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Editor's Note

The Canadian National Team Championships are taking place the first week of May in Burnaby, BC. Many Ontarians are in attendance participating in a smorgasbord of events: the Open teams, Women's teams, Flight B + C teams, Mixed teams, Senior teams, IMP pairs, Open Pairs, and the Partridge-in-a-peartree pairs. Next year at this time, in 2020, the Canadian championships are scheduled to take place in Toronto. There's something for everyone so please consider playing, no matter your level. Trust me on this.

A super-interesting hand arose during the round-robin portion and it caused much discussion amongst the players in the Open and Flight B Teams event.Vulnerable against non-vul, you, South, pick up:

▲ Q 7 6 ♡ 10 8 6 ◊ A ♣ A K 10 9 7 2

The dealer, West, opens I^{\heartsuit} and it goes pass by partner, INT (one-round force) on your right, and you decide to bid 2^{\clubsuit} . West competes with 2^{\Diamond} , partner passes, and RHO bids 3° showing a three-card limit raise in hearts.You pass andWest bids the heart game. Partner's opening lead is the $\clubsuit 3$ and this is what you see:

♣3
East (dummy)
♠ K J 5
♡ Q 7 5
◇ Q 6 3 2
♣ Q J 4
South (you)
♠ Q 7 6
♡ I0 8 6
◇ A
♠ A K I0 9 7 2

What is your defensive plan? Remember this is IMPs scoring so your strategy is to beat the contract at all costs. What costs you ask? Well, let's say you have a chance to make a play that might defeat the contract if you are right, but allow declarer to make multiple overtricks if you are wrong. Conversely, you may have a chance to defend in a way that will guarantee declarer will not make any overtricks (but make his contract). This is difficult decision in matchpoints but in IMPs scoring, you make the play that creates the best chance to defeat the contract. In other words, overtricks schmovertricks.

The play went differently at the four tables I either watched or heard about. One player won the club king and switched to a trump. But declarer drew trumps and played a diamond. That player was now stuck on lead with his singleton diamond ace forced to give away the contract by playing a black suit.

Another player won the club king, cashed the diamond ace, and then shifted to

a trump after seeing partner's ten of diamonds under her ace. Declarer drew trumps, and had to guess spades. Declarer played the overcaller (South) for the space ace so finessed the jack and lost to the spade queen and later to the space ace. However, this declarer was given a chance by the defence.

Another player won the club king, cashed the diamond ace, saw the \diamond 4 from partner and so played his partner for a trump entry and shifted to a trump. Declarer guessed the spades and made it.

And yet another player played his partner for a singleton club three and so tried to cash his other club honour, saw that ruffed, and declarer pitch a spade loser on the now established \clubsuit in dummy.

I think the best solution was offered up by my teammate and former Torontonian, now Victorian, Mike Roche. He thinks South should win the club ace, a deliberate false card to steer North into cooperating. Then South should cash the diamond ace which surely indicates a singleton—why else solve declarer's diamond suit? Now here comes the key, under South's A, North should give suit preference. Holding 094, he should play the 10 to show a preference for the highest ranking side suit, here spades. Now South can somewhat confidently play a spade to North's ace and get a diamond ruff to beat the contract. Not only is this the only sequence of plays to beat the contract, it is the sexiest.

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Kib Interview with Josee Hammill -Audrey Grant Award Winner

Kib: Congratulations, Josee! The Audrey Grant Award is given out for excellence in teaching bridge. Tell us, who are your students and where do you teach?

Josee: I teach mostly beginners, advanced beginners, and intermediate students. I teach at Trinity Presbyterian Church as part of the Barbara Seagram School of Bridge. I see an increased interest in bridge, mostly from the early 50s group. My classes are getting bigger by the year. It is not unusual for me to have 30 students in a class. I also teach at several golf clubs: Rosedale and Thornhill Golf Club are the most recent additions. In the summer, I run bridge games at Bigwin Golf Club. On Wednesday mornings, we have a supervised duplicate game for the "Minnows." We have a 15-minute bridge tip, followed by a game. This group attracts 4 tables. In the afternoon, the Sharks Play and we have 10 tables on average. Hand records are provided and both sections are sanctioned.

Kib: A hot topic for bridge teachers these days is whether to start teaching

2/1 Game-Forcing immediately or is it better to continue teaching Standard American first? Any thoughts?

Josee: At the moment we start all our beginners with standard bidding. I had been a believer that 2/1 should be taught right from the start. Since I think that a few years down the road they will learn it anyway why not start there? It somewhat reminds me of when I started and Jacoby transfers were not being taught as part of the Introductory program. Then 3 or so years later, I felt I had to unlearn.

However, in recent conversations with one of my peers, I am now rethinking how to look at someone who starts as a beginner. 2/I is fantastic if you are going to start playing competitively. I love this system. But if someone just wants to learn bridge to play at their condo once a week and then in Florida in the winter and so on, the partners they will meet and the groups they will play with will likely be playing standard. I wish we had a way to offer both but I have not worked out how to advertise this! Anyhow, it is not so bad to learn 2/I a couple years later. When I teach 2/1 I am careful to present it as a "tweaking" of standard bidding. I tell my students that we will make just a few adjustments. The transition has been pretty smooth for the most part.

Kib: Who are your mentors?

Josee: I have two friends whom I can rely on to help me out with bidding situations, play of the hand and defence strategy: Jim Green and David Turner. I'm grateful to Barbara Seagram for believing in me, giving me a chance ten years ago; also for giving me great tools to learn to be a good teacher and for being so generous with all her materials.

As I said in my speech I'm grateful to have had John Rayner as the person who introduced me to bridge. I can see how important it is to have the right teacher when you start as

> the learning curve is so so steep and John really made me see the qualities required to teach beginners.

And then there's the guy who invited me to my first sectional—Andy Stark. I was playing with Wendy McLaughlin at the time and Andy and his father Jack invited us to play together in Stratford. Talk about a great introduction to tournament play; I think we were so lucky! I must keep this experience in mind and do the same with my students. Priceless!

I usually bounce the same question to both knowing that bridge is not always a black and white situation. I love to hear their thoughts and approaches (which sometimes differ) and it helps me form a better picture in my mind. Both have been very generous with their help. I am so grateful for this.

Kib: Do you have any amusing anecdotes from learning or teaching or playing bridge?

A lot of my teaching style is to tell stories to my students drawn from my own personal experiences. Some are amusing, some just make a concept





more real. Here are 3 stories my students keep hearing.

When teaching Play of the Hand – very first lesson: I tell them how when I turned 50 my partner, Jill Thompson, (who was also turning 50 that year), and I decided to celebrate our milestone in style by going to a National Bridge tournament! Students find this very funny. We joined in some of the big events (first match played against Duboin and Sementa). After 3 boards, Jill says to Antonio (we making a plan. So from that lesson on, all I have to say when we come to playing a hand, is to remind them to be Bill Gates. I have improved on the story over the years but it does make a point and it helps.

Slam bidding and teaching cuebidding; how it's a cooperative effort

A few years back I was playing in the first day of the National Mixed Pairs event in Reno with a very good

3 boards, Jill says to Antor had no idea who these guys were – we had just gotten our Life Master), "Ok guys, be kind; we're just beginners." Antonio points to Georgio and says, "Please don't worry; my partner is only 3 times world champion."

