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Summer Nationals NABC Champions!



Mini-Spingold II:

(L. to R.): Kaiyu Qian
(Markham), Sam Yu
(Waterloo), Yuan Chen
(Toronto), Wenbo Zhang
(Mississauga)

Grand National Teams Flight B:

(L. to R.): Andrew
Collins, Aleksander
Vujic, Craig Macintosh,
David Halasi, John
Cook, Charles Halasi
(Toronto)



Grand National Teams Flight C:

(L. to R.): Wensong Zhen,
Hang Zhang, Fred Li, Qian
Ren, Yuan Chen (Toronto),
Kaiyu Qian, (Markham)



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Editor's Note:

As has happened with every previous Summer Nationals held in Toronto, the 2011 NABC was a huge success. Congratulations to Sally Rewbotham and her energetic and efficient team.

At the table, local players did exceptionally well, winning the Mini-Spingold II and both Flights B and C of the GNT. Special kudos to Yuan Chen and Kaiyu Qian who were victorious in both the GNT and the Mini-Spingold.

Speaking on the theme of doubles, Eric Kokish was inducted into both the ABCL and CBF Hall of Fame in Toronto. He was joined in the CBF Hall this year by Ralph Cohen, Doug Drew, Diana Gordon and George Mittelman.

Also, ex-Torontonians Geoff Hampson, Jenny Wolpert and Eric Rodwell won major events.

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Nominations Please!!

Kate Buckman Award

Do you know someone who contributes to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge? Do you know someone who should be honoured by the Board of Unit 166? We're looking for nominations for the Kate Buckman Award for 2012. If you don't nominate someone, then we can't honour them and we really want to celebrate this kind of person and the contributions they make to the game of bridge.

Audrey Grant Award

Do you know a bridge teacher who exemplifies the best of the profession? Do you know someone who should be feted by the Board? Submit the nominations for the Audrey Grant Award for 2012. Again, if you don't nominate then we can't celebrate the excellence of this teacher's skill and dedication.

The Unit 166 Board of Directors should consider:

for the Kate Buckman/Audrey Grant (circle one or both) Award. The reason that this person deserves your consideration is:

Please submit to David Halasi: 315-77 Lombard St.,
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Deadline: December 31, 2011

ONTARIO UNIT 166 NOMINATIONS FOR THE 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. The election will be held from **Wednesday, April 4, 2012 through Saturday, April 7, 2012** 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 Unit 166 members and accepted by the nominee, and must be received by Dee Nevett by **March 21, 2012**. Should candidates wish to, they may place a photo and a not-more-than-50-word biography in the Kibitzer before the election. However, this material must reach the Kibitzer editor at kibitzer@sympatico.ca by **December 15, 2011** to allow for publication in the Spring issue.

The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional for one hour prior to both the afternoon and evening sessions on the four election days.

Advance polls will be held:

Bridge Centre of Niagara	Mon Mar 26	12:00-1:00 & 6:00-7:00
Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre	Thu Mar 29	11:30-12:30 & 6:15-7:15
Partners Bridge Club	Fri Mar 30	11:30-12:30 & 6:30-7:30

UNIT 166 NOMINATION FORM

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Is hereby nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors of
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NOMINATOR _____

ACBL# _____

SIGNATURE OF
SECONDER _____ ACBL# _____

SIGNATURE OF
NOMINEE _____

ACBL# _____

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(Visit www.acbldistrict2.org for details)

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- District 2 business
- NAP/GNT tournament information
- District 2 Director's page for ACBL news & info
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Unit 246 Items of Interest

(Visit www.unit246.com for details)

- 1st time members of the ACBL can apply to the Unit 246 Board for a \$20 rebate for their 2nd year of ACBL membership
- 1st time members of the ACBL can apply to the Unit 246 Board for a single session fee reimbursement at a sectional in Unit 246
- Bridge teachers can list their services on the Unit 246 website free

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Notice to All Clubs & Tournament Managers in Units 166, 246 & 249

If you plan to run a tournament, please check with your Unit Coordinator to see if the date is free. There is an agreement among the three Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have an historic weekend - they are set aside for you.

Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

Unit 249 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

August 6, 2011, 12:00 p.m., Tillsonburg, Ontario

Call to Order: The AGM was called to order at 12:01 pm by the President, Jim Brimner.

Present: J Brimner, B Burns, L Easterbrook, R Fokes, G Hodgson, N Ingram, D Boley, J Lightfoot, C Punter, T Ramsay, J Drew, J Duffus all members of Unit 249 in good standing. This constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of the Membership.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Lee Easterbrook and seconded by Tom Ramsey that the Purposed Agenda be approved - CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of last Meeting: Moved by Richard Fokes and seconded by David Boley that the minutes of the AGM held in Tillsonburg, August 7, 2010 as circulated be approved - CARRIED.

Business arising from the Minutes: There was no business arising from the minutes.

President's Message: Jim Brimner

The management of Unit business this year has been relatively smooth; I have had to miss one meeting due to health reasons and Tom Ramsey graciously stepped in to chair that meeting. We are in the process of determining the need for Unit finals to be held for the NAP games in preparation for the District final. This will be determined based upon interest of members in attending the District finals. If more than 3 pairs in any one level (A,B, or C) are interested in attending, we will need to hold Unit finals to qualify them.

