzing the Chef, who always sits South at Table 1.

The Chef's partner today was Luck,

a down-the-middle player who loves bidding gadgets. His real name was Larches, but everyone just called him Luck.

The opponents were Yawne to our left, and Dyna to our right.

The Chef pulled out his cards on board 3, Vul vs Non, and I heard him open INT with:

It was a little off-shape, but not unreasonable. It then went 2 Diamonds by Yawne on his left, soundly alerted by Dyna on his right. You expect to hear that this is for the majors, and are somewhat surprised when it is explained as natural with 5 or more diamonds.

Chef's partner, Luck, now bids 3 Diamonds (Lebensohl), which is game forcing Stayman, without a diamond stopper. Dyna takes advantage of the vulnerability and jumps the bidding to 5 Diamonds.

Chef finally bids 6 Clubs, which ends the auction, and he sees:

Luck
♦ Q 10 5 2
♡AK98
♦ 2
♣ O 10 9 3

Yawne	Dyna
🛦 K 6 4	♦ 9873
♡ Q 8 6 4	♡973
◊K Q J 5 4	♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ 7	📥 K 5

The Chef
♠A J
♡JÍO
♦ A 9 7
♣A 8642

The Chef	Yawne	Luck	Dyna
INT	2♢	3♢	5 \diamond
6 뢒	All Pass		

The Chef makes all thirteen tricks when both the $\clubsuit K$ and $\heartsuit Q$ turn up onside.

Chef joins me with his own bowl of EH soup and explains to me that he bid 6 Clubs because Luck must have clubs on this auction. Hearing the opponents bidding 5 Diamonds told him that Luck had at most one diamond, and if he was 5-5 in the majors, then he would bid it differently. So he must have either 3 or 4 clubs. 6C was a gamble, but there was no way I was letting Yawne and Dyna play 5 Diamonds, even doubled.

What an auction. They got to 6 Clubs where the first time clubs was mentioned was at the 6 level.

That's The Chef for you.

The very next hand they got to test out some of Luck's favourite gadgets. Only 9 different bids needed to be explained to the opponents. And he and Luck have the following uncontested auction:

🕭 A K x x

The Chef	Luck
	$ \diamond$
♠	INT
2 ◊¹	2NT ²
3♣ ³	3NT⁴
4 ◊ ⁵	4NT ⁶
5NT ⁷	6♣ ⁸
Pass ⁹	

- ¹ Game forcing Checkback
- ² Less than 3 spades, less than 4 hearts, and not 5 diamonds
- ³ Not necessarily natural
- ⁴ Not sure where you are going, but I have a C stopper
- ⁵ Minorwood
- ⁶ 2 key cards without the QD
- ⁷ Pick a slam
- ⁸ Is this what you wanted?
- ° Yes

6 Spades cannot be made with the Qxx offside, and the diamonds not behaving. 6 Clubs is the only making contract. As I tilt the bowl of (now) broth to my lips, I think to myself, not only is The Chef the best bridge player around, he is also the best chef around. Slurp.



Test Your CSTC Play By John Carruthers

These problems all arose at the 2016 Canadian Senior Team Championship this May in Toronto. Can you equal or better the old fogies?

Declarer Play:

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

I. This problem arose in the Round Robin:

Board 5. Dealer South. NS Vul.

≜	
♠ A 10 ♡ 7 ◇ A 6 4 ♣ A Q	4
North	East
— INT	— Pass

South

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5.

You have a simple auction to a notvery-good contract. West leads the ace of hearts and shifts to the eight of

Pass

Pass

3.

Pass

diamonds. East plays the jack on dummy's nine. Plan the play.

2.Try this declarer play problem from the third quarter of a very close semifinal knockout match ...

Board 32. Dealer South. EW Vul.

