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Apr. 27: Disembark. Drive to Regensburg & on to Prague
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BRIDGE EVENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. Cost: \$15.00 USD per session. All bridge is optional.

This is a smaller tournament. Very friendly and fabulous. It will be sold out so book now.

Highly recommended by Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel.

Barbados is Barbara's homeland for MANY generations (almost 4 centuries!)

**Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel will be attending the tournament in 2025. There will be TWO free
seminars given by Barbara while there (Sun am & Sun aft: 9 FEB) FLY IN ON SAT 8 FEB to attend**

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9 Feb: 10 – 12 & 2.00-4.00 pm: Bridge lessons
10 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
10 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 1 session
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12 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
12 Feb: 2.30 pm: Rum Pairs
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14 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
14 Feb: 2.30 pm: Lady Burton Pairs # 1 session
15 Feb: 9.30 am & 2.00 pm: Lady Burton Pairs # 2 & 3

*My name is Barbara Seagram & I am a bridge player, author and teacher. I was born and raised on this beautiful island in the Caribbean. The Barbados Bridge Committee do a wonderful job running this delightful bridge tournament in February each year. Imagine \$1,190.USD per person (dbl. occ) to spend a week at a hotel in Barbados in February, including all meals and drinks. They even pick you up at the airport! The players are friendly, the sun shines forever and the island beckons. You cannot afford to not go! It is a very special island and we invite you to visit and enjoy all its magic.
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There is no significance to the names Pelau Pairs, Rum Pairs, Lady Burton Pairs etc: It is just a designation to distinguish one event from another. Cost per session is \$15.00 USD



Slowly but surely bridge players are trickling back to the table for face-to-face bridge. One of the keys to attracting people to tournaments is having crackerjack organizers such as Kingston's **Terry Demers**, St. Catharines's **Kathy Morrison** and Toronto NABC top gun, **Darlene Scott**. All are

adept at running a committee of volunteers who all want to make bridge fun again. And they do!

I just got back from the Kingston Regional which was held over the long weekend in May. While the room could be a bit noisy at times, the hospitality was amazing with free coffee and breakfast baked goods, a wine and cheese evening, prizes, and friendly directors! (It all took the sting off two second-place finishes, which are normally tough to take.) Looking forward to the next one in 2026. Terry D. and company have capably picked up where Ed and Moira O'Reilly left off.

Thank you to our Kib contributors this issue: **Denise Donovan** who sent me all the speaking notes from the celebration game of Gary Westfall. Gary went over 10,000 masterpoints last February. Way to go,

Gary! **Robert Griffiths**, who even in the middle of moving residences and all the requisite packing and planning, finds time to write. **Michael Roche**, Canada's newest Hall of Famer, chimes in with a funny way to win the best-played hand award (again!). And **Howard Laufer** returns with another installment in his series on how he discovered bridge. You might see yourself in Howard's recounting. **David Turner**, one of our many Davids from last issue, emailed me a great hand for the David vs. Goliath theme.

If you're still with me, I need you to do me a favour. Please send me a hand or a story from this July's Toronto NABC. I'd like to make the next issue, the one that comes out in August, all about us and our successes (or near-successes) at the bridge table. Your hand or story can be from any event played at the NABC, yes, even if it's a side game or the Midnight Swiss. C'mon let's make the price of admission worth it and put down for posterity anything you think is fit for print. I'd appreciate it. A Word doc is preferable, but a direct email also works. Please send to my email address below.

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On the cover: **Gary Westfall**

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Gary Westfall – Ontario's Newest Platinum Life Master

If you look on pages 74-75 of the May 2024 ACBL Bridge Bulletin, you will see a couple familiar names. Achieving the rank of Diamond Life Master for accumulating over 5000 masterpoints is Mississauga's own, Steven Mehta and Sarnia's Deanna Tomas. Congratulations, Steven and Deanna! 5000 is nothing to sneeze at. Then, if you scan up a bit, on the top row, you will see a photo of Brampton's highest achieving masterpoint earner, with all of 10,000: Gary Westfall. Way to go, Gary!

Long-time friend and partner Denise Donovan hosted a special celebration game for Gary at the St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East last March. After thanking the sizable crowd for coming out, Denise said, "Gary, this is truly a lifetime achievement. While ACBL has yet to catch up with the news, we, your friends, colleagues, and bridge playing family are happy to celebrate with you today. And, for those who always check out his t-shirts, please note that today Gary carries with him his eight sisters and brothers to join in the celebration."

Denise continued, "Gary's interest in bridge began in his third year of university in Windsor. His card playing buddies had moved on from euchre and hearts and it took him about two weeks before he said, 'I'm ready to play.'" In that first set of hands he and his partner bid to 6NT, making thirteen tricks, missing three jacks. That's when Gary was hooked. Much of his learning of the game came from reading bridge books and kibitzing better players.



"When he moved to Toronto in 1968, he approached Nancy Hart at the Regal Bridge Club, saying he wanted to learn to play duplicate bridge. Nancy quickly called Frances Steiner and from there he was on his way, playing duplicate bridge on a regular basis.

Anyone who has spent any time with Gary knows he can quote hands played 40 years ago. His most memorable moment was in the early 70s at the

Toronto Easter Regional, playing Swiss Teams on a Sunday. His team was 2 for 2 at the dinner break. When they returned, they asked the director which table was theirs. The Director pointed to a table in the middle of the room, surrounded by kibitzers watching Sami Kehela and Eric Murray. While they did not win the round, Gary did play and make a INT contract which required an endplay. At the end of the hand, Sami leaned in and said, 'Well played.' It was those special moments against strong players that kept Gary motivated."

Andy Risman, President of Unit 166, got up to say a few words, too: "In 1977, Peggy Whitehouse, the then treasurer of the Metro Toronto Bridge Association, asked Gary what he did for a living. When he responded that he was a Chartered Accountant, she

asked if he would be interested in assuming the role of auditor for the association and in January of 1978, it was announced that Gary had been appointed as the new auditor of Unit 166 and District 2. He has faithfully and competently performed that duty ever since. Gary, thank you for your support of our Unit and District as auditor. We are in good hands." Denise shared what Gary has been doing since retiring from his job at the Ontario Food Terminal Board in 2006. "Gary's boss asked what he planned to do in his retirement. While bridge was not at the very top of the list, it was there along with more travel, and more golf. Gary's travels have taken him around the world, to all the provinces, all 50 states, Europe, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, China, New Zealand, Australia, and Barbados."





Then, super long-time partner Roger Snowling got up to say a few words. He recalled fondly the time they went to Gatlinburg to play in its famous regional. Ron Sutherland and Roman Klein were in tow, with Ron vociferously complaining how Gatlinburg was no Bermuda, the hollow atmosphere consisting of just cement floors, bridge tables, and chairs. Then the team went on to win the third bracket and 55 gold points. Well now, suddenly Ron and Roman both agreed Gatlinburg was a *fine* tournament. Roger figures that Gary went over 10,000 points while they were playing together at a club at the end of February.

Denise told everyone that Gary had started a bridge club in 1977 in the cafeteria of Queen's Park. That club ran on Monday evenings for many years. Pre-Covid, Gary helped run the Cavendish Bridge Club, the oldest bridge club in Toronto. Post-Covid, Gary has been the lead director at Marilyn's Bridge Club. Marilyn Rutherford was in attendance and said, "Many people take so much enjoyment, stimulation, and camaraderie out of our wonderful game. Gary passionately gives that and more back to the game in so many ways. Thank you, Gary."

Gary has been a huge part of School Bridge, having volunteered probably hundreds of hours introducing bridge to schools, teaching bridge to students in the Junior Gifted Program. Flo Belford got on the mic: "Gary taught in the School Bridge program for ten years. He started his lessons with talks of his travels around the world. That helped to captivate the students. His actual 45-minute bridge lessons were well received by excited students. They have shown their appreciation in sending him special pictures of his teaching, celebrating his birthday. Gary also attended their Science Fairs and theatre productions; he was someone they introduced to others as their Bridge Teacher and Travel Advisor."

And finally, Denise closed proceedings by sharing the following, "The sign of a good player, in my view, is someone who gives back to the bridge playing community. Gary is a good bridge player, and he willingly offers his advice and mentorship to blossoming players. Some of them are here today: William Liu, our youngest member, Charles Bond, Vasanthi Sivasundaram, and Amy Yin. On behalf of us all, thank you, Gary, for your contributions to bridge and congratulations on reaching Platinum Life Master!"