At this point Jim introduced the Board Members and gave a brief outline of their responsibilities:

- Jed Drew is a newly acclaimed Board member at large.*
- Mavis Reffell is a newly re-appointed Board member at large.*
- Richard Fokes is Treasurer.*
- Lee Easterbrook is Executive and Recording Secretary.*
- George Hodgson is Membership Committee Chair.*
- Norma Ingram is a Member at Large.*
- Chris Punter is in charge of tournament supplies, Assistant Treasurer and acting Tournament Coordinator.*
- Tom Ramsay is Disciplinary Chair and NAOP coordinator.*
- John Lightfoot is the Web Administrator.*
- Two ex-officials are our Auditor, Len Lucier and our Recorder, Dwight Bender.*

These people along with Tournament Chairpersons and the unknown numbers of volunteers are the people that make Unit 249 function and the Unit Tournaments possible. They deserve a big thank you.

Reports as per Board of Director's Meeting:

1. Treasurer's Report: Richard Fokes

Currently the Board has assets in the range of approximately \$50,000. Total Revenue for the period between 01/01/2010 and 12/31/2010 is \$26,157.88 with Total Expenses of \$19,789.74 for a Net Income of \$6,368.14.

2. Membership's Report: George Hodgson

We have experienced a growth in membership. In 2008 membership was 1000 and currently it is 1130. This is in thanks to the fine efforts of Club Managers/ Owners and Board members in promoting bridge in clubs (as opposed to encouraging internet play).

3. Moved by Jim Duffus and seconded by Chris Punter that these reports be accepted - CARRIED.

Appointment of the Auditor: The President thanked L Lucier, auditor, on behalf of the Unit for his service to the Unit. Moved by Tom Ramsey and seconded by Norma Ingram that L Lucier be reappointed as Auditor for 2012 - CARRIED.

Confirmation of proceedings carried on by the Board: Moved by Bob Burns and seconded by Jim Duffus that the proceedings of the Board for 2011 be approved - CARRIED.

New Business: There was no new business.

Next AGM; The AGM for 2012 is scheduled for 12:01 pm, August 11, 2012 in Tillsonburg at the Tillsonburg 'Golden Leaf' Sectional Tournament.

Adjournment: Moved by George Hodgson that the AGM be adjourned CARRIED.

Minutes of Unit 249's Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, August 6, 2011, Tillsonburg, Ontario

Present: Jim Brimmer, Lee Easterbrook, Richard Fokes, George Hodgson, Norma Ingram, John Lightfoot, Tom Ramsay, Chris Punter, David Boley

Regrets: None

Meeting: A quorum being present, the meeting chaired by Jim Brimmer was called to order at 9:30 am.

Approval of previous Minutes: Moved by John Lightfoot and seconded by Norma Ingram that the minutes of the last Board Mtg., May 7, 2011, in London, as circulated be approved - CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Discussion of concerns arising from District decision to require NAOP candidates to compete in a Unit final in order to participate in the district final; otherwise Units are limited in the number of pairs permitted to compete (3 per level (A,B,C).

- London Regional will be held on even numbered years from now on, so we will need to apply for the 2014 sanction as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Fokes

- The Unit for the period 1/1/2011 to 7/31/2011 showed a total revenue of \$5,539.65, with operating expenses of \$7083.37 for net loss of \$1,543.72. There will be some minor adjustments as the treasurer has sent out cheques and further description of those has not yet been received.

- Request for authorization to approve and send out cheques for Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny celebrations in excess of \$50 when appropriate; agreed.

- Request for authorization to spend \$50 to honor Dwight Bender who has achieved over 7500 masterpoints; approved.

Secretary: Lee Easterbrook

Since our last meeting, correspondence and communications with me have been as follows:

- May 31- June 15: Updates and request for advance from Charles Dalmas, re: next year's Sarnia tournament; venue conflict and proposed adjustments
- June 26: Discussion of concerns regarding the District NAP decisions made recently and their effect on Unit 249, sent by Richard Fokes and Tom Ramsay to the attention of Nick Wong.
- July 1-16: Request from Helen McDonald to hold a special game at Christmas time; seeking approval for sanction.
- July 5: Request for an updated 2012 Unit 249 tournament schedule from Norma Ingram for the purposes of planning a possible change of date for the KW sectional in 2012.

Committee Reports:

Membership: George Hodgson

- Membership in Unit 249 stands at 1130. There have been 4 renewals, 2 deaths, 3 not signed up due to health reasons and 4 not interested for various other reasons.

Supplies: Chris Punter

- Everything is fine with tournament supplies.

Tournament Coordinator Report: Chris Punter

- Looking at the prospects of holding a tournament further south from Owen Sound, possibly around Goderich; Chris to investigate further.

Web Site Administrator: John Lightfoot

- Nothing to report;

Tournament Reports: Richard Fokes

- Port Franks reports a total income of \$5,733 with expenses of approximately \$5,535 for a profit of \$197. Jean has indicated that she plans to increase table fees for next year's tournament to increase profit; Richard will convey the board's recommendation that table fees remain stable; any profit is acceptable so no change is necessary.

- Kitchener Waterloo Summerfest reports a total income of \$8,206 with expenses of approximately \$7,558 for a profit of \$648.

- Sarnia tournament reports a loss of \$770. Tournament chair, Charles Dalmas is very enthusiastic but Sarnia tournament has reported losses for numerous years; it is felt that Sarnia players are not interested in participating in a tournament. We'll fully support the tournament for 2012, but will advise that if improvement is not seen the Unit will need to reconsider the appropriateness of continuing with a Sarnia tournament in 2013.

Moved by Tom Ramsay and seconded by Richard Fokes that honorariums be sent out to Jean Potthoff and Ted Boyd for their tournament chair work.

Approval of Committee Reports: Moved by Lee Easterbrook and seconded by Tom Ramsay that all committee reports be accepted - CARRIED.

New Business: It has been suggested that the Unit petition ACBL to increase the ceiling for masterpoints earned through internet tournament play that can be included in total accounting of member masterpoints for competing in various ACBL races (Mini McKenny and Ace of Clubs). Unit 249 Board of Directors feels that accumulation of masterpoints through internet play interferes with

club participation; we do not support including internet masterpoints in ACBL race calculations.