Same tournament I am dummy and look over to the next table and Bill Gates is playing. I start observing Bill. The opening lead, a small heart, is made on his left, and the \heartsuit A is singleton in dummy. Bill nods thanks to his partner and starts looking at his hand, looking at dummy,

looking at the lead, glasses on and off... then after 3 or 4 minutes he calls for the \heartsuit A. Students are normally quick to call for singletons in the dummy, without any pause for thought. So we talk about "Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail" and how clearly Bill Gates was player. It was one of the last boards, late evening and I was very tired from a long day of focusing and not wanting to embarrass myself. Anyhow in second seat, all red, I opened I ♠ with ♠QJ752 ♡72 ◇AKJ3 ♣93. I was thinking I had a rebid etc. Partner bid



2NT so I tried to shut him down by bidding 4♠ (I'm embarrased to have even opened! - this is what I tell my students). Partner then bids 5 & a command to please cuebid. I tell my students how I debated not telling him about my $\Diamond A$ but then remembered that he was the captain and I must cooperate so I showed him the $\Diamond A$ and we got to slam. I must have sat there for what feels like hours but so so proud to say that I did make the slam and we were the only ones in slam in the whole event! How I made it I cannot remember except that great feeling of having done it!

Teaching Bergen Raises as part of 2/I

When we come to this topic in 2/1, and how a 3 \heartsuit raise of partner's 1 \heartsuit opening now becomes weak, I tell my students about my first foray (with Wendy) against the big boys at the Roehampton on a Friday night. We thought we knew so much then (ignorance is bliss!) so there we were upstairs at Buckman's and I opened I \heartsuit and Wendy bid 3[°]. The guy on my right asks what that is...and in my mind I am thinking, Oh boy really? For us IM-3M was a Limit Raise (John had taught us that) and we thought that is all it could be. So when my RHO asked what it meant I was thinking, "Wow that is great; there are people here who know even less than I do." Gave me a feeling of confidence!

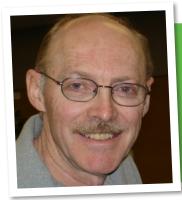
Kib: Thanks Josee; any last thoughts?

Josee: Just on how rewarding teaching bridge has been for me. I often tell people that I started this as a "jobette" to occupy my free time once the kids were grown. It has turned into a career, a vocation. I am so happy to contribute to the advancement of bridge mostly as a recreational game, something that people will have all their lives and a "skill" that will open doors to them wherever they go. To see my students playing in clubs, and at tournaments and to have them email me questions to show me that they are working at it is truly special.

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Diabolical Defence

By Doug Andrews

۰ \heartsuit

 \diamond

Good defence requires you to visualize all four hands, even though you can only see your hand and the dummy. But there are clues from the bidding, the cards your partner plays, how declarer plays the hand, e.g., which suit is attacked first? Diabolical defence goes a step further. After visualizing the complete hand, you need to think of ways to create losing options for declarer. Here are two illustrations from recent tournaments.

You. West. hold:

۰	K 7 4 2
\heartsuit	J 7 6
\diamond	54
*	A K 9 8

West	North	East	<u>South</u>
			\square
Pass	2 ♡	Pass	3♢
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	60
All pass			

You select the club ace as your opening lead against 6° and down comes the dummy.

	🙅 7 6 4
K742	
]76	
54	
A K 9 8	

Declarer ruffs the first trick, plays ace and king of hearts; partner follows to the first round then discards a club. Declarer plays a diamond to dummy's ace as partner shows an even number and leads a spade to the ten. How do you defend?

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Did you follow low smoothly? If so, declarer likely plays a diamond to dummy's queen and then a spade back to his queen as partner plays the jack. Now when you win declarer has to lose a diamond.

The Swedish international at our table at the Memphis NABC missed this play but was quick to point it out. Note that if you win the first spade declarer would play the ace and queen of spades, catch the doubleton jack, finish drawing trumps, and then be able to pitch the losing diamond on dummy's long spade. Declarer's hand was:

▲AQ 10 ♡AKQ953 ◇K987 ♣ - -

Was there any clue on this hand? Why didn't declarer draw your last trump? Possibly because he had four diamonds that were not all winners. He was giving himself an extra chance that if diamonds did not split 3-3 he could ruff his loser if the hand with 4 diamonds also had 3 trumps. Therefore, declarer has 0 clubs, 6 hearts, 4 diamonds (assumed), and 3 spades so you might guess to duck.

The following defence was perpetrated on me at the Toronto Regional by Melanie Parker and Karen Lane. I was declarer (East in this layout) in 3NT with the $\clubsuit Q$ opening lead.

Dummy	Declarer (East)
♠ Q 6 2	♠ K 3
♡ K 5 4	♡AQ763
◊ Q 7 6	◇A42
뢒 A 10 7 4	뢒 K 8 5

Note that this is matchpoints and you have reached 3NT instead of 4H that is likely to make 4, so if you can make ten tricks or more in NT you should have a good score.

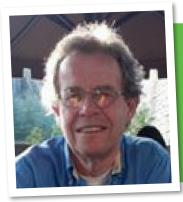
As declarer you win the club king and lead the 8 of clubs back. The 8 is covered by the 9 and RHO discards a spade. If hearts split 3-2 you have five hearts, four clubs, the $\Diamond A$, and a spade for 11 tricks. Can you make 12 tricks? Before going overboard you need to test hearts, so heart to the ace, heart to the king – both follow so hearts are splitting – and now you can go for 12 tricks.

You lead a spade to the king which wins, next you repeat the club finesse and cash the club ace discarding a low diamond, now you run hearts, producing this 3-card ending:

₹Q	★ 3
♡	♡
◊ Q 7	◇A4
♣	秦

On the last heart, RHO discards the penultimate spade so only the ace is outstanding which she is known to hold. The end play is set! You lead a spade and LHO pitches a diamond; her other card is known to be the last club. RHO wins the spade ace and dutifully returns the \Diamond J. Of course you duck, expecting to claim twelve tricks but LHO wins the now stiff \Diamond K and cashes the good club to hold you to ten tricks.

Note that for this defence to work both partners must co-operate. If RHO does not stiff the A declarer will not try for an endplay and will just cash the diamond ace making 5. But once RHO comes down to the singleton A then the trap is set and LHO can stiff the diamond king and hold the good club. Well done, ladies!



For Newer Players

By Robert Griffiths

Improving Your Chances

In a team game, you open the South hand with 4⁺, West passes and your partner diligently asks for aces and bids 6⁺ on hearing that you have one.

West leads the ♣K, you win dummy's ace and here you are with 2 possible losers: a diamond and a heart. Notice in this hand if West had cashed his A at trick one, you would have 12 easy tricks--your heart loser going on dummy's K.

