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Editor's Note

I'd like to start by sending out a big hug and best wishes to our friend Fred Lerner. His beloved wife Margaret died in late March and then he had the strength to play top level bridge on his way to winning the Canadian Senior Teams Championships in early May. Congratulations also to Fred's partner **Michael Shoenborn**, plus their teammates **John Gowdy** and **David Turner**—the Peterborough Pair! Hearty congrats to local gals **Pamela Nisbet**, **Hazel Wolpert** and **Linda Wynston** and teammates **Brenda Bryant**, **Rhonda Foster** and **Lorna McDonald** for winning the Women's event. Photos of both teams are on pages 34-35.

You can read all about the Open Teams Championships starting on page 22. Congrats to the TO pair of **Danny Miles** and **Steve MacKay** for their thrilling last-minute comeback victory over a strong team from Montreal-Calgary. All 3 teams have a trip to Mexico in June to decide who goes on to the World's in Lyon, France in August. Go Canada Go!

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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 an historic tournament weekend - they are set aside for you.

Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

Unit 249 Board of Directors Acclaimed

Following a call for nominations for candidates willing to run for ten Director-at-Large positions on Unit 249's Board of Directors, nine members were duly nominated on or before the nomination deadline of April 17, 2017. As there were fewer nominees than the number of available positions the nine persons nominated will be declared as "Acclaimed" and no election will be necessary.

The nine members are:

Ted Boyd – Cambridge
Maria Deaves – Ripley
Jed Drew – Tillsonburg
Susan Edwards – London
Tom Jolliffe – London
Hazel Hewitt – St. Marys
Tom Ramsay – Guelph
Pat Simpson – Sarnia
Jennifer Verdam-Woodward – Goderich

All of the above individuals, with the exception of Maria Deaves, are incumbents of the current Board of Directors. The new Board will take office following Unit 249's Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Tillsonburg Sectional on Aug 12, 2017.

Lee Easterbrook
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MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors

held on Saturday January 7, 2017 at

11:30 am. at the Holiday Inn, York dale.

Present:	Sharon Berghaus	Lane Byl
	Carol Bongard	Michael (Li Zhang) Yang
	Steve Norris	David Halasi
	Wiebe Hoogland	Chris Loat
	David McCrady	Chuck Renaud
	Andy Risman	Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)
	Paul Cronin	Gary Westfall (Accountant)
Regrets:	Flo Belford	

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair and welcomed Debra Kestenberg as the new Secretary.

Minutes – September 3, 2016

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland that the minutes of the September 3, 2016 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors be approved as corrected. **Carried**

New Disciplinary Chair

Carol Bongard announced that Dale Whitmore has agreed to take on the role of Disciplinary Chair.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman that Dale Whitmore be appointed Disciplinary Chair. **Carried**

National Women's Team 2016 Award

Nader Hanna, Lesley Thomson, and Ina Demme discussed concerns with the Board's decision to award \$500.

Executive Session

Motion by Carol Bongard that the Board move into Executive Session. **Carried**

Motion by Carol Bongard that the Board move out of Executive Session. **Carried**

Motion by Paul Cronin, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland and Chuck Renaud that the Unit 166 Board regrets that the Canadian Women's Team feels disrespected by the Board's September 3rd, 2016, decision to grant the team a subsidy of \$500. **Carried**

Motion by Paul Cronin, seconded by Chuck Renaud that the \$500 grant to the Canadian Women's Team be rescinded, given the decision of the team to donate the grant to a charity. **Carried**

Wiebe Hoogland proposed, and it was agreed, that a review of the Awards policy be added to the next meeting.

NABC 2017

It was proposed, and it was agreed, that the NABC 2017 Budget approval be deferred to the next meeting, pending hospitality cost estimates.

Ina Demme reported on the planning, financial, and marketing of the event. Ina Demme proposed, and it was agreed, that Unit clubs be notified of the fund raising StaC planned for March 27 to April 2, 2017.

Youth NABC

Carol Bongard reported that the Youth NABC is a separate event.

STaC Procedures

David Halasi reported there are no updates and that the topic is closed.

Bridgemate Rentals

David Halasi reported on the requirements for Good Friday at the Toronto Regional.

COBA: Merge Oakville ACBL-sanctioned clubs into COBA

Chuck Renaud reported on the proposed merger and presented and circulated a proposed Constitution & By-Laws (Attached).

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by D. Halasi and Andy Risman that the new Constitution & By-Laws be accepted, as presented. **Carried**

Treasurer's Report & Budget

The Report to November 30, 2016 and Budget for the year ending August 31, 2017, circulated by Andy Risman, were presented.

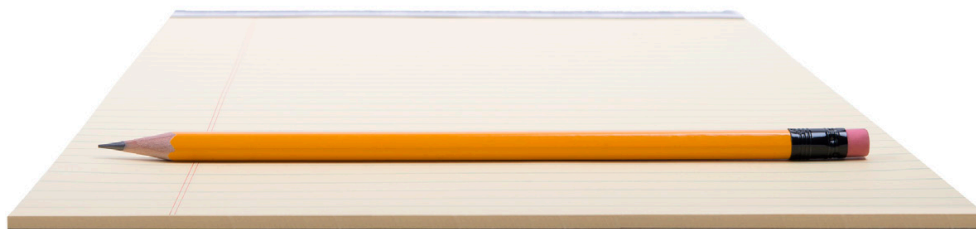
Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Paul Cronin that the Treasurer's Report and budget be accepted, as presented. **Carried**

David Halasi proposed, and it was agreed, that the discussion on HST credits be deferred to the next meeting.

Association Financial Reports

The Reports to August 31, 2016 were received.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Chris Loat that the Association Financial Reports to August 31, 2016 be accepted, as presented. **Carried**



Review Engagement Report

The year end statements were presented by Gary Westfall.

Motion by Andy Risman. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the statement of financial position of the Corporation as at August 31, 2016 and the statement of income and expenses and net assets and cash flows for the year ended on the said date, together with the accountant's review engagement report thereon be and the same are hereby approved and adopted. **Carried**

Remuneration for Accountant

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Steve Norris and Chuck Renaud that Gary Westfall be paid \$1,700 for his year-end review and consolidation of the NABC financial statements. **Carried**

Tournament Budgets

The budgets for the St. Catharines, Toronto Regional, Burlington IN, and Brampton Sectional were received.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Chuck Renaud that tournament budgets for St. Catharines, Toronto Regional, Burlington IN, and Brampton Sectional, as presented, be accepted. **Carried**

Tournament Reports

The 2016 Reports from the Labour Day, Caledon East Sectional, and Fall STaC were received.

A review of D2 StaC was deferred to the next meeting.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Chuck Renaud and Andy Risman that the Labour Day Report be accepted subject to inclusion of HST in a Report, and that the Caledon East Sectional, and Fall STaC Reports be accepted. **Carried**

The 2017 tournament schedule was received.

David Halasi indicated that he has contracts for the Toronto Labour Day and Toronto Regional for 2018 and 2019.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Steve Norris that the contracts for the Toronto Labour Day and Toronto Regional for 2018 and 2019 be accepted. **Carried**

David Halasi reported that he will post, in the Kibitzer and on the Unit website, job openings for Tournament Chairs for the Easter Regional and January Sectional tournaments.

