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Editor's Note:

The Kibitzer concludes its 50th year by celebrating Canada's best-ever bridge team - Eric Murray-Sami Kehela and Shorty Sheardown-Bruce Elliott. Individually and collectively, this foursome dominated Toronto, Ontario, and Canadian bridge for decades. Their careers overlapped significantly, especially in the Sixties when they won back-to-back Spingolds and a bronze medal in the Olympiad. We salute them.

Congratulations are due to Canda's upand-comers Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy who continued their recent record of success at so young an age by coming in second in the 2004 Spingold in New York City at the Summer NABC. They joined a very long list of teams defeated by the Nickell sextet.

John Carruthers, Editor

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ONTARIO UNIT 166 NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Five Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years and nominations are invited for these positions. Nominees must be members of Unit 166. The election will be held from Wednesday 23 March 2005 through Saturday 26 March 2005 at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional. Nomination forms must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee, and **must** be received by the **Unit 166 Secretary by 1 March 2005**. The Spring issue of The Kibitzer will publish a picture and short resume (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information, together with their nomination form, to the **Unit Secretary by 15 December 2004**.

The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer.

The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional for one hour and will close 15 minutes prior to game time of each afternoon and evening session on the election days.

UNIT 166 NOMINATION FORM

NAME		ACBL#	
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Please send nominations to:
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The Board of Directors of **Unit 166** is actively seeking nominations from its membership for the Kate Buckman Award, which is given annually to that person who "most contributes to other people's enjoyment" of bridge. Do you know someone who has made bridge a pleasant experience for you? Someone who is gracious at the table? Someone who reminds us of Kate herself, because he or she is dynamic, caring, and dedicated to promoting bridge?

If you know such a person, the **Kate Buckman Committee** would love to hear from you! All you have to do is send a letter or e-mail naming the person and giving your reasons to:

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The deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2005**. Please be aware that all those who have been nominated in the past, and have not won, will automatically be nominated for the 2005 award.

Attention Tournament Managers

Please email large files such as tournament ads, graphics and photos to kibitzer_ads@yahoo.ca

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Members of THE ONTARIO UNIT NO. 166 OF THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE will be held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on 8 January 2005 at 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of:

- Receiving the financial statements and the report of the Auditor for the fiscal year ending 31 August, 2003;
- b) Receiving the financial statements and the report of the Auditor for the fiscal year ending 31 August, 2004;
- c) Appointing an Auditor;
- d) Receiving the report of the Directors;
- e) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, the 21st day of August, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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North Bay Regional, August 17-22, 2004

Attendance in North Bay (an easy 337 km drive from Toronto) increased by 48% from 504 tables in 2001 to 747.5 tables this year! Congratulations to Tournament Chair Joe Sauro and his volunteers who provided outstanding hospitality throughout the week. Even a wedding ceremony at the Elks Club on Saturday which required moving some events to the local North Bay Bridge Club went smoothly. Our Northern Regionals are well worth the trip. Congratulations to all the winners (see page 22).

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Unit 246 GNT B/C Finals 4



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Registration - not required but would help with food planning.



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Maggie Sparrow win*t* ABTA Award

Left to right: Barbara Seagram, ABTA Regional Director; Maggie Sparrow, recipient of the ABTA Certificate of Merit; Marilyn Kalbfleisch, incoming ABTA Regional Director.

At the September Kempenfelt Bay (Barrie) Regional, Barbara Seagram, Regional Director of the American Bridge Teachers Association (ABTA), presented Maggie Sparrow with the Certificate of Merit from the ABTA. Maggie is very deserving of this recognition for her contributions to the ABTA as organizer of the monthly ABTA Chat Discussion Room and as a bridge teacher in her own area.

Since taking the Teacher Accreditation Program eight years ago, Maggie has worked tirelessly for the Barrie Bridge Club, both as a bridge teacher and as an executive member. Presently, she is teaching three bridge courses in the community and a learning game once a week at the club. Her dedication to her students and her innovative methods, particularly with novices, have paid off with increased membership in the club and in the ACBL.

Maggie is the Intermediate/Novice Coordinator for Unit 246, and as such, has co-organized bridge teacher workshops and run a highly successful Intermediate/Novice Sectional tournament.

Maggie is not only an excellent bridge teacher but an excellent player. At the Barrie Regional, she captained her team to a win in the Bracketed Knockouts.

Thanks Maggie ... for your enthusiasm, your dedication, and your hard work. Your contributions to the game of bridge, to the ABTA, and to the Barrie Bridge Club are greatly appreciated.

Marilyn Kalbfleisch

Well done! Kate Buckman Bridge Studio raised \$8825 for Canada's Olympiad Teams at a Game with the Experts and Silent Auction!



Canadian National Team Championship

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Notice to All Clubs in Units 166, 246 & 249

If you decide to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the three Units that their tournaments will not compete with one another, and this year there are three with a conflict.

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Kay Allen, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

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Moments of Truth

R. "Jay" Jayaram, Baroda, India

(Excepted and abridged from "Moments of Truth at the Bridge Table," B.T. Batsford, London, 2003 by permission of the author. Jayaram is a fixture as the Daily Bulletin Editor at Indian bridge tournaments. This is the second book of a trilogy.)