▲ K Q 8 3
♡ 5
◇ A Q J 9
◆ Q J 5 3
▲ A 6 5
♡ K Q 8 7 3
◇ K 5 4 2
▲ A

West	North	East	South
	_		\square
Pass		Pass	2 ◇
Pass	3♣1	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT2	Pass	4NT
Pass	6 \diamond	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- 1. 4th suit forcing to game
- 2. A better hand than 3NT directly over $2 \Diamond$

West leads the seven of clubs. How would you play? If, at some point, you cross to dummy to lead a heart to hand, West wins with the ace and shifts to a trump. East will not play the king of clubs, if he has it, on an honour led from dummy. Over to you.

ANSWERS:

I. ∳J9 ♡K] ◇I0 &K]	J 5 4
 ▲ Q 7 ♡ A 10 8 6 5 ◊ 8 7 3 2 ♣ 7 4 	 ▲ K 6 5 4 ♡ Q 9 2 ◊ K Q J 5 ◆ 8 2
♡ 7 ◊ A	10 8 3 2 6 4 Q 10 9

You have a certain spade loser so you need to get rid of both diamonds from your hand before the opponents regain the lead to take a diamond trick. You have a card on which to discard one diamond already waiting in dummy: the king of hearts. The only possible discard for your second diamond loser is the jack of hearts. For that to happen, you'll need the queen to be only once-guarded now. It seems a simple matter to ruff out the heart queen and take your discard, doesn't it?

There's a trap, however (isn't there always?). Suppose you take two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, find them 2-2 (good), play the king of hearts and ruff a heart, Now you're stuck in

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your hand with the only way back to dummy being your last trump. You take your discard, but when the opponents come in with a spade, you'll be out of trumps and they'll have a diamond to cash.

This is a simple matter of timing: ace of hearts, diamond to the ace, club to the jack, heart ruff, club to the king (splitting them out 2-2), king of hearts (hopefully dropping the queen), to discard one diamond, jack of hearts to discard the second diamond, diamond ruff (since you now have a trump left in hand), ace of spades, concede a spade for plus 600. Nicely played. Bridge is such an easy game, isn't it?

2.	🛦 K Q	83
	♡5	
	♦ A Q	9
	♣QJS	•
♠ 1042		≜] 9 7
♡ A I0 4		♡] 9 6 2
♦ 10 7		♦ 8 6 3
🕭 K 10 8	76	& 9 4 2
	♠ A 6 !	5
	ŶΚQ	873
	♦ K 5 4	
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This one's a little tougher than the first. The final contract is decent, but there is work to be done. If diamonds are 3-2, there are at least ten tricks (three spades, one heart, five diamonds and one club) and you need to develop two more. Spades, hearts, and clubs are all possibilities for an extra trick. Hearts might be good for two extra tricks if the ace is onside and they break favourably. Suppose you travel to the dummy with a trump to the queen and lead a heart. It goes six, king, ace, and the ten of diamonds is led back, East following suit. What now?

Establishing hearts is now out of the frame. You don't have the entries to your hand to ruff two hearts in the dummy and get back for the thirteenth heart. The king of clubs onside is more attractive, especially if you believe that your LHO would not lead a club from the king against a slam. That would allow you to ruff two clubs with the aid of the finesse and make three spades, one heart, six diamonds and two clubs for 12. But what about the spades? If they are 3-3, ruffing two clubs without the finesse would make the contract.

I think a combination play is best: after the ace of hearts wins trick three, take the ten of diamonds in the dummy with the jack and try the queen of clubs. Assuming it is not covered, ruff it, cross back to a spade and ruff another club. If the club king has come down doubleton or third, you are cold; if not, you still have the chance of 3-3 spades or a squeeze. Ruff a heart in dummy to reach:

The first BEST Award, named after Ross Anderson, was presented to Mike Kenny in the spring. Here he is with members of the Anderson family.

Ed. Note: Notice of the BEST award first appeared in the Spring Kibitzer. Credit was given to David Cohen however Elliott Neuman was the author of the piece.