Strategy for pricing; US/CAN exchange rate changes

David Halasi proposed, and it was agreed, to defer to the next meeting.

Honorariums

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Chuck Renaud to award Ann Shaw an honorarium of \$750 for chairing the Labour Day Sectional. **Carried**

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Lane Byl to award Andy Risman an honorarium of \$1,200 for serving as Treasurer. **Carried**

Motion by Lane Byl, seconded by David McCrady to award Martin Hunter an honorarium of \$1,100 for serving as Web Master. **Carried**

Kibitzer Committee Report

David McCrady proposed, and it was agreed, that decisions on advertising rates and access options be deferred pending collection of more data.

Transition to Electronic Document Storage

Wiebe Hoogland proposed, and it was agreed, that he store the paper documents.

Storage of the Unit Seal

Andy Risman proposed, and it was agreed, that he store the Unit Seal.

Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant Awards

Andy Risman advised the Board of members nominated for the Kate Buckman Award and the Audrey Grant Award. The Board voted and the results were announced.

Association Reports

Reports for CVBA, COBA, and NDBA were presented by Steve Norris, Chuck Renaud, and Chris Loat, respectively.

Board of Director D2 Representatives

Motion by David McCrady, seconded by Paul Cronin to nominate Carol Bongard, Andy Risman, and Wiebe Hoogland as D2 Representatives. **Carried**

Next Meeting

Sunday April 30 at 1:00 pm. at MO Bridge, 3105 Winston Churchill Blvd., Mississauga.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.



WARNING!

By Ray Jotcham

Some conventions are dangerous to your health and well-being as a bridge player! One of these is using Jacoby transfers over partner's INT opening. The premise is that it is beneficial for the strong hand to be declarer. While this is true if opener has 20 points or more, it is not so obvious when the points are more evenly split. Take for example the following hand:

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♦ J 10 9 x	♦ Q x	
♣ J 10 9	♣ Q x x	
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	♦ A x x	
	♣ A x x x	

If South is declarer, the lead of the jack of either 4-card suit makes declarer's task of taking 10 tricks virtually impossible, whereas if North is declarer, any lead gives up a trick. A club lead gives the defence the best chance, but declarer can establish the long club to make the game. Of course, maybe the "aces and spaces" hand shouldn't open INT, but that's another story.

Jacoby transfers also make it very difficult to reach minor suit slams where 4-4 fits exist. Take the following hand as an example:

♠ K x
♥ x x x
♦ K Q J x
♣ K Q J x

If you knew that partner had 4 aces and 4 diamonds including the 10-spot, where would you like to play the hand? The answer is not clear, and ranges from 3NT to 7♦!

Opener 1.	♠ A x ♥ A x x x ♦ A 10 x x ♣ A x x	No extra trick is available due to the duplication of length in the spade suit. Therefore 3NT is the indicated contract.
Opener 2	♠ A x x ♥ A x x ♦ A 10 x x ♣ A x x	Declarer will be able to ruff a spade in dummy for trick twelve. Hence 6♦ is the correct contract.
Opener 3	♠ A x x x ♥ A x x ♦ A 10 x x ♣ A x	Declarer will be able to ruff two spades in dummy and score up 13 tricks, making 7♦ the right spot.

Try bidding the hands using Jacoby transfers to reach the right spot. I don't think it can be done without a good bit of peeking. What is the solution?

The answer is to use Two-way Stayman in conjunction with the Baron Corollary. A simple summary of the convention:

1NT - ? 2♣ - Stayman as you've always played it, except that it shows invitational values only. You may bid a game if you find an exceptional fit, but opener should play you for a maximum of 9 HCP.

2♦ - an artificial game force - you have at least 10 HCP, and are going to bid game or double the opponents if they interfere. No major suit is promised, but one or both may be held.

2♥ / 2♠ - to play. Opener may bid again with a maximum and 4-card support for responder.

2NT - could be used as minor suit Stayman, a raise to 2NT or Conot 2NT - your choice. (See Spring 2017 Kib for Conot convention.)

3♣ / 3♦ - invitational with 6 or 7 card suit headed by AQ or KQ with nothing outside.

3♥ / 3♠ - 6 or 7 card suit headed by 3 of the top 4 honours or better, and invites cue-bidding to look for slam. If opener has lots of queens and jacks, he should decline to cooperate; whereas with lots of aces and kings, he should go along with partner, regardless of his trump holding.

3NT - to play

INT 2♣

2♦ ? 2♥ / 2♠ - 5-card suit with 8-9 HCP - the kind of hand you would have transferred, and then bid 2NT - if opener has a minimum with a fit, he can pass, and avoid the embarrassment of having to bid 3♥ and go one down.

2NT - one or both 4-card majors, 8-9 HCP (unless you opted for 2NT minor-suit Stayman, in which case no major is promised).

3♣ / 3♦ - 6+ cards in the suit, but no game interest (preemptive).

3♥ / 3♠ - 6-card suit, inviting game in the bid suit, not invitational to 3NT. This is a bid based on shape, not on high card strength (which is required to be in 3NT).

INT 2♦

? 2♥ - natural, but not four spades
2♠ - natural, may have four hearts
2NT - no major, no 5-card minor
3♣ / 3♦ - 5 or 6-card suit
3♥ / 3♠ - a Jotcham invention(!) showing 3 cards in the bid major, and 4-4 minors and a maximum opener - if responder has 5 cards in the suit, a transfer has been achieved.

INT 2♦

2♥/2♠ ? 2NT - artificial, asking for more distributional information - opener may rebid a 5-card major or show a second 4-card suit (Baron).

3♣ / 3♦ or 3 of the other major - 5+ cards in the suit, and suggesting slam interest

- 3 of partner's major - indicates slam interest

INT 2♦

2NT ? - 3♣ - artificial, asking for more information (Baron Corollary).
- 3♦ - 3-3-4-3 distribution
- 3♥ - 2-3-4-4 distribution, and a minimum
- 3♠ - 3-2-4-4 distribution and a minimum
- 3NT - 3-3-3-4 distribution (i.e. four clubs)

Back to the sample hands:

1. ♠ A x ♥ A x x x ♦ A 10 x x ♣ A x x	♠ K x ♥ x x x ♦ K Q J x ♣ K Q J x	INT 2♥ 3♦ 3NT!	2♦ 2NT 3♠? P	How many spades? Only 2 spades (no ruff)
2. ♠ A x x ♥ A x x x ♦ A 10 x x ♣ A x	♠ K x ♥ x x x ♦ K Q J x ♣ K Q J x	INT 2♥ 3♦ 4♣* 4♥	2♦ 2NT 3♠? 4♠** 6♦	* I have 3 spades and interest ** 4♦ sets the suit and asks for aces. 4♥ = 0 or 4 aces
3. ♠ A x x x ♥ A x x ♦ A 10 x x ♣ A x	♠ K x ♥ x x x ♦ K Q J x ♣ K Q J x	INT 2♠ 3♦ 4♥	2♦ 2NT 4♦ 7♦	
4. ♠ A x x ♥ A x x ♦ A 10 x x x ♣ A x	♠ K x ♥ x x x ♦ K Q J x ♣ K Q J x	INT 3♦ 4♣! 4♥	2♦ 3♠? 4♦!! 7♦	The spade ruff is trick 13
5. ♠ J x x ♥ Q J x ♦ A K x x ♣ K J x	♠ Q ♥ A K 10 9 8 ♦ 10 x x x ♣ 10 x x	INT 2♦ P	2♣ 2♥	Hamman/Soloway reached 3♥ in the 2000 Bermuda Bowl which could go down on a bad diamond break or a club ruff. 2♥ is safer.