Serendipity

Bhubaneswar - the chosen final abode of Lord Shiva, the Hindu God – is known as the 'temple city of India.' Located around 500 kilometres south-west of Calcutta, it is also the capital city of Orissa, the home of the world famous Odissi form of dance

I lived and worked at Bhubaneswar for around eight years during the latter half of the eighties and early nineties. It was during those years that I began to play bridge fairly regularly at the local club and my earliest stint at writing on bridge started there. Above all, it was at the Bhubaneswar Club that I realized that rare bridge plays can be discovered by chance.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

♦ K 8 3 ♥ A | 6 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ K 7 5 4 **★** J 5 4 **♠** Q 9 ♡ K 9 7 5 ♥ Q 10 8 2 ♦ Q 4 2 ♦ 10976 ♣ Q J 10 ♣ A 9 3 ♠ A 10 7 6 2 ♡ 3 ♦ A J 5 3 **♣**862

It was a wintry Saturday in 1991 and we had started our rubber bridge session fairly early in the evening. Quite a few had joined us in between and left after a

rubber or two, but the original four of us continued well into the night and suddenly we realized it was closing time for the club. As often happens on such evenings, 'one last deal,' said one of us, and what a deal it turned out to be!

As North, I opened a Precision one no trump (13-15), East Passed, and partner bid a non-forcing Stayman two clubs. I showed my heart four-carder, and partner bid two spades showing five cards. Systemically, I should have passed this. 'What the hell, it is the last deal.' So thinking, I made a simple raise, which was invitational. Everybody at the table was smiling now. My partner must have also thought 'what the hell, it is the last deal,' because he raised to game.

As the queen of clubs hit the table and I spread my hand, I asked for permission to look at ny partner's hand. I must have winced because East commented: "I have heard of non-forcing Stayman and forcing Stayman; this is the first time I have seen 'stretching Stayman' being used at the table!"

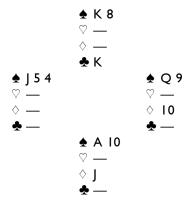
All this while, my partner, great friend and the declarer now, Sheel Dahwan did not wince one bit. Sheel is a businessman and rarely gets to play serious bridge. If he had played serious bridge more often against better opposition, I am sure he would have become an excellent player.

The defenders rattled off three club tricks, the third one won with the ace by East who switched to the ten of diamonds. "Booked," said East, as if the others in the table did not know.

I noticed that Sheel was taking longer than he was wont to play to the ten of diamonds. One remote possibility was the queen-jack doubleton of trumps in one hand and the diamond queen coming down in the third round. Probably, Sheel also thought as much. Suddenly, his body language suggested that he had made up his mind.

He played the ace of diamonds on East's ten of diamond switch, and next played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. He then played a diamond to the king on the table, and ruffed another heart. Grim determination showed in his face even as he played the third diamond from hand. The queen appeared from the left and Sheel ruffed in dummy to lead the last heart. Fortunately for him the suit broke four-four as he ruffed in hand.

All very well, boldly played and all that. 'How is he going to avoid that inevitable trump loser?' I thought to myself. This was the position with hand (South) to play and declarer needing all three tricks:



"If only the spade honours are divided and the nine of spades is with East..." said Sheel as he played the jack of diamonds. Yes!

They call it the Devil's Coup, don't they? To this day – it has been twelve years since Sheel played the hand – it puzzles

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me how that kind of ending could be envisaged at the table. "I did consider the queen-jack doubleton option, but somehow it seemed far-fetched to me as I played the deal."

It was days later that I realized that the key play to the whole deal is to win the diamond switch in hand. The entry to table is necessary for a later heart ruff and the correct three-card end position. It was months later that I realized that the contract can be defeated if the defence opens up trumps. If it is West, it should be a low spade and if it is East, it should be the queen!

But it was years later that I was able to 'connect' the play to a lovely English word, 'serendipity.' It is the faculty of making happy chance finds. Horace Walpole coined the word from the fairy tale "The Three Princes of Serendip" (Serendip is a former name for Sri Lanka) whose heroes "were always making discoveries by accident and sagacity, of things they were not in quest of."

Defenceless

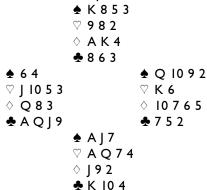
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More than three decades ago, a professor of management had told me: "There are no absolutes in right or wrong behaviour. Every behaviour is either appropriate or inappropriate." It is difficult to agree with him entirely, but at the bridge table an analogous maxim can be suggested: cards seemingly lying wrong for you may actually turn out to be right for you, and vice versa.

You are West, looking at:

At Love All, partner deals and passes. South opens a 15-17 no trump and ends up in three no trumps after a Stayman enquiry reveals a four-card heart suit with South but no four cards in spades. You do not have an attractive lead, but you know that partner is holding at least four spades, so you try the six of spades.

Dummy plays low, partner contributes the nine and declarer wins with the jack. This declarer is a thoughtful player, known for his ability to think far ahead, and this is in evidence as he leads the seven of spades to dummy's king and then calls for the nine of hearts. East plays the king won by declarer's ace, who now leads the four of hearts towards dummy. You put up the ten and declarer calls for the eight from the table. Actually, you are endplayed now but you do not show it as you play the eight of diamonds. Dummy's ace wins. The full layout:



Declarer now demonstrates the stuff he is made of, by playing the third spade from the table to his ace as you put up a

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brave front by discarding a diamond. But declarer is after you as he plays a diamond to the table's king, dropping your queen. Now, the third diamond to his jack forces another discard from you. You let go the nine of clubs, knowing full well that you are facing a losing battle. Declarer cashes his heart and gives you a heart trick. You have to give him the king of clubs. I moved on to the next table where the same deal was being played. The bidding was identical but West, after some thought, chose the queen of clubs as his opening lead.