	 ▲ K 8 3 ♡ — ◇ A ▲ J 	
 ▲ 10 4 ♡ 10 ◇ — ▲ K 10 		▲ J 9 ♡ J 9 ◇ 8 ★ —
	▲ A 6 ♡ Q 8 7 ◇ — ★ —	

Draw the last trump with the ace of diamonds (heart discard from hand, club ten from West), come back to the ace of spades and cash the queen of hearts, discarding appropriately from the dummy after West. Hopefully, the eight of spades, as your last chance, will take the thirteenth trick. Your chances are spades 3-3 or any of three different squeezes: spades-clubs on West, spades-hearts on either defender, or a double squeeze. Note that here, neither defender could have hung onto the spades, with West guarding clubs in front of the dummy and East guarding hearts in front of declarer.



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AUGUST 16-21 2016

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Tuesday August 16	
Blue Sky Bracketed KO (rounds 1 & 2 of 4)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
0-300 (single session)	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Novice 0-50 (single sessions) if numbers warrant	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday August 17	
Blue Sky Bracketed KO (rounds 3 & 4 of 4)	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
0-300 (single session)	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Novice 0-50 (single sessions) if numbers warrant	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Nipissing Compact KO (1st session of 2)	7:30pm
Thursday August 18	
Stratified Swiss	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Swiss 0-300, 300-750	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Nipissing Compact KO (2nd session of 2)	7:30pm
Friday August 19	
Gateway Bracketed KO (rounds 1 & 2 of 4)	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (rounds 1 & 2 of 2) 0-300, 300-750	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Novice 0-50 (single sessions) if numbers warrant	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Near North Compact KO (1st session of 2)	7:30pm
Saturday August 20	
Gateway Bracketed KO (rounds 3 & 4 of 4)	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (rounds 1 & 2 of 2) 0-300, 300-750	9:30 am & 2:30 pm
Novice 0-50 (single sessions) if numbers warrant	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Near North Compact KO (2nd session of 2)	7:30pm
Sunday August 21	
Stratified Swiss Team Playthrough (lunch included)	9:30 am
299er Swiss (2 single sessions)	9:30 am
KO events handicapped if only one bracket. Team and Pair games str	atified by MP average.
Stratifications: A=2000 B-750=2000 C=0-750	
Tournament Co-chairs	
Michael Beauchamp <u>michael-lynn@outlook.com</u> John Biondi <u>dy</u>	mondace1@yahoo.com
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NIAGARA 299er SECTIONAL

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August 20th and 21st, 2016

Stratified 299er Pairs

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Two Single-Session Events Both Days \$13.00 per person, per session (\$3.00 extra for non or unpaid ACBL Members)

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Stratifications for all sessions: A: 0-300; B: 0-200; C: 0-50 (0-50 Separate Game if Attendance Warrants)

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September 3 to September 5, 2016

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Schedule of Events



Saturday, September 3

11:00 & 4:00 - A/X, B/C/D pairs - 2 session stratiflighted open pairs, single session entries are also welcome 11:00 & 4:00 - 299'er Pairs - 2 single session stratified pairs event

Steve Overholt will be running a 30 minute bridge lesson 45 minutes before each session for anyone interested in attending

Sunday, September 4

11:00 & 4:00 - A/X, B/C/D pairs - 2 session stratiflighted open pairs, single session entries are also welcome 11:00 & 4:00 - 299'er & Novice (0-20) Pairs -ACBL members with 0- 5 points play FREE - 2 single session pairs event

Steve Overholt will be running a 30 minute bridge lesson 45 minutes before each session for anyone interested in attending

Monday, September 5

11:00 & TBA - Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 & TBA - Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams Stratiflighted events: A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500

EVENTS ARE STRATIFIED BY AVERAGE MASTER POINTS & FLIGHTS ARE BASED ON HIGHEST MASTER POINTS

 Chairperson: Ann Shaw 905-855-7177/ 647-961-4822 ashawc646@gmail.com
 Partnerships: Joanne Gilmore jgilmore@toronto.ca
 Entry Fee: \$14.00 for ACBL Members and \$17.00 for Non-ACBL Members or unpaid Members