In summary, Two-Way Stayman allows you to:

- 1) more effectively bid minor suit slams
- 2) avoid the ignominy of making a try for game and reaching the three-level, down one.



Fight to the Finish

The 2017 Canadian Bridge Championships were recently held in Winnipeg. If you saw the Open Teams finals being played on vugraph on BBO you got your money's worth. Then again, we always get our money's worth watching high-level bridge on BBO's **free** vugraph. This one was a nailbiter: Team L'ECUYER (Montreal-Calgary) versus Team TODD (Winnipeg-Vancouver-Toronto) for all the marbles and a trip to the World's.

The finals featured the defending champs Nicolas L'Ecuyer - Zygmunt Marcinski, Nicholas Gartaganis - Judith Gartaganis, and Kamel Fergani - Frederic Pollack versus a ragtag pile of misfits: Bob Todd - Doug Fisher, Brad Bart - Neil Kimelman, and Danny Miles - Steve MacKay. Well, no, they're not really a ragtag pile of misfits—who is, really? But it makes for better copy.

Todd and Fisher are both “local boys” from Winnipeg, as is Kimelman, and they are mainstays each year in the Canadian National Team Championships—they seem to always make the top 8 and thus qualify for the playoffs. Brad Bart used to play in Unit

166 when he was attending university here in ON but he now lives in B.C. teaching computer science at SMU. As for Miles and MacKay—they're our local boys—each had won previously with different partners: Miles in 2012 and 2015, MacKay in 2004.

Going into the final five boards of the 120-board final, L'ECUYER was leading TODD by the score of 269-241. The TODD team would need some swing boards in order to make a move. And they got them. Ladies and gentlemen, fasten your seatbelts.

Board 116
Vul: None

Bart was sitting North and saw his LHO open 1NT (15-17) in third seat. His RHO transferred to spades, LHO dutifully bid 2♠ and it went pass-pass back to him. What would you do with his hand?

♠ J 9
♥ A 2
♦ 10 9 5 3 2
♣ A 10 6 4

Brad chose to compete by bidding 2NT, takeout for the minors. His partner, Neil Kimelman bid 3♣ and that became the final contract. Try as he might, there were only eight tricks, so Bart-Kimelman scored minus 50. However, East-West were on for nine tricks in a heart contract and that is what Todd-Fisher came back with for plus 140. Plus 3 imps for TODD meant the score was now 269-244. Four boards to go.

Board 117
Vul: E-W

Doug Fisher, sitting West, picked up:

♠ K 10 5 2
♥ A J 4
♦ A 6 2
♣ A Q 7

and saw his partner Bob Todd open the bidding with 1♥. Fisher responded 1♠ and got a raise to 2♠ from Todd. What now? It appears 6♠ is a decent contract provided partner holds some decent trumps. Why spades and not hearts? The majority of the time a 4-4 fit will provide extra tricks because the 5-3 side fit (hearts here) will provide two pitches. But if you make the 5-3 fit the trump suit, then the 4-4 side fit will not furnish anything extra—when it comes time to play spades you will have to follow suit from each hand; that is, declarer won't be able to discard his losers.

Fisher trotted out a systemic bid of 2NT to ask Todd for further description and Todd gave a dream

response of 4♣ – shortness in clubs. Fisher bid 4NT, RKC for spades and Todd bid 5♣ showing one keycard with 14/30 responses. Fisher now bid 5♦ asking for the queen of spades and Todd bid 5♥ showing the queen of spades and the king of hearts. Fisher now made the critical bid of 5NT. This bid asks for kings but also announces that the partnership possesses all the keycards plus the queen of trumps; thus, partner is allowed to bid a grand slam if he thinks he has the right hand. As you can see Todd does not have the minor suit kings. But he responded with 6♥. What could this be showing?

Well it does not show the king of hearts as that card was already shown with his previous bid. It can only be one thing: the queen of hearts. So Fisher, knowing he needed a little something-something to make the match close, bid 7♠. Here are the two hands:

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

All the suits behaved so Fisher was able to ruff two clubs in the dummy, pull trumps, and shed his two losing diamonds on dummy's long hearts. 13 imps to the ragtag pile of misfits, er, I mean, **good guys**. Current score: 269-257.

Board 118

Vul: Both

Kimelman was sitting South and picked up this hand:

♠ A Q 7 3
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 4
♣ A 10 9

He and Brad play the weak notrump so Neil opened 1♣. Brad bid 1♦ and Neil rebid 1NT to show a balanced hand with 15-17 HCPs. And yes, with the 1NT rebid, he may possess one, or even two, four-card majors, as he does indeed have here.

Brad rebid 2♦ which is Game-Forcing Stayman. Neil now bid 2♥ to show his heart suit and Brad raised to 3♥. Since 3♥ is stronger than a bid of 4♥ Neil cuebid 3♠ to show some slam interest. Brad cuebid 4♦ to show his control there. Note that by bypassing clubs, Brad denied a club control (the ace or king or singleton or void).

Neil was looking at a club control (the ace) so he launched into RKC. Brad bid 5♥ to show two controls. Neil now bid 5♠ to ask for kings and Brad bid 6♦ to show his king of diamonds. Neil then bid 6♥. While he didn't know the contract at the other table, when the opening lead of a small trump was made and the dummy came down, Neil took an extraordinarily long time to plan the play.

♠ 4
♥ A J 4 3
♦ A K J 6 3
♣ J 5 3

♠ A Q 7 3
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 10 4
♣ A 10 9

One of the more experienced vugraph commentators, David Burn, wrote, "Not ashamed to say that I have no idea what his best line of play is." To wit, there are options in the diamond suit, (finesse or drop the diamond queen), whether to set diamonds up or try to ruff spades, or take a spade finesse or double-hook the clubs playing RHO for one club honour... the list goes on. What is your fancy?

After a 10-minute stay in the tank, Neil won the heart lead in his hand with the king. He then crossed to the heart ace as both opponents followed. He then called for the ace and king of diamonds as RHO followed with the nine and queen. Things were looking up! Neil then ruffed the diamond three in his hand with the queen, and then played his last heart to dummy's jack, drawing the last trump. He carefully cashed the diamond jack to pitch a spade from hand. This was the position:

♠ 4
♥ 4
♦ 6
♣ J 5 3

♠ A Q 7
♥ - -
♦ - -
♣ A 10 9

Knowing his LHO was down to all black cards, Neil called for the jack of clubs, intending to let it ride. LHO would then have to lead into Neil's black suit tenaces; so at this moment Neil was a 100% lock to bring home 6♥.

But more good news—RHO covered the club jack with the queen so it was a simple matter of winning the ace and knocking out the king of clubs. One losing spade would go on the diamond six and the other spade would be ruffed. Making 6, plus 1430, win 13 more imps, as the opponents at the other table stopped in 4♥, and made 5.

Those 13 imps created a lead change—it was now 270-269 for Team TODD! There were only two boards to go.