- One nomination for new board member, Jed Drew, and one request from Mavis Reffell, to be re-appointed to the board; George Hodgson and Mavis Reffell will be reappointed.
- Decisions need to be made about whether to hold Unit finals for NAP games, to qualify pairs for the District final. Lee to contact club managers to ask if they have held a NAP qualifying game in June, July or August, 2011 and if so, are any of those pairs who qualified, interested in attending the District final in Toronto, (or participating in a Unit final?)

Nominating Committee Report: Bob Burns

- Notice of Meeting and Nomination forms were distributed by email to Club Managers and Owners on June 2nd. John Carruthers, editor of the Kibitzer and John Lightfoot, website administrator were also notified on June 2nd, for inclusion in the fall issue of the Kibitzer and for posting to the website.
- Two proposals to govern the election that is provided for by the Constitution.
 - o That the election today just be for seats on Unit 249's Board of Directors to serve for a two year term, 2012-2013 and that the newly elected Board appoint within its body their Executive Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary.
 - o That the term of office for the current President, Jim Brimner, be extended till the newly elected Board of Directors appoint its Executive officers.
- Nine nominations have been received in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Constitution. The Board may consist of 10 elected members and by appointment 4 more. A geographical area as outlined in the Constitution may have up to 4 elected members but no more than 5 with the addition of appointed members. The Board has historically given preference that each geographical area has at least 1 member.

The following are the Nominees by geographical area:

1. Windsor, Chatham, Kingsville and Ridgetown: Lee Easterbrook and David Boley.
2. London: Richard Fokes and Chris Punter
3. Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph and Stratford: Norma Ingram and Tom Ramsay.
4. Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Brantford and St. Thomas: Jim Brimner, Jed Drew.
5. Goderich, Kincardine and Owen Sound: John Lightfoot.
6. Sarnia: I would like to commend Pat Simpson for his efforts in trying to secure a member from that area. Notably, he approached: Blake & Martha Maxfield, Avinish Saxena, Jerry Vopika, Charles Dalmas and Mark Pettit. George Hodgson and Mavis Reffell will be re-appointed, representing the Sarnia area.

This proposed slate for Unit 249's Board of Directors is within the guidelines as laid down by the Constitution and therefore no election is necessary. Moved by Bob Burns and seconded by Tom Ramsay that the nominees be elected by acclamation.

Next meeting: The next Board of Director's Meeting is scheduled to be held at London, on Saturday, January 21 , 2011 at 9 AM.

Adjournment: Moved by Tom Ramsay that the meeting be adjourned - CARRIED.

2011 TORONTO NABC REPORT

By Sally Rewbotham, Tournament Chairperson



Sally Rewbotham, Toronto
2011 NABC Tournament
Chairperson

“You want how much for a hot dog?”

“\$14.50.”

“Ha! Ha! Ha! That’s good, but I really need to know because we need about 900 of them on each of two nights. Really. We don’t need the waiters, or the tables or tablecloths, no water service, no fries or drinks or silverware; just the dogs.”

But \$14.50 was the real asking price for a hot dog at the Sheraton Centre! So we negotiated for a few months and they came all the way down to \$10.50. The asking price for coffee was \$5.00/cup, and don’t even guess about the Pad Thai!

After we met in June with the ACBL folks, they took up the cause with the hotel and mentioned to the hotel people the total value of the deal, including room rentals (quite a few dollars). After

that, the price of a hot dog came down to just over six bucks!

There were some glitches in the four-year process of putting together the NABC but the results were terrific. The overwhelming response was positive. Most players had a great time and enjoyed the city. They loved the spirit of the volunteers. The hats and balloons set the stage. Players told us how much they enjoyed Canada and Canadians. You made them feel welcome. When one of you commented to an American how surprised you were that they would come to Canada to spend their money, given the exchange rate, the American said, “I might as well spend it while it’s still worth something!”

Yes, there were some complaints. The most frequent of these was the dissatisfaction with two different hotels and different playing sites. (The ACBL looks for a hotel that has enough rooms and playing space but that’s not available here at a price that’s acceptable.) There were those unhappy with the prices in Toronto, but that’s the case with any world-class city. Someone told me that he didn’t like the registration umbrella, and then it rained and he liked it! Oh well.

We ran out of the beaver “stickies” (we had 5000) and the umbrellas and the bags. We were told to expect 13,000 tables but finished with 13,914, which was huge considering the economy on both sides of the USA/Canadian border and that our American friends needed passports this time.

The Intermediate/Newcomer games were very popular and this is encouraging for the future of bridge. So, too, were the Youth NABC events.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS to all the volunteers who helped make this tournament a success. Special thanks to the members of the Planning Team (Brigitte Blackhouse, Flo Belford, David Cohen, Ina Demme, Louise McNeely, Bruce Reid) who spent so many months preparing for 12 days of frenetic chaos!

For a detailed report (17 pages) containing all observations and recommendations, please visit unit166.ca and follow the link to the NABC report.

ERIC KOKISH FETED AT ACBL HALL OF FAME DINNER

By Brent Manley & Paul Linxwiler



Nick Nickell, Eric Kokish and Sami Kehela

On Thursday July 21, the ACBL Hall of Fame added Eric Kokish. Kokish is known nowadays mainly for his success as a coach – most notably of the Nick Nickell team – but he has also excelled as a player, bidding theorist and writer.

Sami Kehela, another Canadian who is a member of the ACBL

Bridge Hall of Fame, told the crowd at the dinner that he feels largely responsible for Kokish's choice of careers.