After congratulating Gary. I asked him for a hand for the magazine. He recalled one from 2004. He said, "We were playing Lew Richardson's team in the CNTC qualifying game at John Rayner's bridge club. I opened 2NT and my partner with 18 HCPs did not bid 7NT like everyone else in the room. He bid 3♣ Puppet Stayman (a convention not on our card) which got us to 6♥ on a 4-3 fit. Just in because the opposing hearts were divided 5-1. This result, a loss of 13 imps, allowed Lew's team to qualify for the CNTCs in St. Catharines later that year. They went on to win it all and represent Canada in Istanbul, Turkey. To this day Lew thanks me for this gift although I always tell him he should thank my partner."

There is another hand. Four years ago, Gary contributed a hand to the Kibitzer, wondering if the deal qualified as a world record. He was playing in an ACBL game on BBO one April night when this hand arose.

Vul: Both
Dlr: South

	♠ A 9 6 5	
	♥ K 10 8 4 3	
	♦ A Q 6	
	♣ 4	
♠ 8		♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ 6 5		♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 4		♦ J 10 9 3 2
♣ A Q 10 9 8 7 6 3		♣ —
	♠ K J 3	
	♥ A Q 9	
	♦ K 7 5	
	♣ K J 5 2	

West	North	East	South
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥
5♣	Double	all pass	

*Smolen, showing four spades, five hearts, game-forcing

North led a fourth best heart and South won their ace. At trick two, South shifted to the ♣2. Declarer played second hand low, and North played third hand high. When the smoke had cleared, all the players sat in awe as they saw that North had taken the trick (the first time trumps had been played) with the 4! The result was 5♣ doubled down 6 for 1700 big ones. Gary wrote, "Has a defender ever won the first round of trumps with the 4?" I think not, how about you?

I asked Gary for early mentors, and he said he was basically self-taught. "Harry Abel told me once that if the opponents are giving you a finesse that you cannot

do yourself, then it is not going to win."

Fun fact: Gary has played in every Toronto Easter Regional since 1969. I think that is a record—has anyone played in more consecutive TO regionals? When he got the bridge bug he told his parents, "Don't expect me to go to Windsor to celebrate Easter anymore."

I also asked Gary what his dream bridge club would look like. He gave a thoughtful response: "My perfect club would be one where everybody plays the game for the social enjoyment and not worry about the results. I never played on BBO prior to Covid. When people asked me to play, I said I would not play online until the day comes that I cannot drive my car to the club."

Hope to see you grace the back pages again sometime, Gary—I see the ACBL recognizes those who garner 15,000 points. Onwards and upwards!





Meet your Canadian Juniors!

Just before the Toronto NABC gets under way in July, the World Transnational Junior Teams and Pairs will be taking place in Wroclaw, Poland. The Canadian Bridge Federation is sending a team and here they are!

First up, we have a new pair on the Canadian scene: Simon Hungate and Jeff Martinovic, aka “Martigate.” They’ve been set up with former Canadian champion and all-around good guy, David Colbert as their mentor. They’re getting lots of online work in, also with some help from Etobicoke Olympium stalwart, Renette Bourgeois.

Simon just finished his third year at Western where he is pursuing a dual degree in Engineering and Business. When Simon was still a child, his grandfather introduced him to bridge while staying at a family cottage in Idaho. So, it should not be considered small potatoes if Simon and Jeff go on to do well!

Jeff is also at Western, also just finishing his third year, but in Mechanical Engineering. Jeff has been playing for only about one year! Read that again. Simon pulled off quite the ‘engineering’ coup in getting Jeff to learn the game and Jeff could not be more excited.

Our next pair have a bit more experience on the international scene: Garrett Liu and Quan Chen. Their partnership nickname is GQ, for not only are they gentlemen, but c’mon, look at their initials. Garrett is also at Western, having finished up his first year of medical science. Garrett got his start in bridge about eight years ago while in 5th grade. He and Quan love talking system. Well maybe Quan more than Garrett...

Quan is also a first-year university student, but at Queen’s where he is taking Music and Education. His specialty is playing the cello (see picture). Quan first started playing when he was 12 years old, as a bonding experience with his father, and they continue to play together to this day. Together, Garrett and Quan have 7 international experiences. GQ are being mentored by former Canadian junior star and now bridge professional, Shan Huang. Shan is quickly climbing the ranks of all-time greats, so Garrett and Quan are in good hands.



Cindy He



Volunteer extraordinaire Danny Miles and Andy Stark



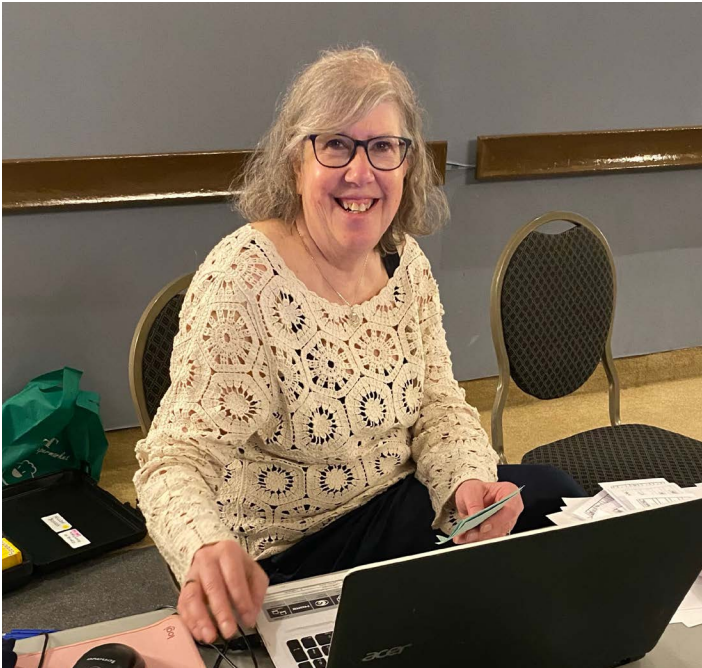
2 of Western's brightest: Simon Hungate & Jeff Martinovic

Our most experienced players usually play with other partners when they play for Canada, but for Wrocław they have formed a partnership: Cindy He and Olivia Laufer. Collectively they have over 10 international “caps.” Cindy started playing when she was all of 10 years old when her mom signed her up for lessons without asking Cindy ahead of time. Cindy is currently at McMaster University studying Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour. Is that perfect for playing bridge or what? Oh, and Cindy is also specializing in music cognition. Cindy plays percussion and trombone.

Olivia Laufer was born during a bridge game when her mom Anu Goodman became the dummy. Just kidding, but it sure feels that way. Olivia’s father, John Laufer, also plays a fair bit, at clubs and tournaments. Olivia started playing bridge at the 2010 New Orleans Summer NABC—she was about 7 years old at the time. Olivia is currently studying Computer Science at the University of Waterloo where she takes a



Garrett Liu and Quan Chen



Director Ina Demme busy tallying up the matchpoints

keen interest in the development of other bridge players—Waterloo has a strong bridge group and should do well at the Collegiates this summer, thanks to the tutelage of captain Olivia! CO, (Cindy-Olivia) are being mentored by Michel Lorber. Michel is an expert from la belle province and winner of the 2022 CNTCs.

Earlier in May, the Toronto bridge club “Ina & Friends” hosted a fundraiser for the juniors. Three of the juniors played in the game and were auctioned off to the highest bidder for a bridge game. In the case of Quan, Lynn Ross of Toronto bid on him and won a mini lesson and game in her home for two other friends and her. Quan, at the behest of Lynn, brought his cello and put on a performance. What a great prize! Cindy was won by Joanne Gray and Garrett by Nina Overbury. Simon was not able to attend the fundraiser but kindly allowed us to auction him off and he was won by Gur Baykal.

The great Toronto player, teacher, and raconteur John Rayner put his game up for bidding and he was won by Kristin Ferguson. And good ol’ Danny Miles,



Lynn Ross and Quan Chen



Quan playing the cello

Toronto's busiest volunteer (he's doing work for the Toronto NABC), was won by Joanne Pooley. Yours truly, the ♠J, offered up a home lesson and was won by Mary Jean Potter. Thank you to all our bidders and all who were in attendance that day. The club had 26 tables in play, including 4 in an easy-going game. Ina & Friends is the Friday game at the Temple Sinai and for \$15 includes a lunch at around 12 noon and game at 12:30. The rest of the games are run by Richard Ross under the name, "Stephen's Bridge Club," so a hearty thanks to Richard and Ina for hosting.