Due to Kimelman's epic tank on Board 118, Fisher and Todd's table motored ahead and finished their match. We'll get to Board 119 soon but on Board 120 Fisher-Todd got a great result of +450 for bidding 4♠ and making an overtrick. That last board would get them one more imp for a two-imp lead as Fergani-Pollack bid and

made four, so for us viewers, and now you readers, it all came down to the penultimate board. Yes, the 2017 Open Finals came down to this little partscore deal.

Board 119
Vul: None

♠ A J 6 2
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ A

The dealer on your right passes—what do you call? I think most of us would open 1♦. It then goes 1♥ on your left, pass, pass to you. Now what?

It's one of those classic cases that happen in bridge where you have about four choices and each one is flawed. You could pass and defend 1♥. Good solid defense will beat this contract by one trick but you don't know that. Or you could double, but if partner bids 2♣ you will then have to pass or, horror of horrors, bid again, each choice fraught with peril. You could bid 1♠ as you do have four of them. This choice may be the least of evils, but for some pairs maybe it implies a 5-card diamond suit. Or you could bid INT. This bid gets your strength off your chest as it promises 18-19 HCPs, however you have only one heart stopper and only one club, albeit a good one.

Fisher for Team TODD and Fergani for Team L'ECUYER faced this problem. Fisher chose to double and his partner Bob Todd bid 2♣. Down one, minus 50.

Fergani chose to bid INT and there he played. If he makes INT his team wins 4 imps on the deal, and they would win the match by 2. If he were to go down one, the board would be a push and TODD would win the match by 2.

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 7 2
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 7 6 4 2

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

♠ A J 6 2
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ A

The opening lead from Bart was the ♥K. It went two-jack-three. Bart continued with the ♥Q and it went seven-ten-five. Bart persisted with hearts and Fergani took his ace, while dummy and Kimelman both shed a low spade. Notice that Kimelman clung to his diamonds—he knew with the one-diamond opening bid that he had to keep parity with declarer.

What would you do at trick 4? You could try to win four diamond tricks by playing them from the top and hoping for a 3-3 break or you could play to the diamond ace in dummy to start spades. This would be good if RHO has a doubleton spade with one honour. Fergani decided to play Bart for the doubleton spade with one

honour by making an interesting play: he played the two of spades from his hand towards the dummy.

If Brad were to rise with his honour, Fergani would then have later gone to the board with the diamond ace to play a spade through East. This would lead to seven tricks if, and only if, Brad were to rise with his honour.

As it turned out Bart correctly played second hand low and Kimelman, East, won with his spade queen. Kimelman then got out a low club and Fergani was back in hand with the club ace. Here was the position after five tricks:

♠ 10
♥ --
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 7 6 4

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

♠ A J 6
♥ 6
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ - -

This was a critical juncture. Fergani can make the hand if he guesses how to play the diamonds. Even though the diamonds are not divided 3-3, declarer can cash the king in hand and unblock the nine in dummy. Then he can play low to the ace noting the fall of the jack on his left. If he now plays for RHO to hold the ten-five declarer can

call for the seven and finesse the eight.

But Fergani saw another line. He decided to play for 3-3 diamonds. If the diamonds were not 3-3 he would be in dummy to finesse a spade, thus playing RHO to have held an original KQ82 of spades. This was clearly not the case so he was slated for down one, but a funny thing happened along the way...

Fergani cashed the diamond king and all followed low. He then cashed the diamond queen as all played low, Bart following with the jack. Fergani then went to the dummy with the diamond ace. Bart had to make a pitch and he made the wrong pitch! He blanked his club king. With the lead in dummy here was the 5-card ending:

♠ 10
♥ --
♦ --
♣ 10 7 6 4

♠ K 5	♠ 8
♥ 8 4	♥
♦ --	♦ 10
♣ K	♣ Q J 5

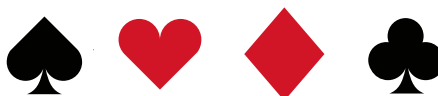
♠ A J 6
♥ 6
♦ 8
♣ —

To make his contract declarer needs just two more tricks. If he can read this position there is a sure-fire way to get two more tricks: exit a club. Bart would then win, cash his two hearts, and have to play a spade away from his king and into declarer's ace-jack. But

Fergani stayed with his plan of finessing East for the spade king. As you can see the spade king is offside so Bart won his king, cashed two hearts and the club king for down one.

So what should Bart have pitched on the third diamond? A small spade might have worked, but it also might have backfired if Fergani then played a spade to his ace, dropping Bart's stiff king. A small heart would have worked because then Bart could have played his king of clubs and then nine of clubs over to Kimelman. Or Bart could have pitched his club king! Highly dramatic and very difficult to do but there was a clue that Kimelman had the club queen: when Kimelman exited a club way back at trick five Fergani won his ace. If Fergani had the club queen he probably would have finessed. Then again, easy for us to say; bridge is an easy game when we can see all four hands.

So with the contract failing by a trick the board was pushed at minus 50. As mentioned earlier, TODD would win one more imp on the last board and the match by twoimps. Wowzers. Team L'ECUYER should be back next year as they are all world class players. Speaking of world class, Team TODD must go through Team Mexico in order to advance to Lyon, France for the World's in August. Mucha suerte and bonne chance!





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Decision Time at Trick One

By David Promislow

The following deal from a recent club duplicate game may look routine, but it involves several fascinating complications.

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

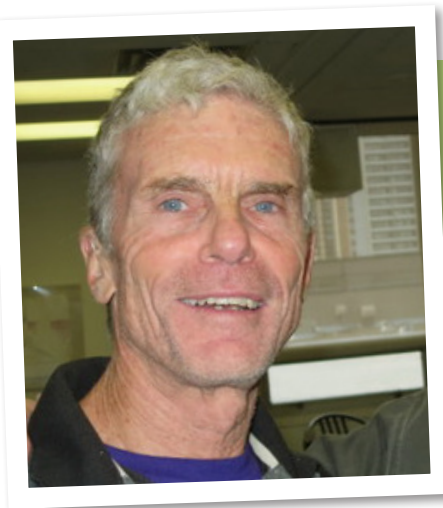
I was South in a four spade contract, reached after a one heart opening bid by East and a raise by West. What would you play from dummy after the heart queen is led? Some of you might think, like I did at the time, that it really doesn't matter, since the defenders are poised to win the first two heart tricks in any event. Maybe West has the ace, I said to myself as I played the king. I realized of course that unless the opponents had suddenly both gone insane, the bidding and lead made this virtually impossible. On the other hand, strange things sometimes happen, and I did not see any downside in covering. I was wrong. The question to ask in this type of situation is, who would you like to be on lead at trick three? In this case it was clearly East. After covering it was West on play, who led a low diamond. I naturally played low, so I had my tenth trick and everything was okay. But if East had the diamond jack, there would be no way to recover, clearly indicating that my trick one play was an error.

But did it really matter on this deal ? A lead other than a diamond at trick three would certainly have made things more difficult, and I may well have gotten it wrong, but the fact is that after the defenders take the first two tricks in hearts, there is no way to defeat the contract. Suppose for example that West chooses a club instead of a diamond. Placing the missing club honours with the opening bidder, it is not too difficult to visualize a partial elimination play. Take the club ace, the spade ace, ruff a heart, and being careful not to extract any more trumps, lead the club jack and let East hold the trick! East must give you a trick with either another heart ruff in dummy, the diamond queen, or the club ten.