"Not long after Kokish earned a law degree," Kehela related, "he asked for advice about possibly starting a career in bridge." Kehela strongly advised against such a move – and Kokish went right out and did it anyway.

Kehela recalled that in 1980, as the Canadian team was preparing to head for the world championships in Valkenburg, Netherlands, he told Kokish not to offer unsolicited advice to Eric Murray, one of Canada's all-time great players, also now a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame. Kokish was a member of the team.

"For one thing," Kehela said, "Murray has been playing since before you were born, and for another, telling him how to play could be hazardous to your health."

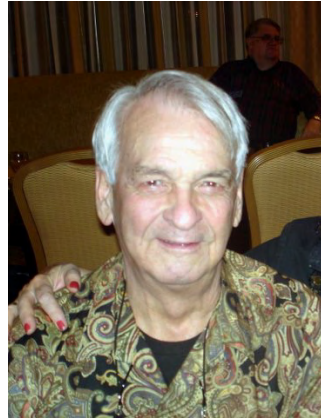
"Sure enough," said Kehela, "Murray was involved in an auction involving a takeout double (by him) that didn't work out for the best. In the post-game discussion, Kokish had to ask Murray, 'Are overcalls part of your repertoire?'"

"I just barely kept Kokish from bodily harm," Kehela remarked.

Canadian Bridge Federation Inducts Five New Members in Toronto Ceremony

In a ceremony at the Royal York Hotel during the Summer North American Bridge Championships, five persons were inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame. They are:

Ralph Cohen. One of the top players in Canada during the 1960's, Cohen played with Sam Gold in the first Olympiad Teams, coming fourth. Cohen later became the top administrator in the ACBL. He held executive positions in the WBF for many years



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DREAMS

By Malcolm Ewashkiw

At the end of the 1941 film *The Maltese Falcon*, Sam Spade accurately appraises the significance of the rare bird that so many people risked their lives to hunt down. Bridge players don't have to hazard so much in their pursuit of rare treasures. But they can still track those rare and beautiful treasures and stand in awe when they encounter one.

Squeezes are often considered the rare creatures of the bridge world and one of the rarest is the trump squeeze. Through the power of BBO, I witnessed two declarers in different parts of the world execute these beautiful plays within hours of each other.

The first extraordinary creature emerged in Asuncion, Paraguay during the South American Team Championship semi-final match between Argentina and Chile.

Board 55. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Caracci	Pellegrini	JM Robles	Camberos
—	—	—	Pass
1 ♦	2 ♥	Double	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

At the time this deal arose, Argentina held a slim 112-101 lead. On board 55, the Argentine East-West pair had settled in three no trump, making six. Chile's Marcelo Caracci and Jose Manuel Robles were more ambitious.

At the other table, the Argentine West had chosen to open three diamonds, so his partner quickly subsided in three no trump. When Caracci chose to open one diamond, Robles was suitably enough encouraged by both the opening bid and the location of the king of hearts to undertake a slam.

Carlos Pellegrini led the ace of hearts and continued with a heart at trick two. Declarer has 11 top tricks and at first blush the contract appears to depend on the club finesse; however, Maestro Caracci looked deeper and found an elegant position, perhaps influenced by North's weak jump overcall or perhaps merely influenced by the artistry of the moment.

At trick seven, after four rounds of diamonds, Caracci arrived at the classic trump squeeze end position (see top of next page):

When Caracci led the eight of diamonds, North discarded the ten

of hearts, East the six of clubs, and South...?

<p>♠ Q 6 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ — ♣ 9 4</p> <p>♠ 9 7 ♥ — ♦ 8 5 ♣ J 10 2</p> <p>♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 2 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A K 6</p>
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South had no winning discard, but chose the seven of clubs. Reading the position perfectly, Caracci played the ace, king of clubs and claimed 12 tricks when the queen appeared.

This 12-IMP swing powered Chile into the lead. They increased their margin to win 194-170. Reaching the finals meant they would be one of two countries to represent South America in the World Bridge Championships in Veldhoven.

And what if Caracci had not taken this moment to flirt with one of the rarities of the bridge world? Going down would have added 13 IMPs to Argentina's total, a swing of 25 IMPs. Chile would have lost by 1 scant IMP. Ah, the stuff that dreams are made of.

Having just been mesmerized by Caracci's dummy play, next morning I tuned in to the European Open Championships being played in Poznan, Poland. The second set of round robin matches from the Mixed

Teams championships had just begun and, noting that Team Lavazza was playing one of the matches, I logged on to the table where Giorgio Duboin was playing with Maria Teresa Lavazza. I arrived just in time.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 6 5 ♥ Q J 5 3 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ 7 5</p> <p>♠ K J 4 3 ♥ A K 9 7 ♦ Q ♣ K Q 8 3</p> <p>♠ 10 9 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A 9 4 3 2 ♣ 9 6 4</p>	<p>♠ A 7 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ K 7 6 5 ♣ A J 10 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Jankauskas</i>	<i>Lavazza</i>	<i>Rotomskien</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

After Duboin's four-club call, the BBO commentators speculated on why Lavazza's next bid was taking so long. Four diamonds and four spades were offered as possible bids for her to make. When the actual four-heart bid appeared, one commentator suggested that four clubs might have been a "key-card ask or something"

In fact, that was exactly what Duboin's bid had been. Lavazza, eventually recognizing she had given the incorrect response, raised to six,



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presumably holding one more key card than she had promised. It remained for Duboin to create a positive start for Team Lavazza.

North led the jack of diamonds. South won the ace and switched to the four of hearts. At this point, one commentator noted that “on the surface declarer has quite a bit to do – Vienna Coup is being suggested but other lines might fail.”