66th Annual St. Thomas Jumbo Tournament Sept 10–11, 2016

Sessions both days 11:00 am and TBA. Hot meal between sessions Entry Fees \$12.00 per session Non-ACBL members add \$3.00 per session (In consideration of those who are sensitive to fragrance, this is a scent-free tournament)

Saturday Sept 12th

2-Session Stratified Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome) 299er Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)

Sunday Sept 13th

2-Session Swiss Teams Stratified and 299er teams

Stratification:

Based on player with highest number of masterpoints

Pairs

Strats:: A=1500+, B=500-1500, C=0-500 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: St. Thomas Senior Centre, 225 Chestnut St., St. Thomas

Tournament Chair: Jim Wright (519) 631-5531, manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org

Partnerships: Jim Wright (519) 631-5531, manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org

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1st Annual MIDLAND Sectional Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18, 2016



Please join us for fun, bridge, silver points and great hospitality in Midland - on the scenic shores of Georgian Bay. The site is the spacious, well-lit, Midland Curling Club, 474 King Street, L4R 4L3.



Saturday, September 17

Stratified Pairs - Two session event, single entries welcome

1 & 6:30 pm.

Sunday, September 18

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Playthrough, lunch on site.

11:00 am. & TBD

Stratifications: A = 2000+,	B = 750-2000,	C = 0-750,
	199'er game if numbers	permit

Newcomer Games: Separate beginner games each day, if numbers permit, with a *special rate for players with 0–20 masterpoints –* **only \$5!**

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

Partnership Chair – Anna Janssen, annajanssen@rogers.com, 705-526-5079.

Directions – Hwy 400 north to Midland/Penetanguishene exit, County Rd. 93. Proceed almost 25 km to Hwy 12 (Heritage Dr.) & turn right. Proceed almost 3 km to King Street & turn left. Proceed almost 2 km to the Midland Curling Club at 474 King (left side).

Temiskaming Shores Heart of the North Sectional September 23- 24- 25, 2016

New Liskeard Community Hall 90 Whitewood Ave. W City of Temiskaming Shores (New Liskeard)



FRIDAY, September 23rd

1:00 PM	1 Stratified Open Pairs (0-499), (500-1500), (1500+) Stratified 299er Pairs
7:00 PI	
	SATURDAY, September 24th
10:30 A	M Stratified Open Pairs (0-499), (500-1500), (1500+)
	Stratified 299er Pairs
	Light lunch provided between sessions
2:30 PN	4 Stratified Open Pairs: (0-499), (500-1500), (1500+)
	Stratified 299er Pairs
	Pig Roast and Social, Cash bar – Saturday 6:30 P.M. +/-
8:00 PI	M Fun Fast Pairs - timed at 5 minutes per board - fewer boards
	SUNDAY, September 25th
9:30 A.	M. Coffee, tea, muffins, etc. before the game
10:00 A	M Stratified Swiss teams - 2 sessions - playthrough
	Based on Average MPs: A = 1500+, B = 500-1500, C = 0-499
10:00 A	M Intermediate 299er Swiss - Single session
2:00 F	PM Intermediate 299er Swiss - Single session
Stratifi	cation: All events determined by pair or team average
Costs:	\$10 per session, Swiss Teams: \$100 team (lunch included),
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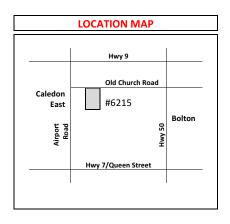
Saturday Events Held at 11:00am & 3:15pm	Sunday Event Starts at 11:00am	
Stratified Pairs: Two Single Sessions	Stratified Swiss Teams Play-through with short break for lunch	
0 - 99ers: A: 50-99 B: 20-49 C: 0-19		
Stratified Pairs: Two Session Play-Through	499ers(NLM)* A: 300–499 B: 100–299 C: 0–99 Open A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0-750	
499ers(NLM)* A: 300-499 B: 100-299 C: 0-99 Open* A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750		
*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome	*Single morning-only session welcome	
NOTE: Stratification subject to change on the day based of average master points but flight assignment will be based on	the player with the highest master points.	
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Entry Fees