So now it may appear that given the lie of the cards, my trick one play, although technically incorrect, did not matter after all. But that's not right. When I play the heart king the opponents have a sure set. East must switch to a trump at trick two, which lets West lead to a second round of trumps when in with the heart jack. Now the partial elimination is thwarted. There is no way to maneuver a heart ruff and still leave a trump in dummy. Any attempt at a throw in will leave East with a safe exit in hearts. On the other hand, if I properly duck at trick one, West can still switch to a trump, but East has no second trump to lead when in with the heart ace.

I could still try to justify my cover at trick one, by noting that it could be the right play if it were West rather than East who had a singleton trump, but this argument does not hold up. Since the bidding indicates that East holds five hearts to West's three, the odds highly favour East to hold the singleton when the spades split 3-1.

But this is not the end of the story. Is it possible that the contract can always be defeated whatever South does? After all, suppose West selects a trump for the opening lead, thereby killing the partial elimination at the outset. Declarer can still prevail by a remarkable counter-stroke. The idea is to forget about ruffing a heart, reducing the number of obvious winners to only eight. But with the guarded heart king intact in dummy as a further threat, East can be forced to yield not only one but now two additional tricks. The end position is quite elegant. Declarer cashes all six trumps and as before, ducks a club to East, leaving dummy with ♠ K 10 ♦ A Q ♣ A 10. There are now many variations depending on what East keeps, but it is easily verified that in all of them, East must immediately give up a trick (provided this has not already been done by the discards or refusing to win trick seven) and will be subsequently thrown in with one of the remaining high cards to yield a second. Some variations may require declarer to read the position but this should be evident in view of the opening bid. For a typical example suppose that after winning the seventh trick, East is down to ♠ A 9 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ K, and exits with the club. On the second club lead from dummy, East must discard a diamond, or declarer will actually make an overtrick, and then after ace and another diamond, the heart king will score.



Renee's Bid

By David Colbert

Every Wednesday at the Etobicoke Bridge Centre a keen group gathers for their intermediate lesson: we start with the topic of the day, followed by a discussion, then questions, and then we play four pre-set hands for practical application.

I was recruited by Steve Overholt, the owner and do-all there, to continue his work with this group for 10 weeks. Now I learned this game many years ago (when I was young and intense), and it was basically due to arguments, post-analysis, and the sting of errors made. It takes a long time to learn to play well, and reading helps a lot. From a bridge class it is hard to learn something - a nodding comprehension of a concept - and then use it at the table. But it is happening, as we note among us, amid laughter and admissions of human frailty.

The idea of penalizing the opponents for example: after 1 Diamond from partner then 1 Spade on their right, most students have the instinct to make a negative double or bid INT with:

♠ K J 10 9 7
♥ J 4 3 2
♦ 5
♣ A 6 5

When I recommend a pass they think I am daft. But this melds nicely with previous classes on takeout doubles and balancing. So I put a lesson on the trap pass into the pre-set hands 2 weeks in a row and they generally miss it, but lights are going on. And I am seeing more frequent takeout doubles, reverses, redoubles (when they remember) and the occasional gleeful report of successful penalties in their games.

Renee, one of our more studious members, complained about learning redoubles because they disrupt what has become an understandable bidding system and make us think about new stuff.

I say, "What does he have? Remember he didn't redouble."

"But why punish ourselves?" Renee asks.

"Why indeed?"

She nodded in agreement when I suggested two weeks earlier that she balance with a takeout double over 2 Hearts on a preset deal instead of passing it out.

Well, Renee last week made what to me is the bid of the year. Watch this. In our preset hand the theme was follow-up bids after a redouble (10+ points) or a non-redouble (9 points or fewer). She was West and picked up:

♠9 8 7
♥K 8 6 4
♦7 5
♣K J 6 5

North on her left opened 1H. The auction then continued:

W	N	E	S
	1♥	Dbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
?			

South balanced with 2♦, as I had hoped, but Renee was having none of that. "DOUBLE" hit the table.

"Really Renee?" I asked, not wanting my nice little lesson to be usurped by a rogue bid.

She answered quickly, "I'm not letting them have it in 2 Diamonds!"

I looked again. Wow. A takeout double with a 7-count. She really gets it. She is maximum for her 2 Club bid, she's short in their suit, and she is battling back at a low level using the bid that involves partner. Good for her. So it continued. Her partner, having 4=2=3=4 distribution, bid 3 Clubs and they made it. 2 Spades also makes, if bid. Meanwhile 2 Diamonds made at the other tables.

To me, this kind of thinking person's bid is the essence of bridge as a partnership game.



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Friday, August 11	Saturday, August 12	Sunday, August 13
11:00 am - Single Session Open Pairs – Stratified I/N 299'r Pairs – Stratified 3:00 pm - Single Sessions Open Pairs – Stratified I/N 299'r Pairs – Stratified	11:00 am & 3:00 pm Two-Session Play-Thrus Open Pairs – Stratified Jean Tucker I/N 299'r Pairs – Stratified Single Session Entries are Welcomed in Either Session	10:30 am / TBA Back by Popular Demand !! Bracketed Swiss Teams Bracketed by Team Total Masterpoints 7 Rounds of 7 Boards
Pairs Stratifications Based on Average Masterpoints Open: (A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750) I/N 299'r: (A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50) NOTE: Stratifications are dependent upon depth of field – Director may adjust Electronic Scoring		Note the early start time!

Catered Lunch Available On-Site Daily for \$8.00 per person

Novice ACBL Members with Less than 5 Masterpoints receive one FREE session on Friday or Saturday.

Players 25 years and younger play for \$5 per session.

Additional \$3 per session for Non/Unpaid ACBL Members.

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We have a new site this year.

Westfield Public School
102 Dereham Drive
Tillsonburg, ON N4G 0G5
Ph: 519-842-2461

This is a beautiful new building, fully handicap
accessible, with a spacious playing area and
excellent lighting.

Map and Driving Directions on the Reverse Side
of this Flyer

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Good Dining Nearby

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Tournament \$\$\$*



92 Simcoe Street, Tillsonburg Phone directly to
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a 10% discount rate:
1-866-942-7366

For More Information Please Visit Our Website
www.tillsonburgbridgeclub.ca/TOURNAMENT.html

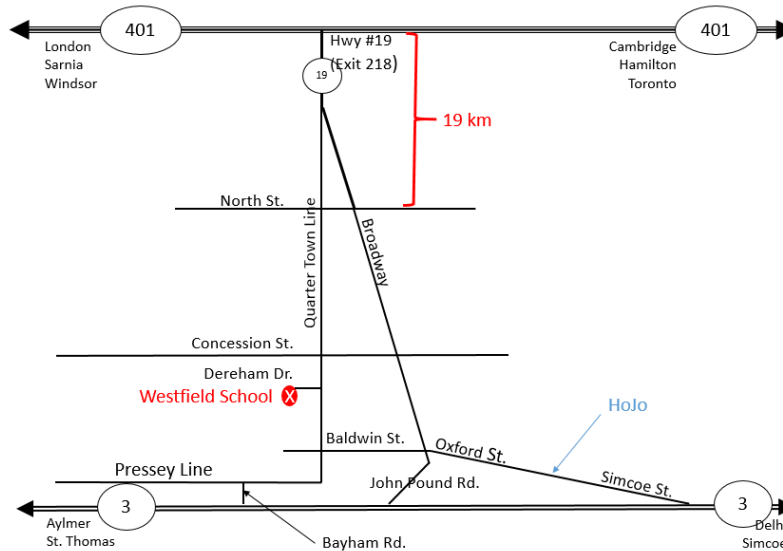
Tillsonburg Sectional

Site Location and Driving Directions

Site Location: Westfield Public School
102 Dereham Drive, N4G 0G5

(off Quarter Town Line* on the West side of Tillsonburg)

*Please note that some references may show as Quarterline Road – this is the same road!