As Duboin led a spade to dummy’s ace, the same commentator observed that, “North could certainly be embarrassed in the majors.” And as Duboin ruffed a diamond to hand, another commentator suggested that declarer would “try to bring down a short queen of spades first.”

That comment hung in the air as Duboin seized the moment, reached into the treasure box, and enthralled us all with his magical skill.

After ruffing the diamond, Duboin crossed to the ten of clubs, ruffed a second diamond, overtook his king of clubs with dummy’s ace, and cashed the jack of clubs discarding a heart. For the second time in less than 24 hours, the classic trump-squeeze matrix appeared before me (See *top of next column*):

Declarer cashed dummy’s king of diamonds. South discarded the four of diamonds, declarer the nine of hearts, and North...? The defender in Poznan was as helpless as his counterpart in Asuncion had been. He chose the six of spades.

♠ Q 8 6

♥ Q J

♦ —

♣ —

♠ K J 4

♥ K 9

♦ —

♣ —

♠ 7

♥ 10 6

♦ K

♣ 2

♠ 10 9

♥ 8

♦ 9 4

♣ —

Just as Caracci had done hours earlier, Duboin read the position perfectly. He led a spade to the king, ruffed a spade bringing down the queen, and crossed to the heart king to cash the established jack of spades. The commentators were ecstatic: “Excellent card reading; bridge of the highest standard; great play!”

Why did Duboin choose to play the hand this way and not try to ruff out the spade queen or take a spade finesse? I like to think that, like that great magician Prospero, he wanted once more to weave his magic spell around us all – the stuff that dreams are made of.

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Intermediate / Novice Corner...



THINKING BRIDGE

By Eddie Kantar

Dealer South, Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♠
2♥	Pass	6♥(!)	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: ♠J

Bidding commentary: There are many ways to bid the East hand, but it's not unreasonable to leap to slam facing a two-level overcall. Most two-level overcalls show opening-bid values and a six-card suit. This is about as light as they come – just East's luck.

Play commentary: West adds his 11 HCP to dummy's 17 HCP, a good habit to form, and comes up with 28, meaning North-South have 12 HCP.

Normally an opening bidder will have 12, but given the opening lead, South figures to have only 11. In other words, South has the king of clubs and the queen of diamonds. Finesses in those suits are doomed to failure – West must think of something else. An elimination play to force the opening bidder to do something positive for declarer is the answer.

Further play commentary: Using the bidding as a guide, West crosses to his hand twice in hearts to ruff spades, stripping that suit from his hand, and continues with the king of diamonds, goes over to the ace of diamonds and then plays the diamond jack, disdaining the finesse that cannot work.

When South produces the expected diamond queen, West discards a club. South has the lead and is not a happy camper. A club return is out as it would go into the ace-queen. A spade for a ruff-sluff is not any better. However, assuming a spade return, West discards yet another club and ruffs in dummy. West remains with one club and dummy has the ace. Contract made.

Tip: Use the bidding to guide you in the play. Assume an opening bidder has at least 11 HCP, and stay away from finesses that can't work.

Further tip: Don't write or telephone me to tell me that a club lead beats the slam. I knew that even before my partner, South, pointed it out..

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Daniel Lavee

Daniel Lavee won the Transnational Mixed Teams in Philadelphia a year ago and has begun a budding career as a professional player and teacher. Since the 2010 World Championships, Daniel has become involved in drawing more youngsters into the game. To that end, he has started a newsletter for young players and offers after-school lessons for the kids.

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KALAMAZOO

CRUELTY

By Dave Colbert

This summer, I went to the Kalamazoo Regional in Michigan. It was a pleasant few days in an auditorium on the outskirts of town. Refreshments were free and the opponents were always pleasant and capable of good play. It was interesting that you were compelled to play three sessions a day in each of the three major knockouts. Tournament schedules continue to be flexible as the population changes. In Florida in February, for example, the Sarasota Regional has only morning and afternoon games, and a short lunch break at that.

At the table, I am still shaking my head at a hand that Mike Cafferata and I encountered with six hands to go in a Knockout final. I felt at the time that we had a healthy lead - we did - but this hand changed everything.

Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West North East South

	<i>Cafferata</i>		<i>Colbert</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The opening lead was a heart and when dummy came down I was very pleased that we had bid this tricky hand to the best spot. I had nine tricks for sure and just needed another diamond or club trick to make my contract. My Right Hand Opponent cashed the heart king and ace and, seeing dummy's diamonds looming, shifted to the club eight.

As you think about the hand, you realize that he was forced to lead a club to have a chance to beat the hand and might have anything, even king-eight doubleton. I played the ten and LHO played the jack. I could have ducked this if I thought the eight was from eight-three doubleton, but I didn't think so.

I won the ace of clubs and drew trumps in three rounds, then tried the diamonds. When they didn't split, I led a club toward my hand. RHO showed out. Yuck. The layout was cruel. The hearts had finished on my right, which was necessary for them, and the club layout was unconquerable. Minus 50. Win the bidding contest and lose the war.

What happened at the other table? Our counterparts got to the terrible contract of three no trumps from North and got a low heart lead from the ace-king-ten-six-two. Having no

outside entry, East wanted to maintain transportation options. The queen won in dummy and declarer ran for home with ten tricks and

plus 430. Lose 10 IMPs. The worm that turns had made its appearance. We lost the match.

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OVER THEIR SHOULDER

By John Cunningham

Follow along with me on these two deals and see if you come to the same conclusions I did.