If you, too, would like to help support the Canadian juniors, you can visit the CBF website at www.cbf.ca and while on the homepage, click the red button at the bottom left titled, "Donation—Junior Fund." Every little bit helps, especially this year as we ask our juniors to work hard with their mentors, the goal being to make the podium! We'll have a report in the next issue of the Kibitzer, slated to come out in mid-August.



Olivia Laufer



Two players not playing together but in attendance: Lesley Thomson and Gur Baykal



On the Tourney Trail

By Robert Griffiths

BLOCK THOSE CLUBS

Here's a board from the Toronto Easter Regional. North passed and East opened 1♥. I was South and pushed my vulnerable luck with a 2♠ overcall, not quite disciplined. West bid 3♦, North passed and East bid 3NT, buying the contract.

On lead, I tried to find partner's suit with the ♣10. Everybody else at the table seemed to have a suit, so why not North?

East considered the club lead, then played low from dummy. Now my partner had to consider. Should he win his ♣A to return the ♠J? He decided that our best hope of beating 3NT lay with my hand having both an outside entry and another club to set up his club suit, so he played his most encouraging club card, the 4.

Board 12
North Deals
Both Vul

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

Declarer won his ♣Q and led a small diamond towards dummy. I could have beaten the contract immediately by winning the ♦A and returning my other club, but I didn't know partner's clubs were that good, so I ducked.

Declarer won Dummy's ♦K, then guessed to lead the ♦Q, smothering North's Jack. This time I won my Ace, returned my other club and partner took 4 club tricks to set the contract.

It looked like my club lead had given East no hope for 9 tricks, but he could have done better. I had made a vulnerable overcall with a suit likely headed at best by the queen and jack. So, I was a favourite to hold one of the two outstanding aces.

My lead of the ♣10, without holding the king, queen, or nine was evidence that I was searching for club cards in partner's suit, rather than working on my own second suit. So, the danger in the hand was that North held 5 clubs headed by the ace and jack.

East can survive that holding by playing the ♣K at trick one. Now, North has to win his ace at trick 1 as ducking will give declarer a second club stopper and the timing to set up his diamonds. But, if North uses his ace at trick one, he will never have an entry to his club suit.

With the danger of the club suit gone, East can make 9 easy tricks by playing me for the ♦A.

LEAPING MICHAELS AND LIGHTNER DOUBLES

This hand is from a team game at the Gatlinburg Regional. At my table, West dealt and opened with 2♥.

My partner, North, jumped to 4♦. This is a conventional bid called Leaping Michaels. With this convention, a jump to 4 of a minor suit after an opponent's major suit weak 2-bid promises at least 5 cards in the bid suit (here diamonds) and at least 5 cards in the other major (here spades). And, of course, it promises a strong enough hand to play at the 4-level.

After the 4♦ bid, East raised to 4♥ and I stopped to think. Partner is promising a very good hand with 5 spades. I could try Blackwood but we were a new partnership; we had no agreement on which key cards I was asking for.

Finally, I simply bid what I thought (hoped) I could make: 6♠. This was passed back to East who doubled.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q J 9 4	
♥ —	
♦ K Q 7 5 2	
♣ K 8 5	
♠ 10 5	♠ 3
♥ A Q J 8 3 2	♥ 10 9 7 5 4
♦ —	♦ A 8 6 4 3
♣ Q 10 6 3 2	♣ J 9
♠ K 8 7 6 2	
♥ K 6	
♦ J 10 9	
♣ A 7 4	

West led the ♥A, and 12 tricks were easy; trumps were drawn and the ♦A was the only loser.

East's double was a Lightner double, asking for an unusual lead, often dummy's first bid suit. He thought there was a good chance that West held a singleton diamond, which West might normally be leery of leading, as it was one of our suits. East would win his ♦A and give partner a ruff. It would have been a perfect plan if West had held a singleton diamond instead of a void.

At the other table, my teammate in the West seat chose to open 1♥. Their North opponent overcalled 1♠. East jumped to 4♥ and South countered with 4♠. Now, when West continued with 5♥, nobody knew who was bidding with values and who was sacrificing.

North and South meekly passed the 5♥ bid out, undoubled. West lost 1 spade, 1 heart and 2 clubs, going down 2 for -200. Compared with the +1660 for 6♠ doubled, making 6, it made a good gain for our side and a good story.



Jennifer Verdam is thinking, "I hope folks come to Seaforth for our Sectional June 8-9!"

WHEN GOOD ADVICE TURNS BAD

This hand is also from the recent Toronto Easter Regional Tournament. Our team of 4 was playing in a Swiss event and we were doing fairly well when we ran up against a team of 4 players, each of whom had won more than one Canadian Bridge championship. We tried to avoid looking intimidated.

The match was going well and, at our table, we felt that we were holding our own. Then came this board. East dealt and opened with 3♦. This bid is a tad exotic with 1 HCP and 4 spades but the vulnerability was favourable, so it isn't outrageous. In this situation, Dave Baker likes to say that you are promising 13 cards, many of which are diamonds.

I was South, and overcalled 3♥. After West passed, my partner bid 4NT; I showed my 2 keycards and my partner settled into 6♥. West cashed his ♠A at trick one and I quickly claimed the rest. The bidding and the play together took all of 2 minutes.

Board 2
East Deals
NS Vul

	♠ K 2	
	♥ A 6 5 4 2	
	♦ A K Q	
	♣ Q 9 8	
♠ A Q J 9 6 3		♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ J 8		♥ 19
♦ 6		♦ J 10 9 8 7 3 2
♣ J 7 6 4		♣ 2
	♠ 7	
	♥ K Q 10 7 3	
	♦ 5 4	
	♣ A K 10 5 3	

Since I'm writing about the hand, you know that things went differently at our partners' table. My teammate sitting East chose to pass and South opened with 1♥. Now West made a preemptive jump to 2♠ and

North showed his enthusiasm with a cuebid of 3♠. East considered the hand. The opponents had already found their suit, hearts, and had a good idea of the strength of their hands. He decided to get in the way of any keycard asks by jumping to 5♠.

South brushed off this interference with a bid of 6♥, West passed and North huddled. He thought that the opponents had shown a lot of spades between them, perhaps 11. His partner had bid 6♥ as if he didn't have a care in the world. East and West were doing all that they could to prevent NS from getting to a grand slam. The evidence pointed to South having a heart void and 13 tricks being available in hearts, so he bid 7♥ and that ended the auction.

So, West was on lead against 7♥. A few months ago, he found himself on lead against a grand slam after a very similar auction. On that occasion, he led his ace. Dummy put down K2 in the suit and declarer ruffed the lead. The king, which was now set up in dummy, proved to be the 13th trick. He had made the only lead to allow the grand slam to be made. His partner in that game was a top national player who advised him that if expert opponents bid to a grand slam, missing the ace of the opponents' bid suit, one opponent will have a void and it will seldom be the correct play to try to cash the ace. This advice was going through West's mind as he picked his lead.

Of course, you know what he did. He did not lead the ♠A, which this time was the only lead that would defeat the contract. Declarer quickly claimed 13 tricks, throwing his spade on dummy's third top diamond. So, instead of gaining 17 IMPS on the hand, we lost 13 IMPS and our momentum.

Sigh.



Best Played Hand Award (Fantasy IBPA)

By Michael Roche

Many years ago, I nominated myself (and accepted the award) as the winner of the Best Played Hand competition. The evidence was overwhelming, but first a little background.

The event was a knockout played at the Royal York Hotel. My team and I were definite underdogs playing against a top team which included world champions. At the half time dinner break we exited across York Street and went to the Strathmore Hotel, which was better known for its selection of beer and assorted beverages rather than its fine cuisine. Nothing unusual happened but we were almost late sitting down against Paul Soloway and one of his many expert partners. On the very first deal, Rayner put me into 3NT. There were seemingly a lot of tricks to be had, but truth be told, I was having more than a little difficulty focusing on how best to cash my tricks.

The solution was simple: I put my hand on the table and said, "How do I do?" Soloway inspects my hand and looks at the dummy and then his hand. "Well, you have three spades, two hearts, four diamonds, and two clubs, so you make 11 tricks." "Great," I said, as I scored up +660.