Driving Directions

From Highway 401:

1. Exit at Hwy 19 (Exit 218).
2. Go southward 19 km to Tillsonburg.
3. Turn right at Second traffic light (North St).
4. Travel 500 m westward on North St. to 4-way Stop (Quarter Town Line).
5. Turn left on Quarter Town Line.
6. Drive southward on Quarter Town Line for 1.6 km until you come to a Stop sign (Concession St).
7. Continue southward on Quarter Town Line another 530 m to the first street on the right (Dereham Dr.).
8. Turn right on Dereham Drive to school.

From Simcoe/Delhi

1. Travel westward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Exit onto Simcoe St.
3. Travel westward full length of Simcoe and Oxford Streets to Downtown Tillsonburg (7.1 km) (5th traffic light).
4. At corner of Broadway Ave and Oxford St. angle slightly left and follow Baldwin Street westward.
5. Continue westward on Baldwin St for 1.8 km to Quarter Town Line.
6. Turn right on Quarter Town Line and travel northward 650 m to Dereham Dr. (Dereham Drive is 2nd street on the left).
7. Turn left on Dereham Drive to school.

From St. Thomas/Aylmer

1. Travel eastward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Turn left onto Bayham Drive just before Tillsonburg.
3. Travel 1 km on Bayham Drive to Pressey Line.
4. Turn right on Pressey Line and continue 1.3 km eastward until it makes a 90 degree left curve and becomes Quarter Town Line.
5. Continue northward on Quarter Town Line for 1.1 km to Dereham Dr. (Dereham Drive is 3rd street on the left).
6. Turn left on Dereham Drive to school.

Alternatively from St. Thomas/Aylmer

1. Travel eastward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Exit Highway 3 at John Pound Road – turning left.
3. Follow John Pond Road into downtown Tillsonburg (first traffic signal).
4. Turn left at light and go 1.3 km westward on Baldwin St. to Quarter Town Line.
5. Turn right on Quarter Town Line and travel northward 650 m (Dereham Drive is 2nd road on the left).
6. Turn left on Dereham Drive to school.

NIAGARA 299er SECTIONAL

BRIDGE CENTRE OF NIAGARA
6-2E TREMONT DRIVE.
St. CATHARINES, ON. L2T 3B2

August 19th and 20th, 2017

Stratified 299er Pairs

Saturday, 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
and
Sunday, 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

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

Free Lunch Between Sessions - Both Days

(Start-up free breakfast available both days)

Stratifications for all sessions based on average masterpoints:

A: 0-300; B: 0-200; C: 0-50

(0-50 Separate Game if Attendance Warrants)

Chair: Wiebe Hoogland: 905-688-0734

email: wbybrenh@cogeco.ca

Partnership Chair: Sue Arnedt: 905-892-6009

email: sarnedt@cogeco.ca

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TOWN OF GODERICH

BRIDGE SECTIONAL

Goderich Columbus Hall
390 Parsons Court, Goderich, Ontario

August 26 & 27, 2017

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Open Pairs - 11:00 am & 4:30 pm (2 sessions)
Stratified as follows: **A:** 1500+ **B:** 500-1500 **C:** 0-500

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Stratified Swiss Teams - 11:00 am and TBA
Stratifications: **A:** 1500+ **B:** 500-1500 **C:** 0-500

299 EVENTS IF NUMBERS PERMIT

Entry Fee: \$13.00 / session
\$3.00 extra for NON-ACBL members

Sunday Lunch: \$10.00 / each
Cash Bar Available

Tournament Chair **Maria Deaves**
(519) 395-5185
maria@deaves.com

Partnerships & **Jen Verdam-Woodward**
Motel Information (519) 440-9346
jenvw@hurontel.on.ca



Labour Day Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament

September 2 to September 4, 2017

Location: Holiday Inn Yorkdale , 3450 Dufferin Street, Toronto

End of Summer Bridge Blast!

Note new Game Times



Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 2

10:00 & 2:30 - A/X, B/C/D pairs - 2 session stratiflighted open pairs, single session entries are also welcome

10:00 & 2:30 - 499'er Pairs – 2 single session stratified pairs event- **ACBL members with 0-5 points play FREE**

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

Sunday, September 3

10:00 & 2:30 - A/X, B/C/D pairs – 2 session stratiflighted open pairs, single session entries are also welcome

10:00 & 2:30 - 499'er Pairs – 2 single session stratified pairs event- **ACBL members with 0-5 points play FREE**

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

Monday, September 5

10:00 & TBA – Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

10:00 & TBA - Stratified 0-300 Swiss Teams

Stratiflighted events: A: 3500+, X: 0-3500, B: 1500-2500, C: 750-1500, D= 0-700

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

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

Chairperson: Ann Shaw 905-855-7177/ 647-961-4822 or ashawc646@gmail.com

Partnerships: Joanne Gilmore 905-820-7391 or jgilmore@toronto.ca

**Entry Fee: \$14.00 for ACBL Members and \$17.00 for Non- ACBL Members
or unpaid Members**

68th Annual St. Thomas Jumbo Tournament

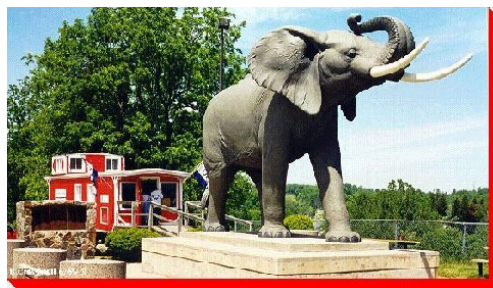
September 9–10, 2017

Sessions both days 11:00 am and TBA.
Hot meal between sessions

Entry Fees \$12.50 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)

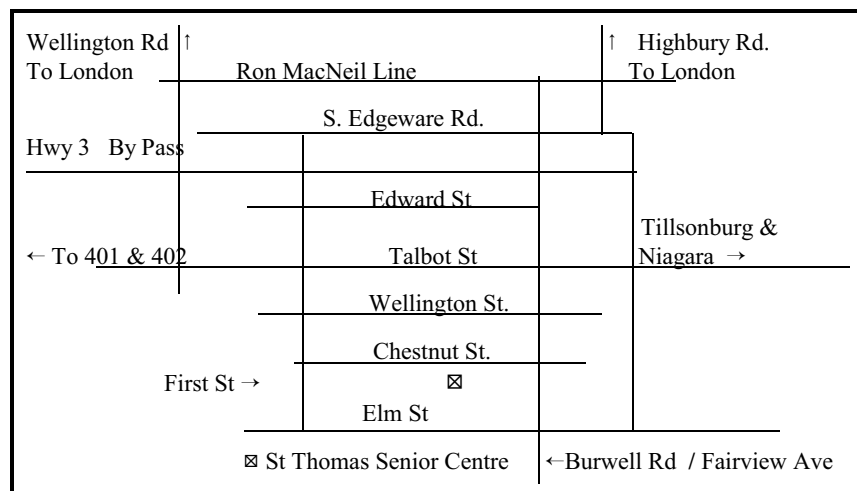


Saturday Sept 9th

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

Sunday Sept 10th

Bracketed Swiss Teams bracketed by team total points



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

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

ORILLIA REGIONAL

Tuesday, September 12 – Sunday, September 17, 2017

Please join us for fun, bridge, **GOLD** points
and great hospitality at the
Orillia Curling Club, Barnfield Point Recreation Centre
500 Atherley Road, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 7Y1

EXTRA MASTERPOINTS!! All team games are bracketed!!