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MAPLE CITY BRIDGE SECTIONAL



Active Lifestyle Centre, 20 Merritt Ave, Chatham, ON

OCTOBER 1 and 2, 2016

Saturday, October 1, 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM The John Verkaik Stratified Pairs (Play-through) Strat A: open Strat B: 200-1500 Strat C: 0-200 Sunday, October 2, 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM Stratified Swiss Teams Strat A: 1500+ avg holding Strat B: 200-1500 Strat C: 0-200 Session fee \$12.50 0-99ers reduced session fee \$10 \$3 additional per session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Full Course Dinner between sessions \$10 each Tournament Chair: Lee Easterbrook 519 809-7000 Partnerships: Gary Robertson, 519 676-2096, <u>garroberr@isp.com</u> Director: Nancy Strachan



Take 401 Bloomfield exit #81 and approx. 10 minutes to site

Collingwood's Blue Mountain Sectional Bridge Tournament October 15 – 16, 2016

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 490 Ontario Street, Collingwood

NOTE: A player cannot compete in a Stratification which has a maximum number of points which is less than the player's total points. Swiss teams will be stratified by the AVERAGE of the players' masterpoint holdings. Cost per Session - \$12.00 for ACBL members \$15.00 for non-members

Saturday, October 15 11:00A.M. & 4:00P.M.

Stratified Open Pairs

(A Two-Session Event) (Single Session Entries are welcome)

299er PAIRS (Two One-Session Events)

Sunday, October 16 11:00AM. & 3:00P.M.

Open Swiss Teams Two-Session Stratified

299'er Swiss Teams

(Two One-Session Events) Sunday lunch may be purchased on site from the Legion Ladies' Auxilliary

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To ensure prompt "START" times, please register at least 15 minutes in advance.

Stratification for all Open Events A= 1500+ B=500-1500 C- 0-500

Tournament Chair: Christine Blake 705-446-9592, e-mail: chrisedb@rogers.com **Partnerships:** Marie Melnichuk 705-444-0583, e-mail: melnichukmarie@gmail.com

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OSHAWA & DISTRICT SECTIONAL November 5th and 6th, 2016

Come out and join us for fun & bridge at the **LVIV Hall & Pavilion** 38 LVIV Blvd., Oshawa, ON, L1H 3C3



Event Schedule

Saturday, November 5th Stratiflighted Pairs (A/X and B/C/D) 10:30am & 2:30 pm

Flights A/X: (separate) A=3000+,X=0-3000Flights B/C/D:B=750-1500,C=300-749,Novice games each session, if warranted

Sunday, November 6th Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (A/X and B/C/D) 10:30am & TBD Flight A/X: (separate) A=3000+, X=0-3000

Flights B/C/D: B=750-1500, C=300-749, D=0-299

Assignment to flight based on player with highest master points. Pair/team stratification based on average master points.

Entry Fees: \$13 per session for ACBL members (non-members \$16), \$5 for students, and SPECIAL NEWCOMER RATE

For players who have never played in a Tournament before - 1 FREE session

Food available on-site for purchase during 45 minute break both days or bring your own.

Tournament Manager – Doug Darnley, ddarnley@rogers.com, 905-509-8607 (h) or 416-258-1331 (c)

Partnerships - Doug Darnley, dougbridge@rogers.com, or 905-509-8607

Location - One block north of Hwy 401

From the West on 401 take the Simcoe Street exit, turn left onto Bloor, left at the lights on Simcoe, then turn on first right to LVIV.

From the EAST on 401 take the Ritson/Simcoe exit, follow Drew St., then left on 1 Ave., left on Albert St., then left to LVIV.

Lots of free parking onsite and also on both sides of the street.