One tempo short, I thought, as I sat behind declarer. Winning the club lead with the king, declarer played a spade to the king, finessed the spades, a diamond to the ace and then finessed in hearts. Now he cashed his ace of spades on which West let go a diamond. Hardly suppressing his smile, declarer played a diamond to dummy's king, dropping the queen, and the jack provided the ninth

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trick. If West had discarded a heart or a club on the ace of spades, declarer could end-play him in either suit to force a diamond return for the ninth trick.

Declarer had started off with seven top tricks which included both the major suit finesses. If it is true that two finesses are two too many, it is also equally true that neither suit broke kindly for declarer and every card in the club suit was wrong. Still, there does not seem to be any defence to this three no trump contract.

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Percy Sheardown (known as Shorty)was Canada's first Life Master and was winning tournaments before there ever was such a category as Life Master. He won the Reisinger (then known as the Chicago Trophy) in 1936 and was Canada's greatest player of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties. When he came home from the Second World War, the members gave Shorty the St. Clair Bridge Club, which he owned until 1967, when he sold it. Percy died in 1993.

Bruce Elliott is best-known for his partnership with Shorty, although he also won many events with others. Together, they won the Reisinger in 1951 with Micky Miller and Corti Boland, and the partnership won back-to-back Spingolds with Murray-Kehela in the Sixties. Elliott and Sheardown just missed the fantastic double of Spingold and Life Master Pairs in 1964, finishing second in the latter. Until the recent proliferation of events, Elliott was the leading winner at the Easter Canadian Nationals.

Sami Kehela, among the experts, has always been known as the supreme technician. His card play is nigh impeccable. He has won three Spingolds (all with Eric Murray), two Vanderbilts (one with Murray) and both the Life Master and Blue Ribbon Pairs. From 1960 until 1988, Kehela played on every

Canadian Olympiad team except in 1984, twice winning bronze medals. It was in tough competition that Kehela was at his best, qualifying for three Bermuda Bowls with Murray as partner, finishing second to Italy each time. They won the Olympiad Trials and/or the Canadian National Team Championship every time they played until 1987, when they lost in the final. Together they also won bronzes in two Rosenblums. Kehela was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2001.

Eric Murray won the Vanderbilt in 1961 with Charles Coon, using that as a springboard to win the International Team Trials, thus qualifying to be on the North American Bermuda Bowl team that year. As was to become a habit over the next decade, they came second to the Blue Team. Over the next ten years, Murray won three Spingolds, a Vanderbilt and a Life Master Pairs with Kehela, and represented North America three times in the Bermuda Bowl. In one of his many World Championship appearances, a teammate remarked to Al Roth that Murray was singing along with all the anthems. Roth retorted, "If I'd lost as many World Championships as Murray, I'd know all the anthems too!" Murray was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame alongside Kehela in 2001.



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The Big Quiz Barry Rigal, New York City

Is there anyone out there who has not occasionally felt a pang of self-doubt? "Maybe the experts really are better than me."

This quiz is designed to allay such fears. These deals all come from the 2004 Cavendish Pairs, where 50 of the world's top pairs met for what was, of course, generally a well-played event. However, of necessity, some people played better than others, and mixed in amongst the expert plays were a series of boners, errors, and 'unfortunate' guesses.

Which of our problems falls into which category? That is up to you to decide. But let us start with the quiz, and get to the hurling of insults later.

I. Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K 10 9

♡ A 9 8

◇ Q 10 8 4

♣ K 7 4

With both sides vulnerable, you open one diamond in first seat and hear partner produce an inverted raise to two diamonds. Your right hand opponent bounds in with three hearts, and you pass this round to partner who emerges with a three spade call. Had partner doubled three hearts, he would have been asking you to bid three no trump with a stopper. What next?

2. Board 9. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ Q 9 6

∇ A Q J 10 7

♦ A 6 5

♣ 8 7

★ A K I0 8 4

♡ 62

♦ Q 10 7

♣ Q 9 6

West	North	East	South
_	_	Pass	1 ♦
♠	2 ◊1	4 ♣²	4 ♡
4 🛊	5 ♦	Pass	6 ◊
Pass	6 ♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Hearts
 Spade fit

Your opponents reach slam. Would you lead a top spade or a club? Being no John Lowenthal (the most eccentric and imaginative leader of all time), you settle for a stolid top spade and declarer ruffs. When declarer leads the diamond eight from his hand have you made your mind up as to where to go for honey?

3. Board 17. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

♣ Q J 9 7

♡ K 4

◇ A J 7 4 3 2

♣ K

♠ K 10 6 5 4

♡ 7 6

◇ K Q

♣ 10 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
I NT	2 💠	Pass	2 ♡
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♡
Pass	4 ♡	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		
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2. ASPRO, spades and a minor

Your opponents are insolent enough to wander into game with no more than half the deck between them. Naturally you reward them with a sharp smack across the knuckles. Partner leads a low trump and declarer wins the lead in hand with the jack and leads a club up. Partner wins the club ace, cashes the heart ace, and leads a low diamond. You deceptively win the king. How do you go about extracting the maximum here?

4. Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

You reach four spades after the auction one spade-pass-two spades-double-four spades-all pass and are treated to a low trump lead, how do you plan to take advantage of your good fortune?

5. Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

♠ K 8 6 5 3 ♥ Q 10 9 5 ♦ Q 7 ♣ Q 5

♠ A

♡ J 6 4 3 2 ♦ K 6 2

♣ | 8 3 2

What would you lead against four spades (the auction has been one spade-four spades)? Say you start with a fourth highest heart three to the nine, king and ace. Back comes a spade and you take your ace as partner contributes the ten. Should you lead a heart to try to give partner a ruff? And if not, what should you do instead?

Since anything could be right, let's give you a different, easier scenario. In the new scenario, you still obstinately elect to lead a heart and declarer wins partner's king with his ace, plays a heart to the ten as everyone follows, then leads the heart queen, ruffed with the ten and over-ruffed. Now comes a trump to your ace and partner's seven. What now?

6. Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

★ 5 4 2
♥ Q J 4
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 7 5 4 2
★ A Q I0
♥ A I0 8 7 5
♦ 8 6
♣ A 8 6

You declare two hearts doubled (one spade-two hearts-pass-pass-double-all pass) and win the spade nine with the ten in hand. You got yourself into this mess – now get yourself out of it!

7. Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♣ J 8 7 6

▽ K 9 7 3

◇ 8 4 3

♣ 9 5

♠ A K 9 3 2

▽ Q 10 5 4

◇ A Q

♣ A 4

West	North	East	South
_	Pass	Pass	♠
Pass	2 🛊	Pass	4 🛊
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You reach the normal contract of four spades here, and one way or another the deal reduces to finding the spade queen coming down in two rounds (no such luck) or finding the jack of hearts.

You win the diamond lead with the ace over the king, cash the king and ace of trumps, East having the queen remaining, then take your other diamond winner to play ace and another club. East wins, cashes his spade queen, then exits with a third diamond, leaving you to negotiate hearts for yourself. Over to you.

8. Board 20. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ A 9 2

♡ 653

♦ A K 10 8

♣ A 6 5

♠ Q J 5 3

♥ A K Q 10 2 ♦ — • K 4 3 2

You start the defense by leading two top hearts. Declarer ruffs, crosses to the diamond king, then plays the a spade to the king, a spade to the ace and a third spade. How would you defend if your partner produces the spade ten on the third round of the suit – and would you defend any differently if he unblocked the ten on the second round?

9. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ A K 7 3

♡ 7 3

♦ Q 9 8

♣ A K 10 3

♠ Q 9

♡ K Q J 9 2 ◊ J 4 2

♣972

West	North	East	South
_	_	Pass	Pass
Ι♡	Double	Pass	I NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You receive the unhelpful lead of the spade jack, which you win in dummy to lead a heart to the king, ducked, and a second top heart. West wins as East pitches a spade, and he continues with

the spade ten. You win in hand, and lead a club to the ten. East (normally a fast player) takes some time to win the club jack and return a spade, on which West follows with the eight.

You try the club ace from dummy, and are not particularly surprised to see the queen appear from West. With more than your usual degree of acumen you have remembered that the spade seven is now high; should you take it now, and if so, what should you discard from your hand on it?

10. Board 20. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ J 5 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ A K Q 9 7 6 3

♠ K 8 7 4

♡ K 10

◇ 10 8 5

♣ A Q 4 3

 West
 North
 East
 South

 —
 I ◊
 Pass
 I ♡

 Pass
 2 ◊
 Pass
 2 NT

 Pass
 3 NT
 Pass
 Pass

 Pass
 Pass
 Pass

Playing with an absolutely trustworthy partner, and using fourth highest leads and upside-down signals, you see partner lead the club five against three no trump. Do you want to take this with the ace or put in the queen?

Say you play the queen. Declarer follows with the eight, so presumably has jack-ten-nine-eight, jack-nine-eight-seven, or jack-ten-eight-seven. Plan the defence from here.

The recriminations begin on page 30.



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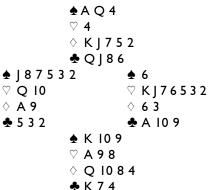
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REVELATIONS

(See page 19 for quiz questins.)

I. Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.



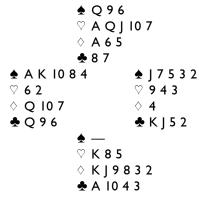
Most of the field were unable to avoid playing three no trump down four. This, despite the fact that they had only a singleton facing the ace in a suit bid strongly by their opponents and had bid and raised their nine-card fit. In diamonds, they were cold for eleven tricks except on an unlikely (though not impossible) spade ruff.

Paradoxically, where South opened a weak no-trump, North could use a jump to three hearts as short hearts with both minors, and South had no interest in playing no-trumps any more.

Personally, on the auction quoted I think South should not bid three no trump, envisaging the short hearts opposite. Maybe North should not sit for three no trump either (since South did not bid three no trump directly over three hearts), but as against that, facing, for example, the major suit kings and the diamond acequeen, three no trump is the last making game.

3 NT down four -400 = -5.6 IMP 5 ♦ making five +600 = +10.7 IMP The results are actually IMPed across the field. Multiply by 24 to get the gross reults.