A little later in the match, it occurred to me that nobody – and I mean that sincerely – nobody could have taken more tricks than Soloway playing for me while looking at all the cards. Therefore, it had to be the best played hand ever. Until recently...

Fast forward (okay, not that fast - 40 years later) and I find myself on Vugraph in Atlanta playing against Zack Grossack and Michael Rosenberg.

This time I'm in 5♦ with these cards.

♠ A 10 3
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ K 7 5

♠ K 5 4 2
♥ A Q 6
♦ K Q 10 9 5 3
♣ —

The auction went like this:

West	North	East	South
		1♠	2♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	5♦
All pass			

*Artificial; good diamond raise

The opening lead was the ♠J. Hmm I said to myself, time to count my winners and losers. I had no losers in clubs and hopefully none in diamonds, so I needed to negotiate the hearts and spades for only two losers – shouldn't be too difficult.

I won the opening lead in hand with the king and played off the ♦K – nothing bad happened but no jack appeared. I then cashed the ♦Q and discovered the 3-1 trump split.

I crossed to dummy's ♦A (there went my spade ruff) and played a heart to the queen which won. So, I cashed the ace and exited with my last heart.

As I lost to the heart king on my right, Zack on my left claimed for me – making 6! What???

Before I could calculate what had happened, he announced that Rosenberg was endplayed. He had no more hearts and couldn't lead into the ♠A10. Also, Rosenberg had the ace of clubs so could not lead away from it without giving up a club trick.

The full deal:

♠ J	♠ A 10 3	♠ Q 9 8 7 6
♥ 8 5 3	♥ J 9 7 2	♥ K 10 4
♦ J 8 7	♦ A 4 2	♦ 6
♣ J 9 8 4 3 2	♣ K 7 5	♣ A Q 10 6
	♠ K 5 4 2	
	♥ A Q 6	
	♦ K Q 10 9 5 3	
	♣ —	

Nicely played +620 and win an imp versus the 600 at the other table. Once again nobody - and I mean that sincerely - nobody could have done better, and so I feel I must once again nominate myself for the best played hand. And once again I shall accept.

STOP THE PRESSES!

Just announced on the CBF website: Michael Roche has been elected to the CBF Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony is June 15 in Penticton.

Congrats, Mike!



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Bridge 101

By Howard Laufer

The biggest mistake that I ever made when I started playing duplicate bridge was not taking any lessons. Like so many others, after years of playing bridge “by the seat of my pants,” I graduated from social bridge to duplicate. In the beginning, it was like learning to type using the “hunt and peck” method. It worked, but it was a struggle. It was probably more like “hit and miss” rather than anything else. I came from a card playing family, plus most of my friends played some sort of card games, so it was a natural pastime for my whole generation. I wish I had a teacher or mentor to guide me when I first became serious about playing duplicate bridge but alas, I did not, so the game was a constant battle to improve but without the necessary tools to accomplish that goal.

Bridge was not like other cards games. Of course, I am not including Whist since it was the forerunner of our modern game, but I didn’t know that Whist even existed back then. I grew up on Canasta, Gin Rummy, and Hearts. A lot of people played Pinochle, but I never learned to play it—I could hardly even pronounce it. Gin was simple, since all you had to do was collect sequences of the same suit or number groups. Hearts was more interesting because you had to strategize so you wouldn’t get caught with too many points, especially the Queen of Spades. The biggest challenge was figuring out how to “win the bundle.” When bridge came along, it quickly surpassed any other card game.

Our neighbors, Ron and Pam, taught my wife and me to play bridge. Of course, they had learned only the basics themselves but that didn’t matter because bridge wasn’t as important as our social evenings to-

gether playing at the kitchen table. I guess that location was the reason that social bridge was renamed kitchen bridge in our household. We played, but we talked more about life than we did about bridge. Bridge was just a fun game like so many other card games. It had some interesting wrinkles, like playing off a “dummy” hand that was exposed for everyone to see. Another interesting feature was the fact that you could play in no trump if you couldn’t find a suit contract. It also had some drawbacks too. The scoring system was difficult to understand, and the bidding required a lot of guess work. We did learn how to count points and how to bid game contracts. The play of the hand was just a natural extension of playing any card game if you had a little knowledge and a little card sense. It all worked because we didn’t take the game too seriously.

When I retired, my wife and I spent a lot of time playing golf. Like most retirees, we were looking for a hobby or a pastime to fill in our retirement days. We wanted something that was challenging but also something that was social. Golf was our passion for many years. We joined the local golf club and played in every tournament event that was available. We chased that little white ball all over the golf course and loved every minute of it. We also enjoyed the social part of the game. We met lots of new friends on the “19th hole.” Of course, that’s the watering hole—the bar, where you could quaff down your beverage of choice along with a hotdog or sausage. Some golfing buddies who were also lifelong bridge players, convinced us to broaden our horizons and join the local bridge club. That suggestion started us down the rocky road to learning to play bridge all over again.

The local bridge club had only “open” games, so we were stuck playing against some very excellent players. These experts assured us that the best way to learn the game was to play against the best players. “It upgrades your own game,” they said. Well, that’s not true! It just made the struggle more difficult and more frustrating. Our big breakthrough came when we joined the bridge club in Clearwater, Florida. By now, we spent our winters in Florida. It was a perfect retirement life—sun and surf, golf and bridge. Lots of new friends and lots of new challenges. Bridge now became the ultimate game and our new passion.

The Clearwater club had it all: bridge lessons for beginners, seminars, mini lessons, and expert advice, but best of all “limited” games. Now, for the first time, we could play against others of our own ability. The sharks in the open game would have to find other prey to devour. We were free to find our own game in a world of beginners.

The first question that we asked everyone was: “What conventions should we learn?” Clearly, our fellow players didn’t have a clue either. That didn’t matter now because we could simply ask the experts at the club for advice. The consensus was universal: only start with a few conventions and understand them completely before incorporating them into our convention card. That sounded reasonable except for the fact that we were still trying to decipher the code to the convention card. That was a challenge for a beginner. They expected us to figure out things like 1430 (a weird number); DOPI – one of the seven dwarfs; Texas – a lone star state; Puppet – a hand-held mannequin; and a bunch of other names like Drury, Smolen and Lebensohl that were meaningless to us.

Even though the game of bridge has evolved over time, some advice never ages. In 1927, ten years before the ACBL came into existence, bridge expert, Leila Hattersley, writing for the “The New Yorker” magazine offered these words of wisdom that all beginners should listen to: “study card evaluation, develop your imagination, rely on your common sense,

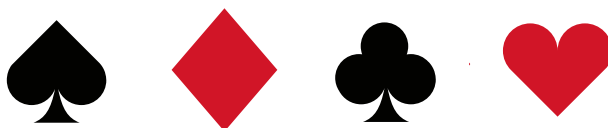
and adopt as few conventions as possible.” My new partner, Bob, and I took her words to heart and finally settled on the most essential conventions that we could find: Stayman, transfers, negative doubles, and Blackwood. We were on our way. We heeded Leila’s advice and decided to keep the game as simple as possible. Right from the beginning, Bob always insisted that we play only a few conventions and that’s the foundation on which we built our partnership. After playing together for a while, we did add a few more essentials but our format for success was still the same: use as few conventions as possible and rely a lot on good card sense. It’s a simple strategy that worked for us.

Learning bridge from scratch is a daunting task. Outside of lessons, the most important thing that a beginner can do is read a good starter bridge book. The most well-known authors would be either Audrey Grant or Barbara Seagram. If that wasn’t one of your choices, then you could pick from the catchiest titles on the bookshelf. The two that jump out and scream “Read me first!” are “Bridge for Dummies” and “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Bridge.” These titles poke fun at your IQ level as a novice player but I think there’s a grain of truth sprinkled in. For me, the answer was none of the above. My first read was a book by Brent Manley, titled “The Everything Bridge Book.” This little gem of a book simply stated all the things that I needed to know. Sometimes the perfect answer for one person is not the perfect answer for another. Of course, I have read a lot more since then and I have relied heavily on the articles for beginners and intermediates in the Bridge Bulletin. Another option readily available is free “learning to play” software and resources provided online by the ACBL. If that’s not complete overload, then you can access Bridge Base Online with its own cornucopia of carefully crafted instructional deals. There’s enough “stuff” out there to keep you up late into the night.