DISTRICT 2 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FINALS NOVEMBER 13, 2016 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

You can win cash prizes towards a trip to the Spring NABC in Kansas City, MO - March 2017, to play in the North American Final

This year's events will be held simultaneously at multiple sites across the District

Flight A (Open) Flight B (0-2500 MP) Flight C (NLM,<500 MP)

The top 3 pairs in Flight A, top 4 in Flts B & C, will qualify for the National Final, with 1st and 2nd place finishers receiving a subsidy, upon participation in Kansas City

Any Unit may apply to hold one of the multi-site District Finals deadline Sept 15, 2016.

A minimum of 5 tables are required to hold a District Final in any Flight.

Please check with your Unit to see if they are holding an event.

Locations will be announced, once they are finalized.

To be eligible to play in the District Final:

- Players must be paid-up ACBL members and residents of District 2.
- Players must have a club level qualification Club qualifying continues until Aug 31, 2016.

New partnerships may be formed at the District level.

Masterpoint awards are GOLD and RED

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR: Martin Hunter, martinhunter@rogers.com 905-858-7683

34th Annual Festival of Bridge Sectional STRATFORD November 18–20, 2016

Friday November 18th

Open Pairs & Stratified 299er Pairs 2:00 pm & 6:45 pm

> Flights for Open by DIC Coffee and Tea provided

Saturday November 19th

Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) & Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 10:30 am Play thru Flights for both games by DIC

Sunday November 20th

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams & Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (both playthrough) 11:00 am Stratification by Average A=2000+X=0-2000 BCD Game 1500 M.P Maximum for any player.

For both Sat. & Sun

Lunch available at playing site. Please order upon arrival.

Playing Site

The Festival Inn 1144 Ontario St. Stratford ON, N5A6Z3 Tel: 519-273-1150 Fax 519-273-2111 www.festivalinnstratford.com

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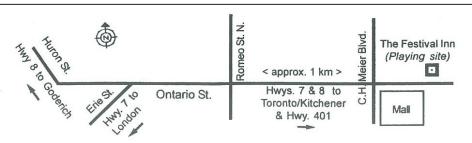
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Note: We are back at the Festival Inn and looking forward to a good crowd. The director in charge will flight all games to equalize numbers. Game determined by player with the highest master point total, teams and pairs averaged for flights.



Club News

Recent Player Achievement and Bridge Development at the Peterborough Bridge Club



This winter, Rick Jackson, a new director and now President of the Peterborough Bridge Club, Sharon Barry, Bridge Development Convenor and Anne Heffernan, web site manager for our Peterborough bridge club, recently became Bronze Life Masters after attending regional tournaments in Ontario; Phil Smith, the former president of our club received his Silver Life Master; Dwight Goden, our Club Manager received his Gold Life Master. Two of our senior players, Bill Duncan and Anne Haldimand were honored at special birthday games to celebrate their 96th and 90th birthdays this winter. These milestone accomplishments are not only encouraged with strong support from the members of the Peterborough Bridge Club, but also applauded.

Members of our club regularly attend regional and sectional tournaments in order to gather silver, red and gold points to improve their status as members of ACBL, eventually gathering enough points to achieve the various levels of Life Master. It takes a strong bridge community to help members achieve their Life Master milestones; at our club more experienced players willingly help less skilled players by offering suggestions on bidding and on play of the bridge hands after our regularly scheduled games.

During the last few years, our club has initiated several changes to enhance bridge in our club. Dwight Goden, our Club Manager has developed a series of lessons for beginners and advanced players. In addition, Dwight and Sharon Barry, our bridge development leader have initiated Play and Learn bridge sessions for junior players who want to further develop their bridge strategies and conventions. Maureen Nicholls has begun teaching beginning bridge to people who are interested in learning the basics of bridge.