2. Board 9. Dealer East. NS Vul.



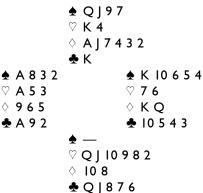
This deal proved to be another exceptionally challenging one for the field. Fredin-Lindkvist bid to six hearts, against which a club lead sets the slam out of hand. Maybe West should have known that South had a spade void to bid slam here, although Peter Fredin is one of the great bidding eccentrics of our time.

In any event, Fredin (playing the slam from the short-trumps side, remember) ruffed the spade king lead and advanced the diamond eight, running it when West 'neglected' to cover. That was an easy route to thirteen tricks. Of course if West covers the diamond eight with the ten declarer might duck. If he goes up with the ace and plays another diamond, then East must not ruff in on the second diamond. Then, when the defense wins the third diamond and shifts to a club, declarer no longer has any entry to his hand after drawing trumps.

Note: If the diamond seven and four were switched declarer might well have succeeded 'legitimately' by leading the diamond two from hand and putting the five on it from dummy. (West would have to play the diamond ten from queen-ten-four to beat the hand – a far from obvious play.)

Allowing 6 \heartsuit to make -1430 = -14.0 IMP Down one +100 = +9.1 IMP

3. Board 17. Dealer West. Neither Vul.



Brian Glubok and Jim Robison reached a delicate contract here and Brian threaded his way home against a defense that had gone right till the very end.

West led a trump and Glubok won in hand to lead a low club up. West went in with the ace, cashed the heart ace, then shifted to a diamond. East deceptively won his king and played the spade king, but Glubok ruffed, drew the last trump, and was at the crossroads.

West needed the three aces for his opening bid. That meant that the location of the diamond queen was uncertain; would East have doubled four hearts without it? Glubok decided not. He played a diamond to the ace and claimed his plus 590. Note that East had the opportunity to be a hero. He should have returned his diamond queen into dummy's tenace, killing the discards since West still had a trump left.

4. Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg: www3.sympatico.ca/ jonathan.st (Reports from ACBL Board of Directors meetings, new Life Master list, junior player information, etc.) Some major-suit games with four top losers seem almost destined to succeed. For example, where I was watching, Gromov-Petrunin bid one spade-pass-two spades-double-four spades-all pass. What would you Have led as West?

One could make a reasonable case for just about anything, I suppose. Certainly the low trump lead had plenty of logic, but declarer won the spade eight and could pitch a heart loser on the top diamonds. He next carefully played a club to dummy — since his only legitimate chance against accurate defense seemed likely to be to find the club ace-king onside. If trumps were two-two he would always be able to fall back on ruffing a heart. This way he could arrange a ruffing finesse in clubs if necessary. That was what happened, and he claimed his game.

However, other defenders were not yet out of the game entirely. For example, Steve Garner as East in this position won the club ace and imaginatively returned a low club! Declarer ruffed in hand and ducked a heart. Howard Weinstein won his heart ten and played a spade, and now when trumps did not split declarer had to decide whether to ruff out West's now bare king of clubs or to take the ruffing finesse, and got it wrong.

At least two declarers we know of spurned the gift they had been afforded on a trump lead, but in a completely different way. They won the trump lead in dummy and cashed the diamonds to pitch a heart, then led a heart from hand. West took this with the heart ten to lead a second trump, then won the heart ace to play a third trump - curtains for declarer.

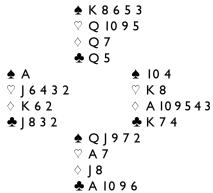
Claudio Nunes and Fulvio Fantoni were able to survive West's initial diamond lead in a different way. Declarer won the

diamond queen and cashed two more rounds of the suit to pitch a heart, then led a heart up. Nunes won the heart ten and led a low trump, giving declarer a guess as to which trump to play from dummy. He elected to play the jack, and could not recover.

When declarer led dummy's last heart, Nunes overtook his partner's queen and led a second spade. Declarer won in hand, ruffed his heart in dummy, then played the club queen. Fantoni took this and played a fourth diamond, promoting Nunes' spade ten into the setting trick. Beautifully done! The defenders led trumps twice in order to get a promotion.

Making 4
$$\heartsuit$$
 +620 = +8.0 IMP
Down one -100 = -5.6 IMP

5. Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.



Everyone knows bridge is a tough game. This deal exemplifies the problems defenders have; here, on yet another major-suit game with four losers.

At most tables, after an initial heart lead the defenders did try for the heart ruff after winning the spade ace, giving declarer a diamond pitch on the hearts. Even where the defense shifted, it was frequently to a club - still not good enough. Maybe the easiest way to set the hand is to play partner for the diamond ace. The king of diamonds

will get encouragement - end of story, so long as the defense cashes two diamonds and then switches back to spades or hearts.

Note that East's spade ten was suit preference to make it clear that a club was the wrong play - but does it ask for diamonds or hearts? Stewart-Woolsey defended four spades on a heart lead to the ten, king and ace. Declarer repeated the heart finesse and tried to cash the heart queen, ruffed with the spade ten a suit-preference attempt - and overruffed.

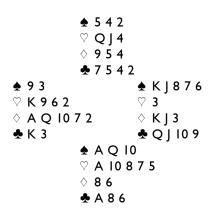
Now when Stewart was in with the spade ace he had to cash his side's two diamond tricks. When he instead played a fourth heart, declarer could ruff and exit with a diamond and the defense eventually had to open up clubs, leaving declarer a guess he could not get wrong. (The point is that if the club king had been with the opening leader, the defence would have been able to set the hand by force by taking their diamond winners in the right order.)