Good players fancy they are adept at visualizing the other three hands, even in the bidding. Witness this South hand, vulnerable, at match-points; you hold:

♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 10 8 3 2
♦ 8 7 6 4
♣ 8

Partner doubles West's strong no trump and East passes to you. Before you choose between passing and bidding hearts, you need to know that partner's double shows a four-card major and a longer minor. Can

you make anything of RHO's unalerted pass? Is it wise to ask? What to bid? Pass seems farfetched. Two clubs would be the de facto minor-suit request and two diamonds the major ask.

Two of a major could be to play, as an unpassed hand, or, as I prefer to play it, pass or correct. Partner is humouring me, sort of, by playing this, but is unfamiliar with it, and in general.

I expect that partner has spades and clubs. Maybe even six clubs, and sometimes these 5-1 fits play reasonably well. Sooooo, I bid two clubs, rather than the 'automatic' two diamonds. We weren't doubled yet. With good reason. It turns out to be our hand - in hearts, though, not clubs.

The opponents are polite about it, and I decide to forego explanation. As I said, some of us are just good at

visualization. Some of us. The full hand:

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

That the opponents dropped a trick in defence and beat me one was little consolation for the 1½ matchpoints we received for my astute 'visualization'. We beat one pair who allowed East-West to declare one no trump and managed to let them make an overtrick (minus 120) and we tied another pair with visualization skills equal to mine who declared two spades from the North hand down one (also minus 100).

On the following deal, I decided to see if East's visualization abilities were as extraordinary as mine. They were. I was kibitzing at Hazel's Bridge Club. My kibitzee held, with both sides vulnerable:

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

Sometimes, in all those hours of kibitzing, something really interesting (read bizarre) comes up. Witness.

East appropriately passed when his partner's one-diamond opening bid was overcalled by North with one spade. So far, so good. When South passed one spade, West reopened with two hearts, which provoked a three-club bid from RHO. Had I the East hand, I would reflexively raise diamonds now; this must be a useful hand for partner, and I am not bright enough to fear five clubs by them.

But no. My kibitzee passed. South passed (more on this later). West, evidently still enamoured of his hand, doubled. North passed and East pulled to three diamonds, then South bid? Well, three spades. Don't ask me why (as I said, more on this later).

It's not over. My kibitzee doubled this in the passout seat, in Pavlovian fashion. And everyone passed. Time to look at the full deal:

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

North misplayed it, perhaps, for two down into their stone-cold five clubs (yes, six can be made). It seems I am not the only one who needs his prescription refilled. Not one pair played in clubs. (Possibly the diamond people were up against clubs,

though.) The North-South scores ranged from minus 1100 for three no trump doubled down four by North to plus 500 for five diamonds doubled by West down two.

I sort of liked North's three-club bid, and it happens that East's pass over that bid turned out potentially well. But after that?

What about that South hand? Large in support of clubs, isn't it? I think it is too good for four clubs over partner's three clubs; I would bid three diamonds here, though five clubs has my sympathy, and four diamonds might get a nod. It depends on partner's proclivities. Anyway, South PASSED three clubs. He did indeed have a preference for clubs. But then over three diamonds, he soldiered on with three spades, and stood the double! His visualization skills were as impeccable as mine.



MAJOR EVENT WINNERS AT THE TORONTO NABC

Spingold KO Teams

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Open Pairs

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Fast Pairs

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THORNS FROM THORNHILL

(What would you expect?)

By Jim Priebe

Participants at the Thornhill Regional had the pleasure of competing against many of the local regulars and several experts from the USA. Eiji Kujirai outdueled everyone else by winning three events. There are always plenty of interesting, crucial boards to talk about. Here are two from the events I played in.

Deal 1. "YOU HAD TO DO IT PARTNER, DIDN'T YOU?"

This was dummy's announcement as she tabled her hand. As it turned out, declarer had recognized a pigeon when she saw one. Me.

DUMMY

♠ 10 8 7 5

♥ J

♦ Q J 5

♣ J 9 8 7 6

PIGEON

♠ A 9 4

♥ 4 3

♦ 10 4 3 2

♣ A K 5

West	North	East	South
<i>You</i>	<i>Dummy</i>	<i>Pard</i>	<i>Her Majesty</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Double	Pass	2♦	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

After passing with three quick tricks, I was happy to hear partner's double,

but my happiness disappeared quickly. I led the two of diamonds to partner's ace and declarer's king. Partner returned the spade six. Declarer played the spade jack. What is your plan?

Deal 2. WHAT WILL IT BE?

As West, you pick up this hand:

♠ 4 3

♥ K Q J 6

♦ A K J 5

♣ 9 8 7

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	INT ¹
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
?			

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Do you double? After making your bid, you must decide what to lead. What will it be?

ANSWERS

Deal 1. ♠ 10 8 7 5

♥ J

♦ Q J 5

♣ J 9 8 7 6

♠ A 9 4

♥ 4 3

♦ 10 4 3 2

♣ A K 5

♠ 6 2

♥ K 10 8

♦ A 9 8 7 6

♣ Q 10 4 3

♠ K Q J 3

♥ A Q 9 7 6 5 2

♦ K

♣ 2

Looking at all four hands, you can see that the defence has three tricks outside the trump suit and must score two trump tricks to defeat the contract. They can achieve this with

a spade ruff while blocking declarer's effort to get to dummy for a heart finesse. The key is to win the spade ace at the proper time and lead a third spade for partner to ruff. None of this was easy to see at the table.

To avoid a defensive spade ruff, declarer needs to get to dummy for a heart finesse and thus hold the defence to one trump trick. To foil declarer's intentions, West must duck the first spade, win the second, and give partner a spade ruff. If you duck the first spade and declarer continues with a low spade, you must hop up with the ace to deny declarer an entry to dummy, and then give partner a ruff. This defence deprives declarer of an entry to dummy, and partner takes a second trump trick with the heart king.