DIr: South Vul: FW ♦ K 10 4 ♡ A Q 7 6 5 ♦ K 9 4 3 📥 A ♠ 7 **4** 3 ♡ 10432 ♡ K I ♦ AQ76 ◊ J 10 5 2 1086543 **♣**KQ|9 **▲** A Q | 9 8 6 3 2 V 98 8 **7** 2

You have two chances to make this slam. You can lead towards dummy's $\Diamond K$, gaining a trick if West has the $\Diamond A$, or you can lead a heart to finesse dummy's queen, which wins if West has the $\heartsuit K$. How would you play the hand? The chances of gaining a trick by either of these plays is the same--50%. Should you play on diamonds or hearts first or should you mentally toss a coin and just try either red suit first?

There is a good reason to play the diamond first.

If you take the heart finesse and it loses, most defenders will now find their diamond trick and your contract will go down. But, if you lead the diamond towards the king first and find the $\Diamond A$ on the wrong side, you are not down yet; you can fall back on the heart finesse. This way you will make the slam if West has either the $\Diamond A$ or the $\heartsuit K$.

Leading the diamond first improves your chances of making 12 tricks from 50% to 75%. Way back at the opening lead: if West finds the unlikely lead of a heart, the contract cannot be made. There will always be a heart and a diamond loser. By leading a heart West would have forced you to take the heart finesse before you were ready, that is before you can set up the $\Diamond K$ for a heart discard.

Combining Your Chances

Here's a hand where 6NT should be a common contract. South will open 2NT and North can add his flat 14 points to South's 20-21 and has an easy jump to 6NT.

Dir: South

Vul: EW

▲ K Q ♡ A Q 3 ◊ K 6 5 2 ♣ 7 6 4	
★ 10 9	♦ 8 6 5 4 3
₹ 109	200343
♡ 108765	♡9
♦ 1087	◊ Q] 9
♣Q 10 9	🕭 8 5 3 2
🛦 A J 7	
♡ K j 4 2	
♦ A 4 3	
뢒 A K J	

West leads the \heartsuit 6 and South can count 11 top tricks: 3 Spades, 4 Hearts, 2 Diamonds and 2 Clubs. There are only 2 sensible possibilities for trick 12--either the club finesse or a 3-3 diamond split that will set up the fourth diamond in the North hand.

The club finesse has roughly a 50% chance while a 3-3 diamond split is only about 35% likely to occur. But that

doesn't mean that you should try the club finesse first. That would be putting all of your eggs in one basket, giving the contract a 50% chance. If you take the finesse first and it loses, you can never develop a diamond trick without going down 1.

You can give yourself a better chance if you try the diamonds first, but you have to be careful. If you test the diamonds by playing the \diamond A then the \diamond K and a third diamond, you will immediately be down every time that the diamonds split 4-2, giving yourself only a 35% chance.

The only way to play the hand to combine the two chances is to lose either the first or second diamond trick. If you win trick one then lose a diamond immediately, you can win whatever the opponents return then cash all of your winners including the A and the K. If the diamonds are split 3-3, you have your 12 tricks without risking the club finesse and if diamonds don't split, you have the club finesse to fall back on.

Losing the diamond first gives you a greater than 67% chance of success, far better than the chances of relying on the finesse or the split alone.

Take Away Their Bidding Space

In a Memphis NABC Swiss match recently against a team that plays somewhat above our level I felt that we were being methodically ground down.They made gains on the first two boards; we had a couple of flat boards, and then this hand came up:

Dir: North	
Vul: Both	
≜ J 8	
♡] 9 8 7	
☆ A J 6 4	
♣ Q J 10	
▲ K 10964	🛧 Q 7 3 2
♡ K Q I0 4 2	♡63
♦ 8 3	◊ K 7 2
♣ 4	뢒 9 8 6 5
🛧 A 5	
♡ A 5	
◊ Q 10 9 5	
📥 A K 7 3 2	

South opened INT in third seat; I was West, vulnerable, with 8 HCPs and aware that the pair we're up against never missed a trick on defence. But we're never going to win a match by being afraid to bid, so I doubled. This is a conventional bid, telling my partner that I have one or both majors---my partner won't know more until I bid again. My LHO sat stone faced but I believe that in his mind he was doing cartwheels when he redoubled.

The redouble told his partner that he had high hopes of penalizing whatever we do. My partner, afraid that I had stuck my neck out way too far, followed our system and bid 2⁺. This bid announces that she had unequal length in the majors, so she preferred one over the other. If she had equal length, she would have bid diamonds. South doubled 2⁺, showing North where his values were and agreeing that a big penalty would be a fine thing.

My next bid was $2\Diamond$, which told partner that I had length in both majors; so she should bid her longest. If I'd had only one major, I would have bid it immediately. North doubled the $2\Diamond$ bid. Finally, we got to our suit when my partner bid $2\clubsuit$. South had no interest in playing $2\clubsuit$ doubled, so he passed, leaving it up to his partner. I passed and North who was also unwilling to defend, jumped to what he hoped he could make, 3NT.

Here's the whole auction:

West	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Dbl (I)	Rdbl (2)	2 🙅 (3)	Dbl (2)
2 ◇ (4)	Dbl (2)	2♠	Pass
Pass	3NT (5)	All pass	

- I) One major or both majors
- 2) Let's get these guys
- 3) Unequal length in the majors
- 4) I have both majors; bid yours
- 5) Not enough trumps (♠s) to get these guys

The opponents, in their eagerness to penalize us, let us bid our hands. As a result, I was able to find the best lead, a spade. After the $\bigstar 10$ lead, South was able to take just 5 club tricks and 3 aces and so went down one. I had more to go on than my partner's preference. North wanted to penalize a major suit contract and clearly it wasn't spades; North must have had good hearts.

At our teammates' table, the bidding had a similar start: South opened INT in third seat and West bid 2°. This bid, in their system, promised both majors. But our teammate in the North seat wasn't willing to give his opponents bidding room, and simply jumped to 3NT.With no information from his partner,West tried the °K lead and South had the timing to set up diamonds, making 10 tricks for a +630 score. This, added to our +100 gave us 12 IMPs, enough to pull ahead in the match.

Two flat boards followed and we had squeaked out a narrow win. Our teammates' good judgement on this board gave us our only gain but it was enough to more than make up for our early missteps and take the match.

Powerful Quacks

Queens and jacks are often scorned by bridge players, undeserving of the title of "honours'----good only to be used as food for aces and kings. But on some hands they grow in importance.

On the board below, South dealt and opened 1. After West's pass, North with a flat 4 points could do nothing but pass. Now East balanced with 1. South bid 2° . West thought it over then jumped to 3.

Should North quickly pass with his flat collection? NO!!!



Dir: South	
Vul: Both	
≜ 0 7	
♡ J I0	76
\lambda 10 6 \]	32
& Q] '	9
▲ K Q 5 2	≜
♡43	♡ Q 8 2
♦ J 9 7 5 4	◊ K Q 8
♣ 62	♣A4
🛦 A 6	
♡ A K	95
♦ A	
& K 10	8753

NS 5⁽); NS 5♣; NS 2N; EW 1♠; EW 1♦; Par +450

What has South said about his hand? After the 1♠ overcall, South bid 2♡. This is a reverse, showing extra strength. If South had a balanced hand, short in spades and holding the other 3 suits, he would have doubled. When South didn't double I ♠ but tried 2[°] instead, he showed an unbalanced hand with a lot of clubs and at least 4 hearts. North's QJ of clubs now become huge fillers for South's club holding while J1076 in hearts does the same in that suit.