Mastering the fundamentals of duplicate bridge gradually becomes easier with each game that you play. As your knowledge of the game increases so does your

rate of success. Every game has a lesson in it somewhere and each duplicate bridge session is a steppingstone to the next level. The ACBL promotes club games and tournaments for novice players and non-life masters. All the local clubs encourage you to participate in limited games as well as open games. Lastly, one final bit of advice: take the time to leaf through the glossy pages of the Bridge Bulletin. It's filled with tips and lessons for players of all levels.

If you are anything like me, it doesn't take long to realize that you are addicted to the game. This compulsion to keep playing is just there. You just can't help yourself. The road will get bumpy at times but the satisfaction that comes from making your contract or defeating theirs is all the reward that you will need to keep enjoying the ride.



Michael Kammermayer & Darlene Scott, 2024 Toronto NABC Chair

Photo by JS



Correspondence



Hi Andy,

The hand I sent you previously perhaps could be used another time. This one seems to fit the David vs. Goliath theme better.

First, a related anecdote...

Mid-70s, Toronto Easter Regional. I'm an up-and-coming younger player playing with my long-time partner Greg Carroll in a Swiss Team event. We're doing pretty well around half-time, when I'm somewhat awestruck by our new opponents: Murray and Kehela - gasp!

Perhaps more than a little nervous from the opponents and associated kibitzers, the inevitable happens and we (!?) foul up a vulnerable game on the first board, and everybody knows we're down 13 already. But that wasn't the impressive David vs. Goliath moment ... Murray, up a game swing on two young whippersnappers, on the very next board... *psyched!* That told me everything about the competitive spirit of the guy, and I've always remembered it.

My lifetime D vs G moment occurred on a clearly bigger stage and, improbably, against a more famous opponent. 1987, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Greg and I are playing for Canada in the World Bridge Championship, the Bermuda Bowl. Canada is doing well and we're in a tough battle for the one of the two semi-final spots, so the current match, at our table, will be broadcast on Viewgraph. Our opponents are the Pakistani team, and the presence of the Viewgraph recorder should have tipped me off that my right-hand opponent was destined to be the famed Zia! Talk about pressure.

Turns out Zia is an amiable opponent (so much so that I didn't take it too badly when he told me how I could have made a tough game contract by playing him for a nearly impossible hand), and overall, the match has still gone in our

favour when "The Hand" comes up (many specific details have been blurred by the sands of time).

Zia and Masood have a lengthy, slow, complicated auction and they stagger into 6♥ by Zia on what appears to be two semi-balanced hands and a 4-4 fit, with dummy holding a diamond control. So I'm on lead with this hand:

♠xxxxx ♥xxx ♦A7 ♣jxx against a sleazy slam, on Vugraph, in a key match, with Zia declaring. I'm confident a low diamond is the best chance for a set. But ... dummy might have a stiff, Zia mightn't have the jack of diamonds, people might think I'm "trick-cycling" for the Vugraph audience, or to impress Zia, or I might've groaned audibly for all I know.

Finally, I led the ♦7 and dummy appeared with ♦Kx (yay!) and Zia calls "low" (yay!) and Greg Well, Greg went into quite a tank! The one losing option I hadn't considered! If he plays low, I'm off the team! Finally, to quote S.J. Simon, "he played it" - the ♦Q!!!

Greg returned a diamond a lot quicker, and Zia claimed one down, saying, "You took so long to make the 'obvious' diamond lead, I should have guessed it." True to form to the end ;)

And a rare win for David over Goliath!

~David Turner





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Saturday Stratifications:

Non-Life Masters, <500 MPs:	A: 300-500	B: 100-300	C: 0-100
A/X/Y Pairs:	A: 2500 +	X: 1000-2500	Y: 0-1000

Sunday, May 26: Bracketed Teams (by Total Team MPs)

Two Session Play-through starting at 10:00am with a short break for lunch.

Top Bracket available to all, at Director's discretion.

A lunch will be available for purchase each day (cash only).

Entry Fees (debit or credit card only):

Saturday - \$15 / person /session.

Sunday - \$120 per Swiss Team (2 sessions).

ACBL members, whose memberships are not current, add \$4 / person/ session.

Non-ACBL members are required to join the ACBL.

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Saturday June 1st, 2024

750 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm
299 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm

Partnership Chair:

Peggy-Sue Verkerk 905-359-0159
Email peggysueshaver@yahoo.com

Lunch will be available for purchase

Sunday June 2nd, 2024

750 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm
299 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm

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Stratification

(Subject to Director's discretion)

750 Pairs 300 - 750
299 Pairs 0 - 300

General Information

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June 8 - 9, 2024

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Saturday, June 8, 2024

The Percy Sheardown Open Pairs Sessions 1 and 2: 10:00 am and 2:30 pm

(Stratifications A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500)

Single Session entries available

0-299 Pairs Two Single Sessions: 10:00 and 2:30 pm

(Stratifications A: 200-299, B: 50-200, C: 0-50)

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Swiss Teams: 10:00 am and TBA

Two Session Play-through

A/X Swiss Teams - open to all players

B/C Swiss Teams - no player may exceed 2000 masterpoints

Entry fees: \$15.00 per person per session

We will not be providing a lunch option but will have a longer lunch break so that people can make their own arrangements at local restaurants.

Tournament Chair

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Toronto 0 - 500 Sectional Tournament

Novice Pairs Game

C 0-200, D 0-50, E 0-10

Intermediate Pairs Game

A 0-500, B 0-300 mps

Swiss Teams Game

A 0-500, B 0-300, C 0-50

Guest Speakers

between Sessions @ 2:15.

Saturday June 8th

Single Session Pairs
10 am and 3 pm

Sunday June 9th

Single Session Pairs at 10 am
Single Session Swiss Teams at 3 pm

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June 8 & 9, 2024**

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THORNHILL SUMMER SECTIONAL
Saturday, June 29 & Sunday, June 30, 2024

Event Schedule (Based on numbers and at the Director's discretion)

Saturday, June 29: **10:30 am & 3:00 pm**
Pairs *Two-session event. Single entries are welcome.*

Stratified Open Pairs A: 2000+ B: 750 - 2000 C: 0 - 749

Stratified Limited Pairs 0 - 300 Pairs

Stratified Limited Pairs 0 - 50 Pairs (if numbers sufficient)

Sunday, June 30: **10:30 am & TBD**
Stratified Swiss Teams

Play through. Pizza can be purchased on-site.

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

Flights B/C/D: B: 750-2000 C: 300-749 D: 0-299

Stratification is determined by the average of the pair or team. However, averaging does not allow a player to play in a strat if the player's total masterpoint holding is greater than that stratification's maximum number of points.

Session Fees: \$17 (Includes HST) for ACBL members
(\$4 additional fee for unpaid or non-ACBL members)
\$5 for students

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

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

Partnership Chair – Ruth Falkenstein, used2babraver@hotmail.com, 416-845-5626

Location – Main floor, south end of the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill, L3T 4P1. The Centre is on the northeast corner of Bayview and John Street. John Street is between Hwy 407 and Steeles Ave.

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Schedule of Events

Revised 5/17/2024

BOLD, UPPER CASE - NABC+ Events, Platinum points

UPPER CASE - NABC Events, Gold and Red points

Regional Events - Gold and Red points

Gold Rush Events - Gold and Red points

Intermediate/Newcomer Events, 0-299 masterpoints - Red points

Wednesday, July 17

- noon & 6 pm **MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**
Pre-qualification required
- GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT A
Pre-qualification required
- SHEINWOLD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B
Pre-qualification required
- MACNAB GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT C
Pre-qualification required

Thursday, July 18

- 10 am **International Fund Pairs**
Thu-Sat Daylight Series
- International Fund 299er Pairs**
- 10 am & 3 pm **Educational Foundation Open Pairs** (unlim./4000/1500)
Educational Foundation Gold Rush Pairs
Educational Foundation Bracketed Round Robin Teams
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMP. FLIGHT**
GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT A
SHEINWOLD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B
MACNAB GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT C
- 3 pm **Educational Foundation Pairs**
Thu-Sat Daylight Series
- Educational Foundation 299er Pairs**