Doub-Wildavsky also had a chance to beat four spades. Wildavsky led the spade ace at trick one; then he played a club and declarer guessed right, winning Doug's king with the ace. He crossed to the club queen, returned to hand with a trump, led the club ten, ruffing out the jack, and returned to hand with the heart ace to pitch one of dummy's losing diamonds on the good nine of clubs.

Allowing $4 \triangleq$ to make -420 = -6.5 IMP Down one +50 = +4.6 IMP

6. Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

The East-West pairs on this board were going for large numbers around the room, and AI Roth, the patron saint of sound openings, would say, "I told you so." Three no trump doubled down 800 on a spade lead was not uncommon.



Billy Cohen was in a position to collect a different large number as South, though. Having missed the play at the table, he went well above and beyond the call of duty to spot the winning maneuver in the post mortem, and then to pass it on to the Daily Bulletin. When he declared 20 doubled and won the spade nine lead cheaply in hand he realized that the defense was threatening a spade ruff, so if declarer delays drawing trumps, East-West would obtain an easy sixth trick. How to repeat the spade finesse but at the same time avoid the ruffs was the problem?

Try leading a low heart up. Dummy's queen holds. Now what? If you play a spade they get a ruff; if you lead a heart to the ten, that holds, too. The defense doesn't get a ruff but you lose your third spade trick. The winning move is to lead the heart ten at trick two! This gives you your entry to dummy when you need it; the defense only gets one heart trick now.

Down one in 2 $^{\circ}$ doubled -200 = -8.1 IMP Making two +670 = +8.9 IMP

Wow! Bernie Blair and Shawn Barry had an 81.25% game at a 299er game at the Queen of Clubs Bridge Club in Peterborough.



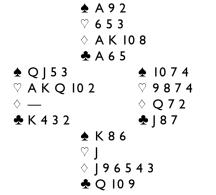
♦ A Q

♣ A 4

Playing four spades, you discover that East has the long trumps. Since you intend to play West for the jack of hearts, you might as well start by leading the heart queen. This only gains over the straight fifty per cent chance when East has the bare jack, but those little percentage points add up, don't they? At the table I was watching declarer led immediately to his heart nine, thus presenting his opponents with a game swing.

Down one -100 in 4 ♠ = -11 IMP Making four +620 = +1.5 IMP

8. Board 20. Dealer South. Both Vul.



Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky got to the right level here to generate maximum interest. Three diamonds would have been easy and five diamonds impossible, but four diamonds was just right. After the defense started with two top hearts, Doub ruffed, crossed to the diamond king, then led three rounds of spades.

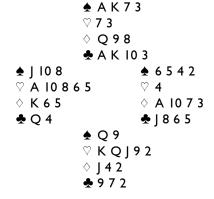
East took the trick with his spade ten (after West had unblocked an honour) and shifted to a club, letting Doub win the first club trick cheaply in hand when West ducked his king. Doub responded by crossing to the diamond ace and exiting with the third diamond, end-playing the defenders to lead clubs for a second, fatal, time.

If East had unblocked his spade ten West might have worked out that assuming his partner had the diamond queen (likely from declarer's decision to abandon diamonds) the critical holding was when his partner had the diamond queen and weak clubs headed by the jack. Then the winning defense would be to play a fourth spade for the ruff and discard. However, East would be able to ruff in with the diamond queen and exit a trump, leaving the defenders with a club trick.

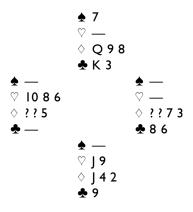
If declarer makes 4 \Diamond -130, you are -3.6 IMP

Beating it one +100 = +2.4 IMP

9. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.



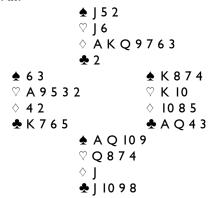
Playing three no trump, you have won five of the first seven tricks and reduced the hand to a position that looks like this:



It appears that you need to guess who has the diamond ten; not so. The way to come home from here is to lead the spade seven, discarding a diamond from hand, cross to the club nine, and watch what four cards West has come down to. As West is known to hold two hearts in the diagrammed position, if he discards one heart, you cash your two heart winners and concede the last two tricks. If West has kept two hearts, he has only two diamonds left, one at least of which must be the ace or king. So you lead your low diamond up; West will take his honour and exit with the low diamond, but whether East ducks or wins you will take two of the last three tricks.

At the table, in the diagrammed position, Paul Chemla cashed the spade discarding a diamond, but then passed the diamond eight immediately. Adam Zmudzinski won the ace and returned a diamond, letting Cezary Balicki win the king and play back a club. Whichever hand declarer took this in, he had to concede a trick at the end.

Down one in 3 NT -100 = -9.9 IMP Making +600 = +3.0 IMP 10. Board 20. Dealer North. Both Vul.



We left you defending three no trumps after a club to your queen held the trick. You must plan for the possibility that you have only three club tricks to cash but two tricks in either spades or hearts. If you lead a low club to declarer's jack and partner's king you will have to guess what to do when West returns a club to you.