North's quacks are working quacks. Queens and jacks in spades and diamonds would be of no value in this hand but when South shows clubs and hearts, North should reconsider the value of his hand. He has already told partner that he has less than 6 points but considering what South has told him, he has a very strong 4 HCP. If North trusts his partner's bidding, he will at least strongly consider bidding 4° after the 3 \clubsuit preempt.

After a Spade lead, South can easily make 4⁽⁷⁾, losing only a spade, a heart and a club. He could make an overtrick by going to the North hand in clubs to finesse the hearts but with 9 clubs between the NS hands, the danger of running into a club ruff makes it more sensible to take his 10 tricks. He'll know that many pairs will miss this easy game because most Norths won't recognize the power of having the right quacks.

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For Newer Players

By Brothers Gray

Rectifying a Mistaken Explanation or Mistaken Bid (What to do and when to do it)

MISTAKEN EXPLANATION

Oops! We've made a mistake...we forgot to explain our partner's bid. Question: When do we disclose to our Opponents our infraction/ failure to Announce or Alert a bid, or that misinformation (incomplete or incorrect) about an Announcement or Alert bid or Bid Explanation was given? Answer: It all depends. Here is an example of what NOT to do!

My RHO opens INT. My LHO announces 15 to 17. 1 bid 2◊ with ♠J65432 ♡KJ108 ◊AQ2 ♣ --. My partner immediately announces "Alert." My LHO asks for an explanation. My partner responds, "He's got diamonds and a higher suit." I keep a poker face and realize my partner has made a mistaken explanation. My 20 bid was Cappelletti-having both majors as per our parnership agreement. My partner had a momemtary memory lapse and forgot we were playing Cappelletti not DONT as interference to a notrump opening bid.

After the mistaken 2¢ explanation, to my dismay, I heard three consecutive passes. Whether I was in a state of shock or not, I remained silent. The tabled Dummy hand had a 5-card diamond suit (97653) . The outcome was not a total disaster: down only I (-50) for an average board.

Wendy Wade, my experienced opponent was kind enough to point out that I had a duty of full disclosure and should have called the Director at the end of the auction to provide details of the mistaken explanation infraction. I thought I was being punished enough having to play the 2¢ contract. Apparently not! Thanks for the lesson learned, Wendy! I'm writing this article as my penance. Law 75 specifies that IF THE OFFENDING SIDE BECOMES DECLARER/DUMMY, the Non-Offenders are advised of the infraction after the final pass and before the opening lead. The Director is called and the Non-Offenders are to be given a correct explanation.

If the Non-Offenders feel damaged, the Director makes a ruling that could include rolling the bidding back to the actual bid, if appropriate to where the infraction took place and allowing the Non-Offenders to bid with the corrected bid information and the auction resumes.

Alternately, the Director may instruct that the original Contract be played. The Director will return to the table when the play of the Board is completed, assess the contract results and make a score adjustment as required if the Non-Offenders are damaged.

IF THE OFFENDING SIDE BECOMES DEFENDERS, the Non-Offenders are NOT advised of the infraction during the clarification period but must wait until the end of the play of the hand.

As a defender you must wait until the end of the play of the hand to disclose the infraction to the declarer to ensure that no unauthorized information is given to partner, information that could affect the play of the hand had the infraction been disclosed earlier during the clarification period. The Director is called. If the Declarer, when she has the corrected bid infraction misinformation, feels damaged, the Director will make a ruling. An adjusted score may be awarded if appropriate.

MISTAKEN BID

A Mistaken Bid occurs when "a player makes a bid that is not the partnership agreement but the opponents are informed of the agreement (as if it is). The partnership agreement is as explained. There is no infraction, since the opponents did receive an accurate description of the agreement. They have no claim to an accurate description of their opponents hands."

All players are allowed to make a Mistaken Bid. Law 40C. It clearly states: "A player may deviate from his side's announced understandings, provided that his partner has no more reason than the opponents to be aware of the deviation." In other words, it is OK to make a Mistaken Bid provided you fool the opponents AND your partner equally.

Let's use a simple example to help explain the difference between a Mistaken Explanation and a Mistaken Bid.

My RHO bids INT. I bid 20 (AQJ1053 10 0AKJ64 453). Brother Wayne immediately announces, "Alert." His RHO asks for an explanation. He replies, "He's got the majors" as per our partnership agreement. I keep a poker face and realize I have made a Mistaken Bid.

My 20 bid showed diamonds and a higher suit. I had a momentary memory lapse and forgot we had agreed to play Cappelletti over the opponents' INT and gave a response as if we were playing DONT!

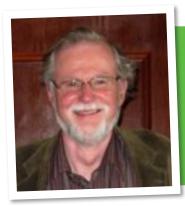
Law 75 is specific; I can not rectify my mistake nor do I have any responsibility to do so after the auction or the play of hand whether Declarer/Dummy or Defender. "Regardless of the outcome, the Director shall allow the results (of the contract) to stand." A Mistaken Bid is an irregularity but not an infraction; there is no basis in Law for an adjusted score.

Although Brother Wayne's explanation (Alert) of my 20 bid was proper and correct, I did receive unauthorized information as I know Brother Wayne had not understood my call. Any Player in possession of unauthorized information must be careful in any subsequent bidding not to take advantage of it.

Brother Brian (brianrgray@rogers.com) is pleased to announce that FriesenPress will soon publish his first book, titled, "A Newcomer Guide: Stress Free Introduction to Duplicate Bridge."



Hazel Wolpert has done it again! She and her team have won the 2019 Women's Team Championships. From left are Sondra Blank, Hazel, Brenda Bryant, and Pamela Nisbet.



DISTRACTION

By Michael Schoenborn (the Shoe)

So there we are, Fred Lerner and I, minding our own business in the semifinals of the **Canadian** online bridge championships, watching Katie Thorpe and Marty Kirr stopping very nicely on a dime in partscore after partscore. Then we miss an iffy vulnerable game that looks like it makes and they bid and make a slam on a club pickup. Then I go two down in a decent game where nothing works. So if I am not actually dejected, I am distracted enough not to hear the opportunity trumpet sounding when I pick up

▲ 1043 ♡953 ◇AKJ4 ♣K87

Katie opens one diamond on my right, I pass and Marty contributes one heart. Fred passes and they continue with a spade by Katie, corrected to two diamonds by Marty, slow pass by Katie as I lead a heart.

Dummy arrives with

▲Q85 ♡KQJ8 ◊9653 **♣**Q9

Katie wins the queen in dummy and leads a diamond to the eight. I win the

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jack and try to figure out what to do now. Unfortunately, it is already too late. Best I can do now is to cash out two clubs to hold it to two. The whole hand was

	 ▲ Q 8 5 ♡ K Q J 8 ◊ 9 6 5 3 ♣ Q 9
▲ 0 4 3 ♡ 9 5 3 ◇ A K J 4 ♣ K 8 7	♠ J 9 6 ♡ 10 6 4 ◊ 2 ♣ A 10 6 5 4 2
	 ▲ A K 7 2 ♡ A 7 2 ◇ Q 10 8 7 ▲ J 3

The lyrics of the song of the opportunity trumpet, if listened to, are, "Duck the eight of diamonds." If declarer leads another trump, I can draw trump and cash as many clubs as Fred keeps, possibly down 4 at 50 a trick. Plus 200 looks a lot better than minus 90, especially as partners go for minus 50 somewhere sensible, so that's lose 4 IMPs instead of possibly a gain of 4 IMPs. Partners played a sensible INT, which can actually be set three tricks, but went only one down for minus 50. Since we trail by 12 IMPs at the half, that's eight of the IMPs. The moral is: Always hear the opportunity trumpet blow. Blow the trumpet, not the hand.