Friday, July 19

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMP. FLIGHT**
GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT A
SHEINWOLD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B
MACNAB GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT C
- 10 am **Friday Morning Side Pairs**
Thu-Sat Daylight Series
- 299er Pairs**
- 10 am & 3 pm **VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS**
2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions
- BRUCE LM-6000 LIFE MASTER PAIRS
2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions
- YOUNG 0-2500 PAIRS
2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions
- Niagara Unit 255 Open Pairs** (unlim./4000/1500)
Gold Rush Pairs
Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams
- 3 pm **Friday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Thu-Sat Daylight Series
- 299er Pairs**
- 7:30 pm **Friday Evening Side Pairs**
Fri-Mon Evening Series

Saturday, July 20 JUNIOR DAY

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMP. FLIGHT**
GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT A
SHEINWOLD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B
MACNAB GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT C
- 10 am **Saturday Morning Side Pairs**
Thu-Sat Daylight Series
- 299er Pairs**
Bridge Plus+
Free: 12 deals (0-20), follows the 8 am lesson
- 10 am & 3 pm **NABC+ OPEN PAIRS**
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
- VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS**
BRUCE LM-6000 LIFE MASTER PAIRS
YOUNG 0-2500 PAIRS
Canadian Bridge Federation Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)
Canadian Bridge Federation Gold Rush Pairs
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)
Jonathan Steinberg Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)
- 3 pm **Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Thu-Sat Daylight Series
- 299er Pairs**
- 7:30 pm **Saturday Evening Side Pairs**
Fri-Mon Evening Series

Sunday, July 21 DISTRICT 2 HOSPITALITY DAY

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMP. FLIGHT**
GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT A
SHEINWOLD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT B
MACNAB GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT C
- 10 am **Sunday Morning Side Pairs**
Sun-Tue Daylight Series
- 299er Pairs**
Bridge Plus+
Free: 12 deals (0-20), follows the 8 am lesson
- 10 am & 1 pm **Fast Pairs**
- 10 am & 3 pm **NABC+ OPEN PAIRS**
BRUCE LM-6000 LIFE MASTER PAIRS
YOUNG 0-2500 PAIRS
Robin Stephens Memorial Open Pairs
Robin Stephens Memorial Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./5000)
Joan Stephens Memorial Mid-Flight Swiss Teams (4000/1250)
Joan Stephens Memorial Gold Rush Swiss Teams
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS**
- 3 pm **Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Sun-Tue Daylight Series
- 299er Pairs**
- 7:30 pm **Sunday Evening Side Pairs**
Fri-Mon Evening Series

Monday, July 22 GOODWILL DAY

- 10 am **Judy Overland Memorial Monday Morning Side Pairs**
Sun-Tue Daylight Series
Stephen's Bridge Club 299er Pairs
- 10 am & 3 pm **WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS**
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)
Gold Rush Pairs
Darlene Scott Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
Full-day knockout matches ending Sunday 7/28; Pre-registration required by 3:30 pm Sun 7/21
TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS
Must have been born before Jan. 1, 1960; 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
- 3 pm **Monday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Sun-Tue Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 7:30 pm **Monday Evening Side Pairs**
Fri-Mon Evening Series

Tuesday, July 23 FLO BELFORD DAY

- 10 am **Sandra and Ross Jenkinson Memorial Tuesday Morning Side Pairs** *Sun-Tue Daylight Series*
299er Pairs
- 10 am & 3 pm **WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS**
Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./5000)
Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/1250)
Gold Rush Pairs
Flo Belford Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)
Flo Belford Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
TRUSCOTT/USPC SENIOR SWISS TEAMS
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
*Full-day knockout matches until complete; Pre-registration required by 3:30 pm Mon 7/22***
- 3 pm **Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Sun-Tue Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 7:30 pm **Tuesday Evening Side Pairs**
Tue-Fri Evening Series

Wednesday, July 24 GAVIN WOLPERT STUDENTS DAY

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
10 am **Wednesday Morning Side Pairs**
Wed-Thu Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 10 am & 3 pm **WERNHER OPEN PAIRS**
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
Dan Korbel Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)
Rob Barrington Gold Rush Pairs
Allison Cappelletti Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)
Allison Cappelletti Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
*Full-day knockout matches until complete; Pre-registration required by 3:30 pm Tue 7/23***

- 3 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Wed-Thu Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 7:30 pm **Wednesday Evening Side Pairs**
Tue-Fri Evening Series
Collegiate Individual

Thursday, July 25 HAZEL WOLPERT DAY

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
- 10 am **Thursday Morning Side Pairs**
Wed-Thu Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 10 am & 1 pm **Fast Pairs**
- 10 am & 3 pm **WERNHER OPEN PAIRS**
FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
NABC 0-10,000 PAIRS
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship
Round-Robin or Swiss qualifier
Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./5000)
Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/1250)
Gold Rush Pairs
Hazel Wolpert Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)
Hazel Wolpert Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
3 pm **Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Wed-Thu Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 7:30 pm **Thursday Evening Side Pairs**
Tue-Fri Evening Series
Collegiate Individual

Friday, July 26 BARBARA SEAGRAM and ALEX KORNEL DAY

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
- 10 am **Friday Morning Side Pairs**
Fri-Sun Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 10 am & 1 pm **Fast Pairs**
- 10 am & 3 pm **NABC 0-10,000 PAIRS**
Collegiate Pairs
Alex Kornel Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)
Unit 246 Gold Rush Pairs
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship
Barbara Seagram Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS**
2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions
3 pm **Friday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Fri-Sun Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 7:30 pm **Friday Evening Side Pairs**
Tue-Fri Evening Series
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship
Collegiate Individual

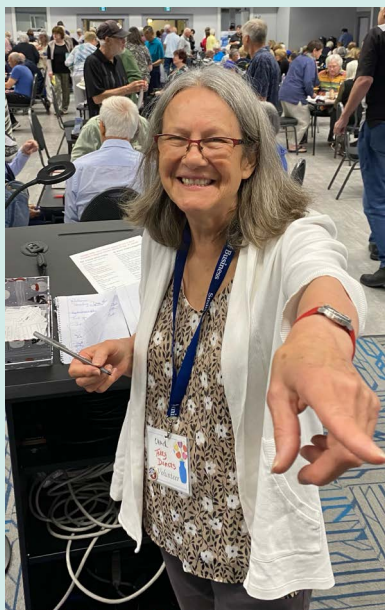
Saturday, July 27

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
 0J6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
 0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
- 10 am **Saturday Morning Side Pairs**
Fri-Sun Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 10 am & 1:30 pm **OSHLAG FAST PAIRS**
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
- 10 am & 3 pm **BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS**
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
Collegiate Pairs Championship
Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)
Gold Rush Pairs
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS**
 0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS
2 qualifying & 2 final sessions
- 3 pm **Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Fri-Sun Daylight Series
299er Pairs

Sunday, July 28

- 9:30 am & 3:30 pm **SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS**
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS
 0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
 0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS
- 10 am **Sunday Morning Side Pairs**
Fri-Sun Daylight Series
299er Pairs
- 10 am & 1 pm **Fast Pairs**
- 10 am & 1:30 pm **OSHLAG FAST PAIRS**
- 10 am & tba **Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)**
Playthrough with a short break
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-4000)
Playthrough with a short break
- 10 am & 3 pm **BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS**
- 10 am & 3:30 pm **0-10,000 MIXED SWISS TEAMS**
- 2 pm **Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs**
Fri-Sun Daylight Series
299er Pairs

Photos from the recent Kingston Regional



Superhost and tournament organizer Terry Demers, at the podium, about to make announcements



Winners of two Knockout events! Cindy He, Andrew Cheng and Peter Wong. Not pictured: Yan Wang. Cindy and Yan went on to win the Monday Swiss for a stellar showing.



Congratulations to Richard Chan, the 2023 Richmond Trophy winner for most masterpoints won by a Canadian. Richard finished with just over 1524 masterpoints.