That, however, is the right defence; since you will know by then that declarer started life with the jack-ten-nine-eight of clubs (partner has only four and declarer will not be able to conceal that he has the master club) your partner's club six will in this instance be suit preference for hearts. (Equally, you might cash the club ace — Partner will play the six or seven to tell you which major suit ace he holds — Ed.)

That may sound complex; why is it the right defence? Well, if you play the club ace at trick two, then a club to partner, he will cash the heart ace and see what looks like a discouraging ten of hearts from you, then play you for the spade ace! If you were playing regular signals you might prefer to go this route – but maybe partner would be worried that you had the bare ten of hearts (not the queenten, of course, you would drop the queen). A remarkable number of defenders got this wrong.

Not beating 3 NT -600 = -10.1 IMP Down one +100 = +3.6 IMP

As you can see from the ten deals that I covered, you could hardly have done worse on any of them than the participants at the tables I watched. By my calculations, if you had done the right thing on all of them, you would have scored I4I IMPs (3376 cross-IMPs) more than the unfortunates involved at the time.

To put that in perspective, the winners of the whole event (over 145 deals, using cross-IMPs, which should therefore be divided by 24 to find the real IMP score) finished with just under that number from all 145 deals. In other words, getting all ten of these deals right would have won the event if you'd managed simply not to go negative on the other 135 deals. Not so easy.

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Second Hand Low...Or High?

David Lindop

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The defenders often follow the guideline of second hand low. The idea is not to waste a high card since your side gets to play last, after the third hand has committed to the trick. Consider this suit, for example:

North (Dummy)

♠ Q 8 5

West East

♠ 10 6 3 ♠ A J 7 4

South (Declarer)

♠ K 9 2

If declarer leads the five of spades from dummy, East should play low, the four or the seven. To win the trick, declarer must play the king, leaving these cards:

North (Dummy)

♠ Q 8

West East
♠ 10 6
♠ A J 7

South (Declarer)
♠ 9 2

Declarer can't get a second trick in the suit. Dummy's queen is trapped by East's remaining cards. If East had played the spade ace on the first trick, declarer would play low and get two tricks, the king and queen.

East can't even afford to play the jack of spades on the first trick, because that would leave these cards:

North (Dummy)

♠ Q 8

West East

♠ 10 6
 ♠ A 7 4

South (Declarer)

♠ 9 2

Declarer could lead a spade and finesse against West's ten, again getting two tricks.

Should East always play low? Not if the ace of spades is the setting trick or East needs to gain the lead quickly to do something else. In general, however, since East can't see declarer's or partner's cards, second hand low is a sound principle.

If second hand low works for the defenders, does it work for declarer as well?

The answer isn't as clear. Declarer has the advantage of seeing the partnership's combined holding and must use this information to decide whether to play low.

Suppose West leads the five of hearts, and the suit is distributed like this:

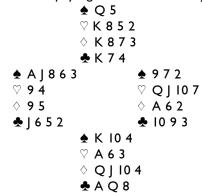
Our best chance is to play low from dummy, hoping West holds the king. If that's the case, East can't prevent us from getting a trick with the heart queen. But let's reverse our holding:

♥ Q 2 West East ♥ K 10 7 5 4 ♥ J 9 8 6

North (Dummy)

Our best chance is to play dummy's heart queen, second hand high, hoping West again holds the king of hearts. Our heart queen will then win the first trick and we have a second trick with the ace of hearts.

Let's look at an example deal. We are in three no trump and West leads the spade six. Should we play high or low from dummy?



We have two heart winners, three diamond winners after the ace is gone, and two club winners. Playing a low spade guarantees two spade winners whatever card East produces. Second hand low works like a charm. (To be continued.)

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Sun 23 Jan 10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams - 1st session A: 1000+ B: 500-1,000

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Intermediate/Novice Swiss Teams - Single session (0-300)

Youth Swiss Teams - Single session event

Stratified Swiss Teams - Final session

Intermediate/Novice Swiss Teams - Single session (0-300)

Youth Swiss Teams - Single session event

Entry Fee: \$10 per player per session; \$6 per youth player (under 19 and having fewer than 50 points); \$8 per junior player (full time student under 26 years of age). Extra \$1 per session for non-ACBL members, except Youth or those entering 0 - 20 points events.

Free: Timbits and fresh fruit; Pizza after Friday evening and Saturday evening sessions.



3:00 pm



Partners: Moira O'Reilly Bridge Centre at Frontenac Mall (613) 541-0034 e-mail: bridge@kos.net







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Directions: Highway 401 to Sydenham Road South to end. Left on Highway 2 (Princess Street) over railroad overpass and hotel is on right hand side.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: based on total masterpoint winnings and attendance. Free pizza and beverage for youth between Saturday and Sunday sessions.