Of course, we should point out that declarer is Ms. Katie Thorpe, who did not get to the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame by leading another trump. She would recognize eight top tricks if she stopped drawing trump and actually make an overtrick when everything behaves perfectly. But maybe she was drinking Chardonnay like me, or chasing the cat out of her room, or greedily trying for an overtrick. The truth is, we will never know if Katie would have led another trump, because I was too distracted to duck the first diamond lead.

The hand that operated to mute the opportunity trumpet was innocent enough: the card gods visited upon me the following collection:

▲K4 ♡QJ764 ◇KJ63 **♣**A7

This hand is truly bad news in our system: if I open one heart and rebid two diamonds, I could be weaker in high card points but should be better in the red suits. We play one notrump I4 to I7, which is the right range, but it's going to be impossible to show the 5-4 distribution if partner proceeds through forcing Stayman. However, when in doubt, I always open the most preemptive, piggy bid, especially if it only lies about one red card: right point range, stoppers in all suits, spade king being led up to. One notrump it is.

Fred obliges with non-forcing Stayman, two clubs, and I bid a happy two hearts. Fred continues with two spades, invitational. Though I am tempted to bid 2NT or three diamonds, I choke up a pass. Three diamonds surely shows a better hand and two notrump denies spades. It is hard to say if I have spades or not...

So there Freddy is having to play two spades holding:

▲J10983 ♡A108 ◇4 **♣**KJ94

What's wrong with this picture? We are in a pretty cold two spades when three notrump or four hearts seems promising opposite my dead minimum 14-count.

I am thinking, (unfortunately, this thinking takes place after the hand is over), that the first step is to figure out how good Fred's hand is: solid spades despite the one count in spades, heart and club texture, singleton diamond. If you wisely upgrade to two diamonds, forcing Stayman, you will have time to explore the nuances. I think forcing Stayman is an overbid, but superior IMPs.



Then the auction would go: INT – $2\Diamond - 2\heartsuit - 2\bigstar \dots$ which is now forcing, so I have to dredge up a bid: $3\heartsuit$ to show five, no raise, or the ambiguous $3\Diamond$ could be a good hand for spades. Therefore, rebid $3\heartsuit$, which gets raised to four just like at the other table. Meanwhile, Fred is playing $2\bigstar$ on this layout:

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

Katie on his left leads a low club, not bruising: small, queen, king. I would have played a mundane trump and, with spades split 5-1 to the ace queen with Katie, and the doubleton king of hearts onside with Marty, would likely have lost two spades and a diamond. Fred gets a bit more esoteric, probably wishing he had bid forcing Stayman, and leads a diamond. Katie rises ace and continues non-bruising with a low heart from third nine, more or less marking out the singleton club, says Fred. (Really??? sez Shoe). Marty rises with the king and Fred sees it would be cool to draw trump.

If you had drawn trump right away, you would make ten tricks if they don't

attack diamonds when they first get in, eleven tricks if they don't cash out. Fred instead had this adventure: trump to the king, trump back discloses the bad news. Katie finally finds the ten of diamonds, Fred flies king, discarding a club, travels to the ten of hearts and leads another spade. Another diamond goes to the jack, covered by the queen and ruffed, giving Katie the long trump. Luckily she only has one good diamond to cash, so that amounts to two spades, just making.

The cards lie perfectly for 4 hearts to go down: stiff spade lead, spade ruff, diamond to the ace, spade ruff with the king. Of course, 3NT is cold, but who can get there? So the whole adventure looks like an unjust and unsatisfying 5 IMP pickup. However, in real life, 4° makes at the other table, -620, lose 11 IMPs. I wisely do not ask how this happened, so I do not have to explain how we got to two spades, just making. Or, for that matter, why I did not duck the AKJx of diamonds.



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Stratification

(Pair Average)

750 Pairs	
99er Pairs	

General Information

All Events are Playthrough or Single Session \$14/player/session for ACBL members Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members Temporary membership for non-ACBL members will be available. All events stratified by average masterpoints.





Sarnia Bluewater Sectional June 29–30, 2019



St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brand Hall 210 Michigan Avenue Point Edward, ON N7V 1E7

Saturday, June 29, 2019

The Elizabeth Fraser Memorial Stratified Pairs 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (two-session event, single sessions welcome)

Sunday, June 30, 2019

The Royer Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m. and TBA

There will be a longer break on Saturday so that players can go for lunch. Chip trucks, Ice Cream Galore, and restaurants are close by. Lunch on Sunday will be provided by Subway and will be available for purchase for \$8.00 per person.

Upper Masterpoint Limits

A: 0,500, B: 500-1,500, C: 1,500+ Average MP's in all events

Cost is \$12.50 per person per session. The charge for nonpaid members who have ACBL numbers but have let their memberships lapse is \$4 extra per session. Anyone who has never had an ACBL membership number must either buy an annual membership or buy a special, 1-month membership for \$7.99 US.

From The Bluewater Bridge

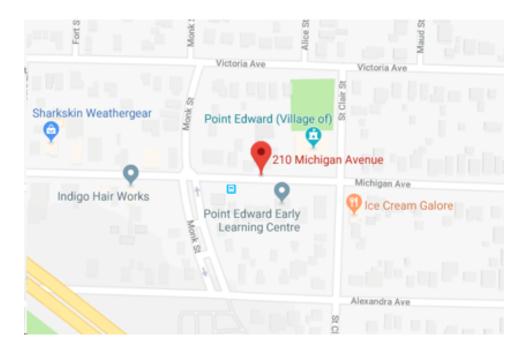
Take the Front Street exit and turn left on Front Street. Continue on Front Street to Michigan Avenue, and turn left onto Michigan Avenue West. Follow Michigan Avenue west into Point Edward. The church is on the right.

From 402 West

Take the Indian Road exit, and turn right at the end of the access road. Continue along Indian Road to Michigan Avenue and turn left. Follow Michigan Avenue west into Point Edward. The church is on the right.

From Provincial Highway 40

Follow Highway 40 north all the way to Michigan Avenue. Turn left. Follow Michigan Avenue west into Point Edward. The church is on the right.

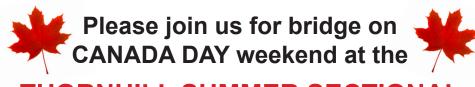


For information and partnerships, contact Charles Dalmas

Charles.L.Dalmas@gmail.com

519-337-3399

This is the correct phone number! An erroneous number was printed earlier in some places.



THORNHILL SUMMER SECTIONAL June 29 & June 30, 2019

Have fun, win silver points, enjoy great bridge and hospitality.