Our bridge development leader, Sharon Barry initiated a Mentor/Novice bridge game once a month in which novice players (under 200 points) are matched with a seasoned bridge player. Extra playing time is allowed in order to have time for discussion of the bidding and play of the hands for the benefit of both the mentor and the novice players. Peterborough players have been particularly successful in the Canada wide Master/Rookie games. In the Erin Berry Rookie/Master games, Anne Martens and Birte Ayer came third in Canada in October 2015 and Sandy Campbell and Dave Minty came fourth in Canada in October 2014. The Peterborough Mentor/Novice program has been instrumental in helping our club achieve such notable results.

The Peterborough Bridge Club is actively promoting bridge in our community. Through a monthly newsletter and our own web site, the club tries to keep everyone up to date on bridge happenings both in our community and in surrounding areas. All the initiatives listed above help to create an atmosphere which encourages excellence. Our strong bridge community fosters an opportunity for each of us to become better players and thus challenge our brains which helps to promote mental acuity in our senior years.

www.peterboroughbridgeclub.com





Congratulations to Gary Westfall for winning the Kate Buckman Award! The award is given to those who bring enjoyment of the game to others. Here he is in Gatlinburg wearing a Gatlinburg tee shirt, with occasional partner Joe Sauro.

ACBL Unit 166 is excited to announce



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Because It's 2017

And so it comes to this...the Kibitzer and its readers shall continue to evolve. Starting in 2017 the Kibitzer will only be available online. It will cease as a hard copy that you can hold in your hands; instead you will have to access the Kibitzer by going to the Unit 166 website and either read it from your computer screen, or, if possible, print it off yourself. Please note the following announcements from the Unit 166 Board:

- Future editions of the Kibitzer will be published only on the Unit 166 website
- It was decided not to offer hard copy versions at some pre-determined price as the administration associated with billing and collections would appear to be too great
- We believe we can advise subscribers by email each time a new edition is available. More information to follow on how we shall notify readers
- One thing readers can do at this time is ensure their ACBL profiles are up to date by including their email addresses

- We feel we may be able to go back to having 4 editions per year once we go online
- Ultimately the move to online is driven by serious cost issues facing all 4 units. (Units 166, 238, 246, and 249.)





To the editor,

Brooke died yesterday after a long struggle with prostate cancer. He was a terror on the Ontario bridge circuit in the 80s playing with Terry Lesperance (now Tack). A Sapphire Life Master. He and I played together for a few years until he was too sick to play. A wonderful player and an even better partner and person.



I saw him last Wednesday. He was content and peaceful.

He'll be missed.

Peter D. Hambly Hanover, ON

handshake style.

Hello everyone, my name is Kushagra. I am in a Grade 3-4 gifted class. On March 21st my class went to the Bridge Tournament that was held in Toronto. I would like to share my experience with you as it is the most cherished moment in my life. My partner, Zayd, and I won first place in Section C, Table 7, for east and west. We played six games in total and showed continuous trust in each other. We cooperated and helped each other during the game. I believe our team spirit, coordination and trust helped us to win first place. When our names were announced for "Ist place" and trophies were handed out, we were thrilled that we represented our school.We congratulated each other in our own



Many thanks to Mrs. Belford for Bridge lessons.

I would say trust, cooperation and believing in yourself and your partner can lead anyone to victory.

Kushagra Pant

Bridge is a haven for many...it's a chance to get away from the everyday and focus your mind. Tuesday Open games at Partners is a small game...

Ann brings Marg as often as Marg is able...

Marg is 90+ years old; she survived polio, raised 11 children...

she loves her occasional afternoon of bridge and Ann is her most patient and dedicated partner. Today a pair came to the game and asked to not play against Marg...

it's depressing and frustrating....yes Marg is a bit slow and we sort her cards for her, but she does the best that she can.

Make room in your heart and your life...tomorrow that may be you!

Suzanne Kosky

Partners Bridge Club Toronto

Delighted to learn Ross Anderson is being remembered.

Ross was an outstanding golfer and curler. I played golf numerous times with Ross, but not bridge as we played at different bridge clubs.

Bruce Becker Toronto, ON



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