Entry Fee: \$16 per session (includes HST)
\$4 extra for non or unpaid ACBL members.

Free Registration Gifts and free parking! Early start times!

Great Location – Tudhope Park on the shores of Lake Couchiching. Enjoy a walk between Sessions.

Where to Stay: at the lovely **Best Western Plus** – less than 1 kilometre from the playing site. \$109.95 per night includes a full buffet breakfast and free parking. Enjoy their walking trail to scenic Tudhope Park. Call 1-888-869-2306 and mention 'bridge tournament' for the special offer. The cut-off date is Aug. 12 so please make your reservations early.

Where to visit: Orillia is home to a broad spectrum of restaurants – everything from fine dining to take-out. You'll also find myriad attractions such as the Mariposa Market, Stephen Leacock Museum, Casino Rama, an Arts district, boat cruises, the OPP Museum and many other interesting sites.

Attention Intermediate & Novice Players

Don't miss the opportunity to receive free tips from some wonderful bridge experts.

The lessons are at 10 am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

******Special GOLD RUSH games******

If you have 750 masterpoints or less, win gold in these events if you place in A or B.

Stratification is as follows: A = 300 – 750, B = 100 – 300, C = 0 - 100.
See Schedule for dates.

Tournament Chair – Linda Lord, lindaleelord@hotmail.com, 905-713-9141.
Partnerships – Marilyn Maher, marilynmaher@hotmail.com, 705-242-4059.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before game time.

SCHEDULE

Game start times are:

Tuesday only: 1 pm & 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 11 am & 4:00 pm.

Sunday Swiss: 11 am & TBD.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Afternoon & Evening:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/open)
- Tues. & Wed. Bracketed KO sessions 1 & 2 of 4.
- Intermediate/Novice Games.
- Afternoon & Evening Side Game Series* - 5 sessions Tuesday – Saturday.
- Evening Swiss Teams one session.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Morning & Afternoon:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/open).
- Tuesday & Wed. Bracketed KO sessions 3 & 4.
- Intermediate/Novice Games.
- Afternoon Swiss Teams one session.

Plus – Morning and Afternoon Side Game Series*.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Morning & Afternoon:

- A/X & Bracketed Swiss Teams (Open, 0 - 1500) A & X play together.
- Bracketed GOLD RUSH Swiss teams (0 - 750)
- Open Stratified Pairs (750/1500/open).
- Intermediate/Novice Games.

Plus – Morning & Afternoon Side Game Series*.

Friday, Sept. 15

Morning & Afternoon:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
 - Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/open).
 - Fri. & Sat. Bracketed KO III sessions 1 & 2 of 4.
 - Intermediate/Novice Games.
 - Afternoon Swiss Teams one session.
- Plus – Morning & Afternoon Side Game Series*.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Morning & Afternoon:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/open).
- Friday & Saturday Bracketed KO III sessions 3 & 4.
- Saturday Bracketed Compact KO two sessions.
- Intermediate/Novice Games.
- Afternoon Swiss Teams one session.

Plus – Morning & Afternoon Side Games Series*.

Sunday, Sept 17

A/X Open Swiss Team Event...11am & TBD
A=open, X=0–5000. A & X play separately.
Mid-flight Swiss teams.....11 am & TBD
(1500/3000)
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams....11am & TBD
(300/750)



DISTRICT 2 2017-18 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Flight A	OPEN
Flight B	Under 2500 MP
Flight C	Non-Life Master under 500 MP (as of May 2017)

You and your partner could represent District 2
in the North American Final, to be played at the
Philadelphia NABC in March 2018

The ACBL and District 2 award \$\$\$ to the top 2 pairs in each Flight

Club Qualifying Games take place during June, July, & August
Masterpoint Awards are Red / Black

*** A Club qualification is required for entry into the District Final ***

District Finals will be held in November at multiple sites ...
more details to follow
Masterpoint Awards will be Gold / Red

MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB HOLDS NAP QUALIFYING GAMES

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR

Martin Hunter

martinhunter@rogers.com 905-858-7683

The Credit Valley Bridge Association

is pleased to host



The Caledon East Fall Sectional

September 23 - 24, 2017

**Caledon Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East
905-584-9254**

***Saturday, September 23:
Events will be held at 11:00am & 3:15pm***

Stratified Pairs: Two Single Sessions

99ers: A: 50–100 B: 20–50 C: 0–20

Stratified Pairs: Two Session Play-Through

499ers(NLM)*: A: 300–500 B: 100–300 C: 0–100

Open*: A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome

***Sunday, September 24:
The event will start at 11:00am***

Swiss Teams: One Single Session

99ers:

Stratification at director's discretion and based on attendance

Stratified Swiss Teams

Play-through with short break for lunch





499ers(NLM)* A: 300–500 B: 100–300 C: 0–100

Open: A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome

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

The traditional Caledon-friendly bridge environment is assured as is:

-  **Ample Free Parking**
-  **Free Apples and Cider**
-  **Homemade Food**
-  **Prizes**

Entry Fees

\$13 per person per session for ACBL members
\$3 extra per session for non/unpaid ACBL members
\$6 per session for Juniors

Tournament Chair

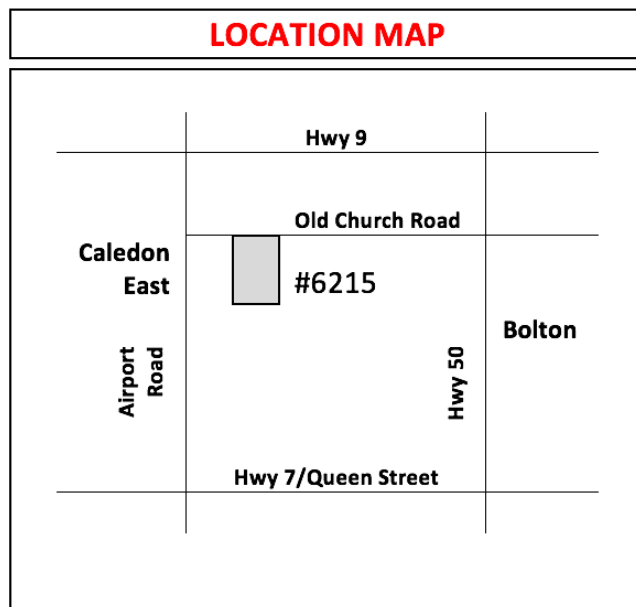
Steven Norris
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647-234-6352