Event Schedule

Saturday, June 29

Stratified Open Pairs - Two session event, single entries welcome	. 11am & 4 pm
A: open, B: 750 – 2000, C: 0 - 750	
0 – 300 Pairs - Two session event, single entries welcome.	11am & 4 pm
0 – 50 Pairs (if numbers sufficient)	11am & 4 pm
Sunday, June 30 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11	:00 am. & TBD
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Playthrough, lunch on site

Flight A/X: (separate)	A=3000+,	X=0-3000	
Flights B/C/D:	B=750-2000,	C=300-750,	D=0-300

Stratification is determined by the average of the pair or team, however, a player cannot play in an event which has a maximum number of points that is less than the player's total masterpoints.

Please help the Directors start on time by arriving to register at least **15 minutes** before game time.

Entry Fees: \$13 (includes HST) per session for ACBL members (\$4 additional fee for unpaid ACBL members), \$5 for students.

Special rate for players with 0 – 20 masterpoints - \$8

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

Partnerships – Sally MacRae, sally macrae@yahoo.ca, 416-488-4332

Location – Main floor, south end of the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill. The Centre is on the northeast corner of Bayview and John Street.

John Street is between Steeles Ave. and Hwy 407.

LOTS OF FREE PARKING

TORONTO SUMMER REGIONAL JULY 2–7, 2019

Schedule

Tuesday July 2, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 1(1 & 2 of 4 sessions)	
Open pairs (Open/4000/2000) 10:00 & 2:30	
Super Gold Rush (1500/750/300)	
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Wednesday July 3, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 1(3 & 4 of 4 sessions)
Open Swiss Teams (Open / 3000)
Open Pairs (Open/2000/750) 10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Super Gold Rush Teams (0-1500)
Open Pairs Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 7:15

Thursday July 4, 2019

Stratified Open Pairs (Open/3000/1500)
Bracketed KO Teams 2 (1 & 2 of 4 sessions)
Stratified Fast Open Pairs (Open/2000/1250)
10:00 & 1:00 finish by 3:30
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/100)
Swiss Teams - single session 2:30
Open Pairs Series (3rd of 5 sessions)7:15

ZERO TOLERANCE for unacceptable behaviour!

If someone negatively affects your enjoyment at this tournament, please contact a Director IMMEDIATELY. A fun time is guaranteed for all!

Tournament Chair:

Partnership:

Jackie Syer905-844-0574 jackiesyer@hotmail.com

Friday July 5, 2019

Bracketed KO Teams 2 (3 & 4 of 4 sessions)
Extra Chance KO Teams
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/100)
Stratified Open Pairs (Open/3000/1500)
Finish by 3:30
Extra Chance Swiss 12:00 & TBA
Open Pairs Series (4th of 5 sessions)7:15

Saturday July 6, 2019

Sunday July 7, 2019

Flight A/X Swiss (Open/4000) '	10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams	
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Bracketed Gold Rush Teams (0-	
	10:00 & TBA
199er Swiss (single sessions allo	owed)
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Session fees: \$18 CAD (members) +\$4 for non-current members Players with no ACBL number MUST buy a 1 month \$10 membership BEFORE buying entry

Single sessions entries are available to all pair events

Bracketed KOs may be handicapped at director's discretion

TORONTO SUMMER REGIONAL JULY 2–7, 2019

Intermediate / Novice Schedule

Tuesday July 2, 2019

49er Pairs	10:00	& 2:30
199er Pairs	10:00	& 2:30

Wednesday July 3, 2019

0-5 Supervised = FREE	
49er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30

Thursday July 4, 2019

0-20 Pairs Supervised	
199er Pairs	
49er Pairs	2:30

ZERO TOLERANCE for unacceptable behaviour!

If someone negatively affects your enjoyment at this tournament, please contact a Director IMMEDIATELY. A fun time is guaranteed for all!

Friday July 5, 2019

99er Swiss Teams (single)	
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-20 pairs	2:30

Saturday July 6, 2019

0-20 Pairs	
199er Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
49er pairs	2:30

Sunday July 7, 2019

199er Swiss (single sessions allowed)		
	& TBA	

Session fees: \$18 CAD (members) +\$4 for non-current members Players with no ACBL number MUST buy a 1 month \$10 membership BEFORE buying entry

Tournament Chair:

Partnership:

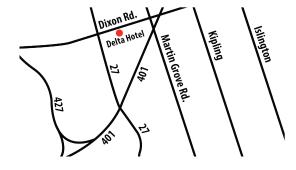
Jackie Syer905-844-0574 jackiesyer@hotmail.com

Intermediate/Novice:

Complementary Lessons/Hand Analysis offered 1 hour before all Novice sessions

Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport 655 Dixon Road, Toronto FREE PARKING

Rooms - Ask for special bridge rate \$135 if booked by June 10, 2019 1-800-721-7033 or 416-244-1711 ext. 3764



HAMILTON SECTIONAL July 20 and 21, 2019

Royal Canadian Legion 435 Limeridge Road East HAMILTON ON L9A 2S8

Lunch Saturday: Swiss Chalet available for purchase Hospitality after the game Saturday Lunch Sunday: Subs available for purchase

All flights are play through Stratification by average masterpoints per pair/team

Sunday July 21 (\$112.00 per team—play through)

 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
 10:00 a.m.

 C: 0 - 499
 B: 0 -1499
 X: 0 - 2999
 A: 3000+

 Newcomer Swiss Teams
 10:00 a.m.
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Entry Fees

All participants must have an active ACBL membership \$14.00 /player/session for ACBL members Extra \$4.00 for lapsed ACBL members Temporary membership for non-ACBL members will be available

Tournament Chair

Partnership Chair

Jackie Syer 905-844-0574 jackiesyer@hotmail.com Eileen Grady 905-379-4029 eigrady@gmail.com Partner guaranteed for all sessions

ZERO TOLERANCE IN EFFECT! We are fragrance FREE! FREE Coffee, Tea and light snacks all day! FREE PARKING ALL DAY



Columbus Hall 390 Parsons Court Goderich ON

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Percy Sheardown Open Pairs	11:00 am & 4:00 pm
299er Pairs (2 sessions)	11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Stratifications	A: 1500+	B: 500-1500	C: 0-500
299er Stratifications	A: 200-299	B: 50-200	C: 0-50

Stratifications based on average master points Single session entries welcome

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Entry Fee: \$12.50/session \$4.00 extra for NON-ACBL members NO SUNDAY LUNCH AVAILABLE/Cash Bar Available

Tournament Chair Maria Deaves 226-663-9260 maria@deaves.com

Partnerships

Jen Verdam-Woodward 519-440-9346 jenvw@hurontel.on.ca



Tillsonburg's 40th Annual Golden Leaf Sectional Bridge Tournament Aug. 9-11, 2019



Tournament Manager – Jed Drew <u>Jed.Drew@gmail.com</u> (519) 842-8786 Partnerships – Jim Duffus jamesduffusjaydee@hotmail.com (226) 231-0918

Friday, August 9 Single Session Entries Welcomed 11:00 am & 3:00 pm Two-Session Stratiflighted Pairs A-X Flight A: 3000+ X: 0-3000 B-C-D Flight B: 1250-2000 C: 500-1250 D: 0-500 I/N Flight A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100 Saturday, August 10 Single Session Entries Welcomed 11:00 am & 3:00 pm Two-Session Stratiflighted Pairs A-X Flight A: 3000+ X: 0-3000 B-C-D Flight B: 1250-2000 C: 500-1250 D: 0-500 I/N Flight A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

Flight eligibility is based upon player with highest masterpoints. Stratification within flight is based upon average masterpoints. NOTE: Stratifications are dependent upon depth of field – Director may adjust. Sunday, August 11 10:30 am / TBA Bracketed Swiss Teams Play at Your Own Level! Bracketed by Team Total Masterpoints

Note the early start time on Sunday!