Had declarer ducked the first spade, West would have had to win his ace, return a low spade and rely on a club entry to give partner a ruff.

I made the mistake of winning the first spade and trying to cash clubs. Curtains for the defence! Declarer ruffed the second club, travelled to the spade ten in dummy, finessed the heart, and scored up plus 730.

Did I mention that had you defended correctly, you would have won the event?

Deal 2. (See top of next column.)

At the table, West doubled and led the diamond ace. He then shifted to a club. I was able to win the king in

hand, ruff a diamond, and cash the club ace and queen, pitching a spade.

♠ 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ 2
♣ A Q 6

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

♠ A Q 2
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ Q 10 4 3
♣ K 10

I then took the spade finesse, ruffed a diamond, played a spade to the ace and ruffed the last diamond. This was then the position:

♠ 10 8 7
♥ 10
♦ —
♣ —

♠ —	Immaterial
♥ K Q J 6	
♦ —	
♣ —	

♠ —
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ —
♣ —

The ten of hearts from dummy now finished West. He won this and could enjoy only two tricks with his king-queen-jack fourth of trumps.

Had West not doubled, I would surely have gone down. In addition, after doubling, had he led a high heart at trick one, I would have gone down one and would no doubt have been muttering about the sins of overbidding!



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32nd Golden Leaf Sectional Tillsonburg, ON August 5-7, 2011

Friday Aft 299'er Pairs - Lonnie Hudson, London ON; Eleanor Shwaluk, Tillsonburg ON. **Friday Aft Open Pairs** - Douglas Rogers, Tillsonburg ON; Robert Colton, Brantford ON. **Friday Eve 299'er Pairs** - Anne Lounsbury - John Lounsbury, St Thomas ON. **Friday Senior Pairs** - Gerry Vanlierop - Ron Groulx, Port Dover ON. **Friday Eve Open Pairs** - Robert Colton, Brantford ON; Deborah Drury, Vero Beach FL. **Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs** - William Misener - Bill Donovan, Tillsonburg ON. **Saturday Eve 299'er Pairs** - Jean Farley - John Farley, Woodstock ON. **Saturday B/C Pairs** - Else Kovacs - Anders Kovacs, Mississauga ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - Gary Robertson, Blenheim ON; Lee Easterbrook, Chatham ON. **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams** - Robert Colton, Brantford ON; Robert Schives, Utterson ON; John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN; Deborah

Drury, Vero Beach FL. **Sunday B/C Swiss Teams** - Moira Hollingsworth - Tony Viidik - Joan Viidik - Dianne Aves, Waterloo ON

Niagara I/N Sectional St Catharines, ON Aug 13-14 2011

299er Morning Pairs - John Bezuyen - Ineke Bezuyen, Vineland STN ON. **0-50 Morning Pairs** - Dianne Beswick - David Beswick, Oakville ON. **299er Afternoon Pairs** - Bob Slimmon - Nancy Brown, Toronto ON. **1-50 Afternoon Pairs** - Habib Khan, Toronto ON; Syed Rafay, Mississauga ON. **299er Swiss Teams** - Elena Petrella - Anne Duff - Patricia Harraway, Oakville ON; Gail Shapcott, Burlington ON. **299er Swiss Teams** - Anna Kennedy - Lynn Gowan - Suzanne Nunn, Newmarket ON; Frank Henriques, Bradford ON

Labour Day Sectional Toronto, ON Sept 2-5, 2011

Friday Aft A/X Pairs - B Hooyer, Brantford ON; Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON. **Friday Aft I/N Pairs** - Rodney McLean - Angela Maracle, Hamilton ON. **Friday Eve A/X Pairs** - Jan Stewart - Andrew Risman, Toronto ON. **Friday Eve B/C/D Pairs** - Phyllis Jones - Muriel Allen, Brampton ON. **Friday Eve I/N Pairs** - Kang PO Chan, Scarborough ON; Amy Lee, Toronto ON. **Friday Late Zip KO** - David Eddy, Mississauga ON; Tom Shannon, Toronto ON; Grant Mackinnon, Burlington ON; Adele Pick, Etobicoke ON.

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61st Jumbo Sectional St Thomas, ON Sept 10-11, 2011

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - Shirley Hellerman - Barbara Tuck, Chatham ON. **Saturday A/X Pairs** - David Deaves, Ripley ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON. **Saturday B/C Pairs** - Mark Pettit, Petrolia ON; Alan Leaver, Buffalo NY. **Saturday Aft 299er Pairs** - William Misener - Bill Donovan, Tillsonburg ON. **Sunday Open**

Swiss Teams - B Hooyer, Brantford ON; Alice Anderson - Bill Anderson, Tillsonburg ON; Masroor Ansari, London ON

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Sunday Morning 299er Swiss Teams - Larry Mogelonsky - Dale Jeffries - William Breedyk - Margot Loren, Toronto ON. **Sunday Afternoon 299er Swiss Teams** - Edith Shore - Miriam Kirsh, Toronto ON; Mary Regottaz, Kenner LA; Sandra Zarn, Richmond Hill ON. **B/C/D Swiss** - Diane Bourdeau - Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON; Barbara Kains, Kitchener ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON. **A/X Swiss Team** - Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Helen Hackner, Willowdale ON; Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON. **Monday Aft. 299er Pairs** - Paul Rolfe - John Kittredge, Toronto ON. **Monday Eve. 299er Pairs** - Dorothy Duchnicki - Marilouise Rankin, St Catharines ON. **Mon Evening Swiss Teams** - Ranald Davidson, North York ON; Bea Eisen, Toronto ON; Barbara Glickman, Boca Raton FL; Morton Glickman, Willowdale ON. **Monday B/C/D Pairs** - Robert Gottlieb - Carolyn Iseman, Thornhill ON. **Monday A/X Pairs** - Lesley Thomson - Doug Bennion, Toronto ON. **Mon/Tues AM KO** - A Birenbaum, North York ON; Fima Rakhinshteyn, Thornhill ON; David Caryll - Cliff Leznoff, Toronto ON. **Tuesday Compact KO's BR 1** - John Rayner, Mississauga ON; Robert Lebi - Eiji Kujirai - Stephen Cooper, Toronto ON. **Tuesday**