76th Western Ontario Bridge Tournament London Ontario





Hellenic Community Centre - South Room



New Location

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Close to 401 & 402

Friday January 28, 1:30 pm

Open Pairs & 0-199 Pairs



Friday January 28, 7:30 pm Open Pairs & 0-199 Pairs

Saturday January 29, 7:30 pm Saturday January 29, 1:30 pm

Stratified Pairs (Second Session)

Novice Pairs: 0-199

Stratified Open Pairs (playthrough) Flight A: 1500+ Flight B: 500-1500 Flight C: 0-500 Novice Pairs: 0-199



Sunday January 30 11:00 am

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

Flight A: 1500+ Flight B: 500-1500 Flight C: 0-500 99ers Swiss Teams (If attendance warrants)



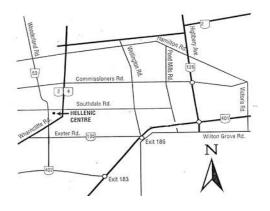
- * Coffee and doughnuts before game time
 - * A light meal will be served between sessions
 - * Team entry includes meal

Cash Bar Saturday Night - Free Snacks Friday and Saturday Nights

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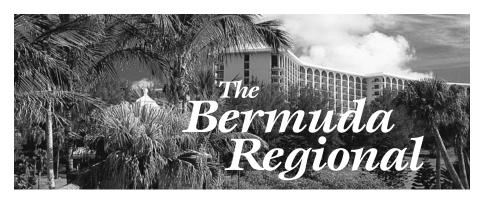
Chairperson **Dwight Bender** (519) 645-1894 dwightbender@execulink.com



Directions:

Hwy 401 to London Exit Wellington Rd. N. to Exeter Rd. W. to Wharncliffe Rd. N. to Southdale Rd. W. to Hellenic Community Centre

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Stratified Women's Pairs	1:30
Open Pairs A (0+)	1:30
199er Pairs	1:30
Novice Pairs (0-20)	1:30
Open Pairs A (0+)	7:30
Stratified Pairs (0-300; 0-1000)	7:30
199er Pairs	7:30
Novice Pairs (0-20)	7:30
Compact KO (1st session)	7:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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Compact KO (Final session) 9:00 am
Bracketed KO 9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30
Flight A Pairs (0+) 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
(B: 300-1250; C: 0-299)
199er Pairs (one session) 1:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) one session 1:30
199er Pairs (one session)7:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) one session 7:30
Side Game (if entries warrant) 7:30

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

199er Swiss Teams	11:00	am
Swiss Teams	11:00	am
[Bracketed & split by average	:	
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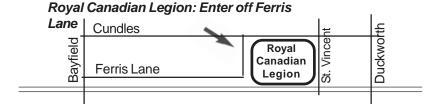
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23nd OSHAWA & DISTRICT SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL

OSHAWA

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2005



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Separate single 299er sessions, if numbers permit

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

> Flights: A=3000+ X=0-3000 B= 0-1500 C= 0-750 D= 0-300

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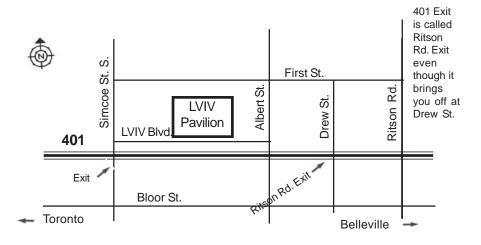
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Hart House Sectional

March 4-6, 2005

Great Hall, Hart House, University of Toronto

Friday, March 4

Stratified Pairs	7:30pm
Bracketed Knockout Teams I	7:30pm

Saturday, March 5

Stratified Pairs	1:30pm
Bracketed Knockout Teams II	1:30pm
Gala Dinner (see below)	5:30pm
Stratified Pairs	7:30pm
Bracketed Knockout Teams III	7:30pm

Sunday, March 6

A 3-course dinner will be served on Saturday evening at 5:30pm. Tickets cost \$20. Limited seating. Vegetarian option available. Call 416-978-2452 to reserve by credit card, or purchase in person at the reception desk of Hart House.

Url: www.utoronto.ca/bridge/sectional E-mail:bridgeclub.harthouse@utoronto.ca Parking: Available within the U of T campus (call 416-978-6625 for details). Nearby parking lots indicated on map. Street parking is also available.

Entry Fees (per session)

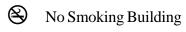
per entry (ACBL member)	\$10
per entry (non-ACBL member)	\$11
per entry (student)	\$5

C: 0-300 B: 300-750 A: 750-∞

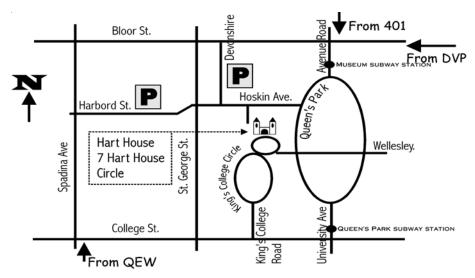
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April 8-10, 2005



Friday, April 8

Stratified Open Pairs1:00 & 7:00 PM Single Sessions; A: 1000+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500 Intermediate & Newcomers Game - Single Sessions Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 & 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 9

Bracketed KO Teams 1st 9:00 AM sharp Stratiflighted Open Pairs1:00 & 7:00 PM All Flights are Playthrough; Single Session Entries Welcomed A (Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500 Bracketed KO Teams 2nd 1:00 PM Intermediate & Newcomer Games Newcomers Game for Pairs 0-5 1:00 PM Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 10

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 AM & 4:30 PM A (Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500 ALL flights scored by Victory Points Intermediate & Newcomer Games Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session) 11:00 AM

0-50/100/200

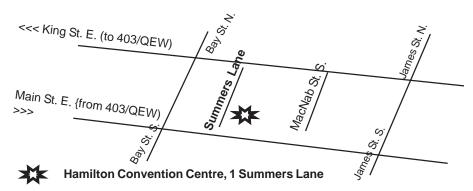
Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session) 4:30 PM 0-50/100/200

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