Entry Fees: Pairs \$12.50 per player per session. Teams \$100 per team. 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.

To participate in this tournament, players must have an ACBL Player Number. Players without an ACBL number must purchase a temporary 1 month membership for \$10, or join on an annual basis. \$4 surcharge per session for non-paid members.

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

This beautiful building is fully handicapaccessible, with a spacious playing area and excellent lighting.

Map and Driving Directions on the next page

Free Coffee and Snacks Throughout

Friendly Relaxed Atmosphere

Catered Lunch Available On-Site Daily (Vegetarian and Gluten-Free available on special order)

Host Hotel

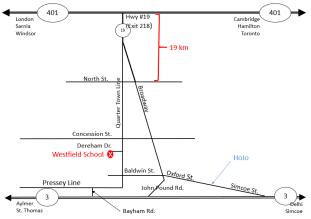


92 Simcoe Street, Tillsonburg Phone directly to the Hotel to receive a 10% discount rate: 1-866-942-7366

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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.
- 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 Lone 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.
- 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.

St. Catharines Sectional August 17 & 18, 2019



Bridge Centre of Niagara 6-2E Tremont Drive, St. Catharines, ON. L2T 3B2 905-704-0446



0-299 Tournament

Saturday August 17th, 2019

299er Pairs 10:00am & 3:00pm 49er Pairs 10:00am & 3:00pm

Sunday August 18th, 2019

299er Pairs	10:00am & 2:00pm
49er Pairs	10:00am & 2:00pm

Free Breakfast

&

Free Lunch

Both Days

Tournament Chair:

Lucy McEwen 905-468-0052 Email <u>lucymcewen@gmail.com</u>

Partnership Chair:

Linda Chant Email 905-468-0809 lchant@cogeco.ca

Stratification

(Pair/Team Average

299er Pairs 49er Pairs 100/200/300 20/50

Entry Fees

\$15/player/session for ACBL members Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members

Free Parking Silver Points Great Venue • Most Friendly Atmosphere Wonderful Hospitality • Prizes

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Labour Day Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament

August 31 to September 2, 2019

Location: Holiday Inn Yorkdale, 3450 Dufferin Street, Toronto

Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 31

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 -0-500 Pairs - 2 session stratified pairs event
10:00 & 2:30- 0-100 Pairs- single sessions stratified pair events
2:30 - a single session 0-20 pairs game

Sunday, September 1

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 – 0-500 Pairs – 2 session stratified pairs event 10:00 & 2:30- 0-100 Pairs- single sessions stratified pair events 2:30 – a single session 0-20 pairs game

Monday, September 2

10:00 & TBA – bracketed Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 10:00 & TBA – bracketed Stratified 0-200 Swiss Teams

Steve Overholt <u>soverholt1@gmail.com</u>: 647-897-6179) will be teaching 30 minute Novice- Intermediate classes prior to each session on Saturday and Sunday and prior to the start of the swiss team event on Monday starting 45 minutes before the start of the sessions.

*Stratiflighted events: A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 1250 -2000, C: 750-1250, D: 0-750

* Stratified event – 0-100 games A,B &C stats to be determined by DIC

EVENTS ARE STRATIFIED BY AVERAGE MASTER POINTS & FLIGHTS ARE BASED ON HIGHEST MASTER POINTS OF PAIR/TEAM

Chairperson: Ann Shaw 905-855-7177/ 647-533-7177 or ashawc646@gmail.com or ashaw1309@gmail.com

Partnerships: Joanne Gilmore 905-820-7391/647-232-7391 or jmgilmore14@gmail.com

Entry Fee: \$15.00 for ACBL Members. Unpaid members will pay an additional \$4.00 per session. Non- ACBL members are required to join on a new temporary one month basis (\$10.00) or buy an annual membership.

A Special Entry Fee of \$10.00 for ACBL members in the 0-20 and 0-100 games

*This year you may buy your entries in advance and avoid waiting in line. Go to <u>www.unit166.ca</u> – advance entry sales and select the Toronto Labour Day Tournament

PARKING AT THE SITE IS FREE FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS

ORILLIA REGIONAL

Tuesday, September 17 – Sunday, September 22, 2019

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 except Sunday are bracketed (several teams of similar mp level). Top 3 or 4 teams in each bracket win GOLD!!!

Entry Fee: \$17 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** or 705-325-6505 ext. 0 and mention 'bridge tournament' for the special

offer. The cut-off date is Aug. 19 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 in Canada's Sunshine City.

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, <u>lindaleelord@hotmail.com</u>, 905-713-9141. Partnerships – Marilyn Maher, <u>marilynmaher@hotmail.com</u>, 705-242-4059.

Please help us start on time by arriving at least 15 minutes before game time.

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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. 17

Afternoon & Evening:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/open)
- Tues. & Wed. Bracketed KOI Special* (see information below) - sessions 1 & 2 of 4.
- Intermediate/Novice Games.
- 2 Side Game Series* each 5 sessions One is Tuesday afternoon plus Wed. to Sat. mornings 11 am. – The other is Tues evening & Wed to Sat afternoons.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Morning & Afternoon:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/ open).
- Tuesday & Wed. Bracketed KOI sessions 3 & 4.
- · Intermediate/Novice Games.

Plus – Morning and Afternoon Side Game Series*.

Thursday, Sept. 19

Morning & Afternoon:

- Bracketed Swiss Teams, including Bracketed GOLD RUSH Swiss teams
- Open Stratified Pairs (750/1500/open).
- · Intermediate/Novice Games.

Plus – Morning & Afternoon Side Game Series*.

Morning & Afternoon:

- GOLD RUSH Pairs (100/300/750) two sessions.
- Open Stratiflighted Pairs (1500/2500/ open).
- Fri. & Sat. Bracketed KO II Special* (see information below) sessions 1 & 2 of 4.
- Intermediate/Novice Games.

Plus – Morning & Afternoon Side Game Series*.

Saturday, Sept. 21

Morning & Afternoon:

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

Plus – Morning & Afternoon Side Games Series*.

Sunday, Sept 22

A/X Open Swiss Team Event...11am & TBD A=open, X=0–5000. A & X play separately.

Mid-flight Swiss Teams.....11 am & TBD

GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams....11am & TBD

199'ers Swiss (single sessions) – if numbers permit

Friday, Sept. 20

*Bracketed KO Special - All teams will play a Swiss team event for the first 2 sessions; then top 4 teams in each bracket advance to KO phase on Day 2. Top team will choose from 3rd and 4th place teams for first round of KO on Day 2.