Tillsonburg's Golden Leaf Sectional Bridge Tournament Aug. 10-11, 2024



Tournament Chair – Jed Drew Jed.Drew@gmail.com (519) 842-8786

Partnerships – Diana May dianamay@hotmail.com (519) 409-0560

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, August 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Two-Session Stratiflighted Pairs</u> Single Session Entries Welcomed</p> <p>11:00 am & 3:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A-X Flight A: 3000+ X: 0-3000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B-C-D Flight B: 1250-2000 C: 500-1250 D: 0-500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I/N Flight A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100</p> <p>Pairs flight eligibility is based upon player with highest masterpoints. Stratification within flight is based upon average masterpoints</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Swiss Teams</u> Two-Session Play-Through</p> <p>10:30 am / TBA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/X Swiss Teams Open to all players</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B/C/D Swiss Teams No player may exceed 2000 masterpoints</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣♥♦♠</p> <p>Strats in each event based on team average masterpoints</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COVID-19 Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants must have been COVID-free for at least 7 days and they may not have been in close contact with anyone known to have COVID within the last 7 days. • Masks are optional. • Hand sanitizers will be readily available and participants are encouraged to use them. <p style="text-align: center;">These protocols are subject to change in order to comply with current directives from the Province and/or SouthWest Health Unit.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: All stratifications are dependent upon depth of field. Director may adjust as required.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Entry Fees: Pairs \$15.00 per player per session. Teams \$120 per team. ACBL Members with fewer than 5 Masterpoints receive one FREE session on Saturday. Players 25 years and younger play for \$5 per session. To participate in this tournament, players must be an ACBL member . Non-ACBL members are welcome and will receive a complementary temporary ACBL membership. Lapsed members may participate only upon payment of current year's dues, or payment of a \$4 per session surcharge,</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Westfield Public School 102 Dereham Drive Tillsonburg, ON N4G 0G5</p> <p>This beautiful building is fully handicap-accessible, with a spacious playing area and excellent lighting.</p> <p>Smoking is not allowed <u>anywhere</u> on school property. <i>(If you are smoking we will treat you as if you are on fire!)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Map and Driving Directions on the Reverse Side of this Flyer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Free Coffee and Snacks Throughout</u> <u>Catered Lunch Available On-Site Daily</u></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Host Hotel 92 Simcoe Street, Tillsonburg</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone directly to the Hotel to receive a 10% discount rate: 1-866-942-7366</p>	

Tillsonburg Sectional

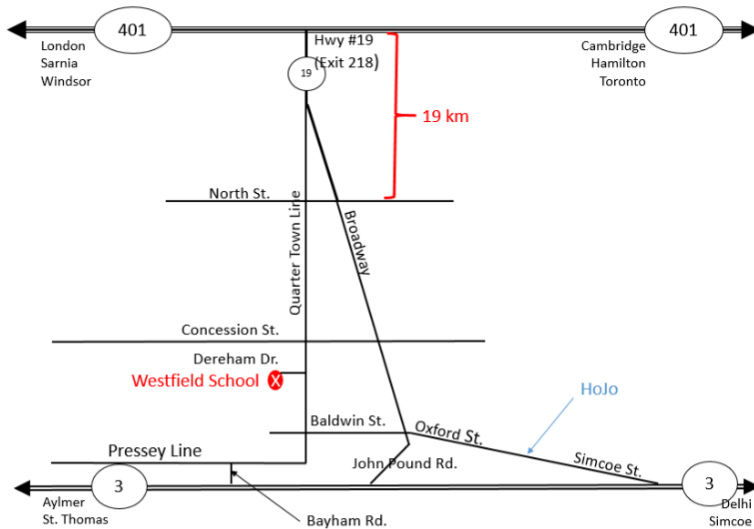
Site Location and Driving Directions

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

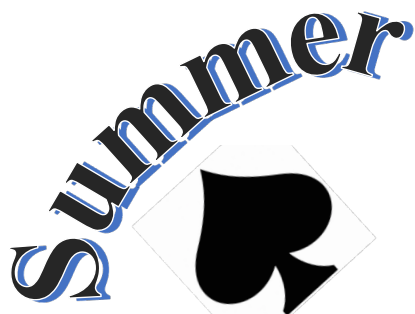
1. Travel westward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Exit onto Simcoe St.
3. Travel westward full length of Simcoe and Oxford Streets to Downtown Tillsonburg (7.1 km) (5th traffic light).
4. At corner of Broadway Ave and Oxford St. angle slightly left and follow Baldwin Street westward.
5. Continue westward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



Niagara Sectional August 16-18, 2024

NOTL Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane, NOTL
(off Hwy 55/Mississauga Rd)
905-468-4386



www.unit255.com

0-750 Tournament

Friday August 16th, 2024

750 Pairs	1:00pm
299 Pairs	1:00pm

Saturday August 17th, 2024

750 Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm
299 Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

Sunday August 18th, 2024

750 Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm
299 Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

Tournament Chair:

Brian Jones 365-888-1851
Email bjcanada439@gmail.com

Partnership Chair:

Peggy-Sue Verkerk 905-359-0159
Email peggysueshaver@yahoo.com

Stratification

(Subject to Director's discretion)

750 Pairs	300 - 750
299 Pairs	0 - 300

General Information

All Events are Single Session

\$15/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.

Cash and Credit Card accepted

Sectional Tournament Sponsored

Silver Points

Great Venue - Prizes

Free Parking

Most Friendly Atmosphere

Jaclyn Morrison



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Labour Day **SILVER POINT SECTIONAL** *Bridge Tournament*

August 31-September 2, 2024

QSSIS Banquet Halls

3474 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON M1M 1R5

Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 31

- **10:00 AM & 2:30 PM** - A/X, B/C/D - 2 Session stratiflighted pairs, Single session entries are welcome
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 199 Pairs - Single session stratified pairs
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 20 Supervised pair game

Sunday, September 1

- **10:00 AM & 2:30 PM** - A/X, B/C/D - 2 Sessions stratiflighted pairs, Single session entries are welcome
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 199 Pairs - Single session stratified pairs

Monday, September 2

- **10:00 AM & TBA** - A/X Swiss Teams - Open to all - Stratified by team average
- **10:00 AM & TBA** - B/C Swiss Teams - Stratified by team average, No player with more than 2000 MP

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

Stratiflighted event: A: 4000+, X: 0-4000, B: 1500-2500, C: 750-1500, D: 0-750

Single session entries for all Pairs games are welcome.

Session Fees:

\$17 CAD

(members)

+\$4 for non-current members

\$12 CAD

Full time students up to age 21 (members)

+\$4 for non-current members.

All players MUST have an ACBL number. Guest memberships are currently free. Contact Glenna if you require one.

PARKING AT THE SITE IS FREE FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS

NEARBY HOTELS:

Best Western Plus Executive Inn
38 Estate Drive, Scarborough ON M1H 2Z1

Holiday Inn Express
50 Estate Drive Scarborough, ON M1H2Z1

CHAIRPERSON:

Glenna Richardson 416-419-3089
glennarichardson549@gmail.com

PARTNERSHIP CHAIR:

Teenie Gibson
teenie.gibson@yahoo.com

Peterborough Local Sectional Tournament

September 21 and 22, 2024

**McDonnel Street Community Centre
(formerly Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club)
577 McDonnel Street, Peterborough, ON**

**Free coffee, tea and snacks throughout
Light lunch available for purchase both days**

Tournament Events

Saturday September 21

Stratified Open Pairs

Two single sessions at 10:30am and 2:30 pm

(note: This is not a two session total point event)

0 to 299 Pairs (if numbers in attendance warrant)

Single sessions at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm

Sunday September 22

Bracketed Swiss Teams

Two session play-through beginning at 10:30 am with a break for lunch

General Information

Stratification/ Awards

Strata will be at Director's discretion, depending on attendance

Awards will be 80% silver points and 20% black points

Entry Fees

\$13 per player per session for ACBL members

an extra \$4 per player per session for non ACBL members

Guest ACBL memberships will be available for non ACBL members

Cash only accepted

Tournament Chair: Phil Smith

philsmith.99oak@gmail.com

705-749-9307



91st Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament London, Ontario



American Contract
Bridge League

October 19-20, 2024

**London Bridge Centre
1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9
London, ON N6E 1N9**

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 am

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)

A/X: 2500, X: 0-2500

B/C/D 1,000–1999, 500-999, 0-499

Novice Pairs: 0-299 (1 Session)

Lunch at nearby local restaurants

Saturday, October 19, 2:45 pm

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)

Novice Pairs: 0-299 (1 Session)

Pairs will be stratified by average
masterpoint holdings

Entry Fees:

ACBL Members - \$15.00 / person / session

Non-ACBL Members - \$19.00 / person /
session

Chairperson: Tom Jolliffe
(519) 639-2206
tom.jolliffe@rogers.com

Partnerships: Linda Tindale
(519) 871-3740
tindalin1@gmail.com

Register Online - www.acbl.org

Sunday, October 20, 10:30 am

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-through)

Note: Teams will be bracketed by total
team points.