Partnership Chair

John McWhinnie
johnmcw@gmail.com
647-794-7894



LOCATION MAP



Directions

From the South or West: HWY 410 North to Mayfield Road; East to Airport Road, North to Caledon East. Down the hill to 3-way lights. Right on Old Church Road to Site

From the North-West: HWY 9 East to Airport Road; South on Airport Road to Caledon East. Down the hill to 3-way lights. Left on Old Church Road to Site

From the North-East: HWY 9 West to Hwy 50. South on Hwy 50 and through Palgrave. Right at first lights on Old Church Road to Site located just after Town Hall on the left

From South or East: HWY 427 North to HWY 50. North on HWY 50 and through Bolton. Down the hill after Gleneagles Golf Club to lights. Left on Old Church Road to Site located just after Town Hall on the left

Closest accommodation in Bolton, 15 minutes away: The Bolton Inn (905-857-3382)
and Hampton Inn (905-857-9990)

Niagara Falls Regional

November 7-12, 2017

Playing Site – CROWNE PLAZA

5685 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6W7

Hotel Reservations call **1-800-519-9911** to book either hotel
Reserve before October 5, 2017 and request the ACBL rate at the following hotels:

Crowne Plaza

\$99.....Single or Double

Sheraton on the Falls

\$105.....Single or Double

Additional \$20 each for 3rd and 4th person at each hotel

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 7

Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
199er Pairs Single Sessions 10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (each player less than 750 MP) 10 am & 3 pm
Evening Bracketed KO Teams (1st of 4 sessions) 7:30 pm
Charity Open Pairs (A=2000+ B=500-2000 C=0-500) 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 8

Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (each player less than 750 MP) 10 am & 3 pm
199er Pairs Single Sessions 10 am & 3 pm
Afternoon Swiss Teams Single Session 3 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 4 sessions) 3 pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 3 sessions) 7:30 pm
Evening Bracketed KO Teams (2nd of 4 sessions) 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 9

Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Maid of the Mist Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (each player less than 750 MP) 10 am & 3 pm
199er Pairs Single Sessions 10 am & 3 pm
Afternoon Swiss Teams Single Session 3 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 4 sessions) 3 pm
Evening Side Game Series (1st of 3 sessions) 7:30 pm
Evening Bracketed KO Teams (3rd of 4 sessions) 7:30 pm

Friday, November 10

Maid of the Mist Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Compact Bracketed KO Teams I (1st & 2nd of 2 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Swiss Teams (each player less than 750 MP) 10 am & 3 pm
199er Pairs Single Sessions 10 am & 3 pm
Afternoon Swiss Teams Single Session 3 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 4 sessions) 3 pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 3 sessions) 7:30 pm
Evening Bracketed KO Teams (4th of 4 sessions) 7:30 pm



Great Hospitality

Overall & Section Top Prizes

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Free Parking

Saturday, November 11

Compact Bracketed KO Teams II (1st & 2nd of 2 sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A/X separate, B/C/D play together) 10 am & 3 pm
199er Pairs Single Sessions 10 am & 3 pm
Gold Rush Pairs (each player less than 750 MP) 10 am & 3 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 4 sessions) 3 pm

Sunday, November 12

Stratiflighted A/X Swiss Teams (A=5000+ X=0-5000) 10 am & TBA
Stratiflighted B/C/D Swiss Teams (each player less than 2000 MP) 10 am & TBA
299er Swiss Teams (each player less than 300 MP) 10 am & TBA

Tournament Co-chairs

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Partnership Chair

Janice Upenieks

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I/N Chair

Allan Utz

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Stratification

Stratified events are stratified based on average MP holding of pair or team.

Stratiflighted events are flighted based on highest ranked player.

Gold Rush Pairs & Teams

A=300-750 B=100-300 C=0-100

199er Pairs

A=100-199 B=50-100 C=0-50

Daylight Open Pairs

A=5000+ B=2000-5000 C=0-2500

Single Session Swiss Team & Side Games

A=2000+ B=500-2000 C=0-500

Stratiflighted Open Pairs & Swiss Teams

A/X A=5000+ X=0-5000

B=1000-2000 C=500-1000 D=0-500

Handicapping

KO Events with only one bracket may be handicapped.

Join the ACBL before or at the Tournament and avoid the \$4.00 Non-Member Fee

For additional tournament details visit our website at:

www.unit166.ca – Event Schedule

In Memoriam



David Silver
1934–2017

David Silver, bridge player, raconteur, & writer extraordinaire, passed away in his 83rd year on February 23, 2017 after a brief illness.

David played in Ontario tournaments & clubs for some 55 years and also had five bridge books published. The books were well-written & humorous. As he noted on the back cover of his first one, "David has partnered all the leading Canadian bridge players of his generation, once."

We met when we both attended Western in the early 70s, commencing a 45-year bridge partnership with varying degrees of success. As a bridge player, David was mostly solid, occasionally brilliant, and sometimes exasperating. As a person, he was a joy to partner and I always looked forward to our times together. He loved the game & the players, always having such a good time at tournaments. David leaves his wife Barbara, two married children, and four grandchildren. I miss him already.

~ Peter D. Hambly

In Memoriam



Joan Richardson
1945–2017

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Joan Richardson in January of this year after a short illness.

Joan was a force in the bridge world for more than 20 years, having served as President, Vice-president, and Treasurer, as well as Toronto Regional Caddymaster for Unit 166. She served as both President and Vice-president of District 2.

In 2001 Joan was awarded the Kate Buckman Award in recognition of “the person who contributes the most to others’ enjoyment of bridge.” She then went on to chair the selection committee for this award.

For more than 20 years, Joan successfully owned and operated the Agincourt Bridge Club and continued to play bridge right up until her sudden illness.

Joan will be remembered for her fierce independence, integrity, loyalty and resolve and will be greatly missed by her friends in the bridge community.

~ Robert Hanly and Theresa Tierney

In Memoriam



Brian Johnston
1944–2017

The Kibitzer also sends belated condolences to the Sabino family for the passing of great Ontario bridge player John Sabino who died last October. John had a legendary partnership with Gord Chapman; together they played bridge at a different level than the rest of us.



Join us July 20-30 at the Toronto Convention Centre

There will be games for everyone!

- I/N games with guest speakers
- Regional Events every day
- National events where you can compete against the best in the world

We need people to help!

If you would like to help, and are willing to volunteer a couple of hours:

- At registration, partnership, prize desks

Caddie applications:

- Must be 18 or more years of age

We especially need help during the Youth NABC, July 27-29

- 10am-noon or 2pm-4pm

Sponsorship Opportunities!

Games are available to be named, with a write up in the bulletin:

- For a company
- A person you would like to honour

Sponsorship opportunities are available from as little as \$125
please contact us for more information

Event Schedule:

<http://web2.acbl.org/nabc/437Schedule.pdf>

More information please contact us:

Volunteers: volunteer@torontonabc.com

I/N: IN@torontonabc.com

Sponsorship or caddying: tournamentchair@torontonabc.com

Tournament Trail

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Deadline for the Summer 2017 Kibitzer: Aug. 1, 2017

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