Team Events - several teams per bracket - top 3 teams in each bracket win GOLD!!!

GOLD RUSH Pairs: A = 300 - 750, B = 100 - 300, C = 0-100. **Open Stratiflighted Pairs:** A = open, B = 1500-2500, C = 0-1500. **Intermediate/Novice:** A = up to 100; B = 20 - 50; C = 10 - 20; D = less than 10. Strats may be changed at Director's discretion.

GOLD RUSH Bracketed Swiss Teams: A = 300 - 750, B = 100 - 300, C = 0 - 100. **Flights, Strats and Brackets:** Based on Average Points. Averaging cannot allow a player to compete in an event which has a maximum number of points less than the player's total points. KO events may be handicapped. Compact KO Teams - only 4 players per team.

*Side Game Series: Use your 2 best scores from a series and be eligible for gold points! - whether you play with the same partner or with different partners!

The Credit Valley Bridge Association

is pleased to host

The Caledon East Fall Sectional

September 28-29, 2019

Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East 905-584-2272, ext. 7324

> Saturday, September 28: Events will be held at 11:00am & 3:15pm

Stratified Pairs:Two Single Sessions0-99ers:Stratification at Director's Discretion

 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

 *Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome

Just for 0 – 499 Non-Life Masters Defensive Strategy & Signalling

- A 90 minute interactive workshop with Barbara Seagram,
- No cost to attend the workshop. Just be a Non-Life Master with < 500MPs
- Starts at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 28th .
- · Coffee/tea, muffins, and fruit available
- Space is limited so pre-registration is required, no later than September 10th by sending an email with your full name to dcdonovan@bell.net
- First 30 registrants who attend will receive one free copy1 of Barbara Seagram's & David Bird's "Pocket Guide to Defensive Play at Bridge" valued at \$11.25 retail
- Plus Barbara Seagram is donating her popular cheat sheets to 10 lucky winners!



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Sunday, September 29: The event will start at 11:00am

Bracketed Swiss Teams

Play-through with short break for lunch

0 – 99 Single Morning Session available for those with fewer than 100 points who only wish to play one session. However, we encourage you to stay all day and play in your bracket with players who have similar masterpoint levels to your own.

Please note: 0 - 99 Single session entries will be available for the morning game only. However we encourage you to stay and play the full day in a bracket with those who have similar masterpoint levels to your own.

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.

A BRIDGE-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WILL BE ENFORCED



Entry Fees

\$13.00 per person per session

New: ACBL Membership Required; \$10 Registration Available on site provides temporary one month membership to ACBL

\$6 per session for Juniors

\$4 additional per session for lapsed ACBL members

Avoid the line ups by purchasing your entries in advance:

http://unit166.ca/advanceentry.html

Tournament Chair

Denise Donovan dcdonovan@bell.net 416-614-6754 LOCATION MAP

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

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

Niagara Regional



November 5-10, 2019







Niagara on the Lake - Clock Tower

Niagara Falls

Welland Canal

Booking Your Hotel

Playing Site:

Crowne Plaza

5685 Falls Avenue. Niagara Falls, ON. L2E 6W7 Reservations 1-800-519-9911

Reserve before October 3, 2019 and request the ACBL rate at the following hotels:

Crowne Plaza \$105 Single or Double

Sheraton on the Falls

\$110 Single or Double

Tournament Co-Chair: Lorna Johnson Tournament Co-Chair: Partnership Chair: I/N Chair:

Kathy Morrison Janice Upenieks Allan Utz

GREAT NIAGARA FEATURES

Registration Gift FREE I/N Lecture @ 9:00am FANTASTIC Niagara Hospitality (after the 2nd session) Overall and Section Top Prizes FREE Parking GOLD RUSH games **KO Teams** games Swiss games

(905) 991-3009	bridgeplayer64@gmail.com
(289) 820-8013	kmorrison37@icloud.com
(416) 435-3870	janice@upenieks.com
(289) 273-2727	allanutz@gmail.com

Event Schedule

Tuesday November 5		
Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (1 st & 2 nd of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	and the second second
St Catharines Open Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER OWN
99 ^{er} Pairs Single Session	10:00 & 3:00	
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	
Niagara on the Lake Swiss	3:00	
Welland Open Pairs	7:30	
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Wednesday November 6		HORNHOWER
Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (3 rd & 4 th of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	
Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (1 st & 2 nd of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	
St Catharines Open Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	Regional Tournament Sponsored by
99 ^{er} Pairs Single Session	10:00 & 3:00	
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	Jaclyn Morrison of
Niagara on the Lake Swiss	3:00	
Niagara Falls Open Pairs Series (1 st of 3 sessions)	7:30	HöllisWealth
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Thursday November 7		(905) 937-0962
Whirlpool Bracketed KO Teams (3 rd & 4 th of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	Jac.morrison@holliswealth.com
Hornblower Bracketed KO Teams (1 st & 2 nd of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	
St Catharines Open Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	
99 ^{er} Pairs Single Session	10:00 & 3:00	
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 3:00	Stratification
Niagara on the Lake Swiss	3:00	(subject to Director's discretion)
Niagara Falls Open Pairs Series (2 nd of 3 sessions)	7:30	
	7.50	Stratified events are based on average
Friday November 8		MP holding of pair or team
Hornblower Bracketed KO Teams (3 rd & 4 th of 4 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	
Fort Erie Compact Bracketed KO Teams (1 st & 2 nd of 2 sessions)	10:00 & 3:00	
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Sunday November 10

Bracketed Swiss Teams

10:00 & TBD

Zero Tolerance Tournament – Play Nice

For Additional tournament details visit our website at: www.unit255.com

Editor's Note

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Why play the club ace and not the club king? Well, you could play either and partner should get it right but by playing the ace you create the impression that declarer holds the \clubsuit K. Now partner will know never to continue clubs, seeing another club honour in dummy. Imagine cashing the diamond ace, playing a spade to partner and him/her reverting to clubs? Ouch. Declarer would ruff this and claim.

The full deal.	
	♠ A 9 8 4 3
	♡42
	◊ 10 9 4
	📥 6 5 3
≜ 10 2	≜ K J 5
♡A K J 9 3	♡ Q 7 5
◊ K J 8 7 5	♦ Q 6 3 2
♣ 8	♣ Q] 4
	♦ Q76
	♡ 1086
	$\diamond \mathbf{A}$
	🛧 A K 10 9 7 2

The full deal



David and Mark Caplan won the IMP pairs championship while David Lindop & Doug Baxter brought home the bronze.



Robert Lebi and Nader Hanna were inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame on May 8 at the CNTCs in Burnaby, BC.



The Caplan bros. pulled off a trifecta at the recent CNTCs in Burnaby. They won a regional pair game, the national IMP pairs, and the Open Pairs championship! Here they are with their gold medals.



Silver medallists Team Andrews bid a grand slam on the final hand to come within 2 imps of upsetting the favourites, Team Hanna, in the finals of the Canadian Seniors Team Championships. From left: Vancouverites Stephen Vincent, Michael Dimich, and Nick Stock, and GTAers Fred Lerner, Michael Schoenborn, and Doug Andrews.

Tournament Trail

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