Teams: \$120 per team

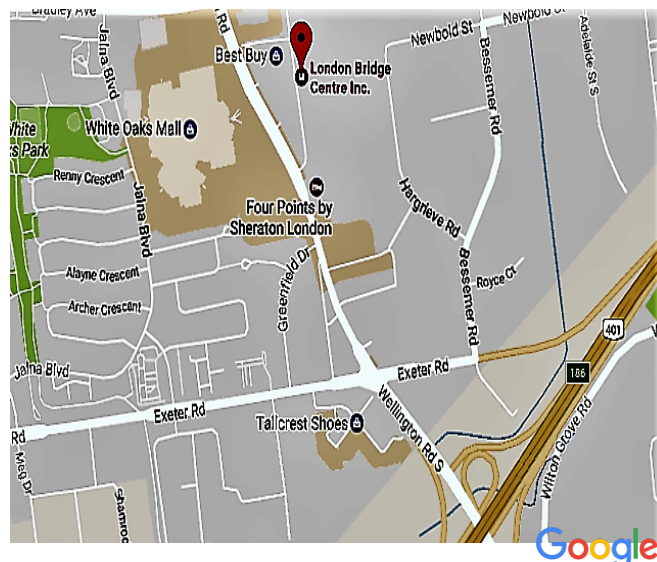
A light lunch will be available on Sunday.

Cost is \$13.

Director-in-charge: Martin Hunter

Register Online Using Entry Express

Go to www.acbl.org then click on Menu-
Tournaments-Entry Express.



OAKVILLE FALL REGIONAL

November 5 – 10, 2024
St Volodymyr Cultural Centre
1280 Dundas St W.,
Oakville, ON L6M 4H9
FREE PARKING



Tuesday November 5, 2024

Oakville Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 Sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Oakville Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs Single Session	10:00
Oakville Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30

Wednesday November 6

Oakville Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 Sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Round Robin Bracketed Teams	10:00 & 2:30
Oakville Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs Single Session	10:00
Oakville Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30

Thursday November 7

Oakville Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 Sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Oakville Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs Single Session	10:00
Oakville Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Hospitality	5:30-6:30

Friday November 8

Oakville Bracketed KO teams (3rd & 4th of 4 Sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Round Robin Bracketed Teams	10:00 & 2:30
Oakville Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs Single Session	10:00
Oakville Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Hospitality	5:30-6:30

Saturday November 9

Round Robin Bracketed Teams	10:00 & 2:30
Oakville Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199er Pairs Single Session	10:00
Oakville Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30

Sunday November 10

Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 & TBD
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Stratification: Subject to Director's discretion

All four session KO teams use the mini Soloway format. Teams are guaranteed two sessions of play the first day. The top four teams in each group advance to the second day's semifinals.

Gold Rush

750/500/300 Masterpoints
 Each player less than 750mp

199er

0-200 Masterpoints

Open Pairs

Open/4000/2000

\$20/player/session for ACBL members

Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members

Free guest membership available for non-ACBL members. Contact Darlene if you require one.

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Let's Play Bridge!

Tournament Chair: Darlene Scott
DarleneScott@me.com

Partnership Chair: Elizabeth Williams
elizwilliams12345@gmail.com

Note: Bracket 1 is open to all players. Depending on entries, it may be run with a Swiss movement.

Nearby accommodations that we have a block of rooms.

We strongly recommend booking accommodations early as there is limited space at these rates. Please mention “AMERICAN CONTACT BRIDGE LEAGUE”, dates November 4 through check-out November 10, 2024. Discounted rates are before taxes and while supplies last.



TownePlace Suites by Marriott
754 Bronte Rd,
Oakville, ON L6L 6R8

905-847-6667

\$199 One Bedroom Suite - 2 Beds with Balcony
\$189 One Bedroom Suite - 2 Beds
\$169 Studio Room

Free Parking, Free Wi-fi, Free Full American and Continental and Hot Breakfast, Free Tea and Coffee

ACBL Reservations: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1714157087869&key=GRP>



Homewood Suites by Hilton
2095 Winston Park Drive,
Oakville, ON L6H 6P5

905-829-9998 ext. 0

\$175 One Bedroom Suite 1 King or Studio Suite 1 King

Free Parking, Free Wi-fi, Free Hot Breakfast

Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/yyzovhw-homewood-suites-toronto-oakville/>



Holiday Inn Oakville Centre
590 Argus Road
Oakville, ON L6J 3J3

905-842-5000 / 1-877-660-8550

\$189 Two Double Beds

Free Wi-fi, Free Parking, Full Buffet Breakfast

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/oakville/yyzok/hoteldetail>





Niagara Open Sectional November 15-17, 2024

NOTL Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane, NOTL
(off Hwy 55/Mississauga Rd)
905-468-4386



Friday November 15, 2024

Open Pairs	1:30pm & 7:00pm
499 ^{er} Pairs	1:30pm & 7:00pm

Hospitality will follow evening game

Saturday November 16, 2024

Open Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm
499 ^{er} Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm

Lunch will be available for purchase
Hospitality will follow afternoon game

Sunday November 17, 2024

Bracketed Swiss 10:00am playthrough

30 minutes break after 4th Round
Lunch will be available for purchase

FREE Parking
Fantastic Niagara Hospitality

Accommodations and
Restaurants see Reverse or
Website

Tournament Chair:

Cathy Williams 905-979-5063
Email ccwilliams44.cw@gmail.com

Partnership Chair:

Margaret Dykstra 905-732-4324
Email adykstra3@cogeco.ca

Stratification

(Subject to Director's discretion)

Open Pairs	0 to ∞ masterpoints
499 ^{er} Pairs	0 to 500 masterpoints

General Information

Events can be Playthrough or Single Session
All events will have 3 strata at the Director's discretion.
\$17/player/session for ACBL members
Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members
Guest membership for non-ACBL members will be available.
All events stratified by average masterpoint.
Cash and Credit Card accepted

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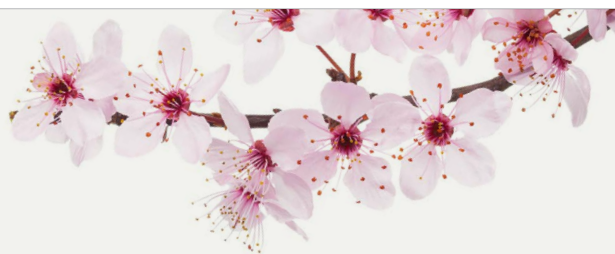


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In Memoriam



Gerald Charney

Known as 'Charney' to all who knew him, Gerald passed away peacefully at home in late March, surrounded by friends, family, and plenty of champagne. Charney said at some point, "I had a good run—far better than expected—and I'm ready to go." As a lawyer for over 50 years in Toronto, Charney mentored numerous lawyers. Charney was on some great Canadian bridge teams, winning bronze medals at both the 1968 and 1972 World Bridge Olympiads. His partner was Bill Crissey and his teammates for both events were Murray & Kehela. John Laskin remembers Charney as a warm, generous, and always upbeat person. Charney loved European wine, food, and travel. And he was a big fan of the Blue Jays, although they rarely lived up to his lofty expectations.



Maureen Culp

Maureen, a Life Master, was a well-known member of the duplicate bridge community. She taught bridge locally and on cruises, contributed to bridge magazines including the Kibitzer and represented Canada in Women's international competitions. Professionally, Maureen achieved accreditation and served as a travel consultant for more than 30 years at Donald Travel in Whitby. She will be forever remembered for her larger-than-life personality, her love of family, her dedication to excellence at bridge, and to broadening her horizons through travel.



Dianna Gordon

A CBF Hall of Famer for her outstanding track record representing Canada, Dianna won a complete set of medals. She won gold at the World Mixed Pairs with life partner George Mittelman in 1982, silver in the 2000 Women's Olympiad with Katie Thorpe, and three bronze medals (one Venice Cup and two Olympiads). Dianna won a record 15 Canadian Women's Team Championships. Perhaps most telling of her stature in Canadian bridge, Dianna is Canada's only World Grand Master. As Fred Gitelman wrote on BridgeWinners: "My impression of Dianna at the bridge table: She was highly skilled and consistently both a fierce competitor and a total class act—not so easy to pull that off."

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

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Information is subject to change - check www.unit166.ca or www.acbl.org for up-to-date information.

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Deadline for the Fall Kibitzer: July 20, 2024

The Kibitzer

Andy Stark

36 Poucher St., Toronto ON M4J 2Y9