Compact KO's Br 2 - Kathy Cohen, Scarborough ON; Diane Fernicola - Loretta Brown, Richmond Hill ON; Esther Climans, Thornhill ON. **Mon-Tues KO's - Bracket 1** - Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Yan Wang - Difan Wang, Scarborough ON; Qun Liu, Windsor ON. **Mon-Tues KO's - Bracket 2** - Linda Lord, Schomberg ON; Ron MacDonald, Toronto ON; Margaret MacFarlane - Paul MacFarlane, Keswick ON. **Mon-Tues KO's - Bracket 3** - Marie Tromba - Bill Swerdon, Mississauga ON; Donald Morrison, Oakville ON; Tom Colclough, Fort Myers FL. **Tuesday A/X Pairs** - Doreen Bernhardt, Orillia ON; James Cummings, Scarborough ON. **Pot of GOLD Pairs** - Don McCrossan, Willowdale ON; David Robinson, Toronto ON. **Tuesday Swiss Teams** - Yuan Chen, Toronto ON; Wenbo Zhang, Mississauga ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON; Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON. **Wednesday Aft 299er Pairs** - Norm Smith, ; Fran Smith, Toronto ON. **Wednesday A/X Pairs** - Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Barry Senensky, Maple ON. **Wednesday B/C/D Pairs** - Neville Jesuvant, Unionville ON; Joseph Mantell, Thornhill ON. **Wed. Eve Swiss Teams** - Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON. **Wed-Thurs Compact KO's** - G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; Dianne Sullivan, Solana Beach CA. **Thurs 299er Aft Pairs** - Joan Gass -

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- Kay Thacker, Mississauga ON;

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Rocys - Enza Bifolchi, Toronto ON.

Saturday Open Pairs - Ronald

Sutherland - Wendy Dooley,

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Pairs - Barbara Trodd - Ralph

Trodd, Burlington ON. **Sunday**

Morn 199er Swiss - Ron

Vandersluis - Sylvia Hartunian -

Renee Robertson, Brampton ON;

Shirley Corcoran, Oakville ON.

Sunday Aft 199er Swiss - Jeanette

Halliday, Midland ON; Josephine

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Teams - Shan Huang, Toronto ON;

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City of Toronto Sectional January 6 – 8, 2012

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Friday, January 6

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs	10 am
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0 - 299, 0-50 Pairs	10 am, 2:30 pm, & 7:30 pm
0 - 5 Newcomers FREE	10 am

Saturday, January 7

Unit 166 Annual General Meeting	12:00 noon
Compact Knockout Teams	1 & 7 pm
Stratiflighted Pairs (2 sessions)	1 & 7 pm
Side Games (Single sessions)	1 pm (Pairs) & 7pm (Swiss Teams)
District 2 NAP Final (Qualifying)	1 & 7 pm
Prequalification Required	
0 - 299 Pairs	1 & 7 pm
0 - 50 Pairs (If numbers warrant)	1 & 7 pm

Sunday, January 8

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10 am & TBA
0 - 299er Swiss Teams	10 am & TBA
District 2 NAP Final (Final)	10 am & TBA
Stratified FAST Pairs (2 sessions)	10 am & TBA

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Strat B: 300-1000, Strat C: 0-300

Novice Pairs: 0-199 (Single Session)

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Novice Pairs: 0-199 (1 Session)

Light meal between sessions.

Sunday January 22, 11:00 am

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

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199ers Swiss Teams (If attendance warrants)

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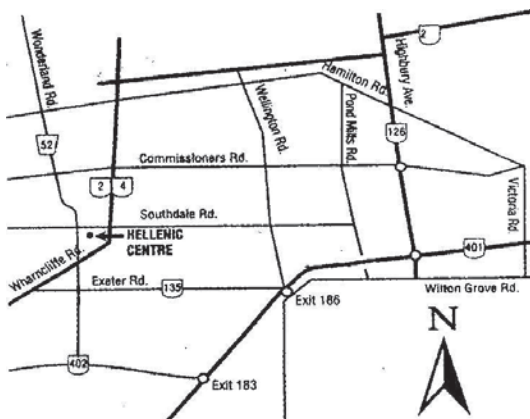
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Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Evening Compact KO 1 (1 st & 2 nd)	7 pm
Swiss Teams	7 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1 pm
49er Pairs	1 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7 pm
49er Pairs	7 pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25

Morning Bracketed KO (1 st)	9 am
Bracketed KO 1 (3 rd & 4 th)	1 & 7 pm
Bracketed KO 2 (1 st & 2 nd)	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Evening Compact KO 1 (3 rd & 4 th)	7 pm
Evening Compact KO 2 (1 st & 2 nd)	7 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1 pm
49er Pairs	1 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7 pm
49er Pairs	7 pm

THURSDAY JANUARY 26

Morning Bracketed KO (2 nd)	9 am
Morning Compact KO 1 (1 st & 2 nd)	9 am
Bracketed KO 2 (3 rd & 4 th)	1 & 7 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (1 st & 2 nd)	1 & 7 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Evening Compact KO 2 (3 rd & 4 th)	7 pm
Swiss Teams	7 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1 pm
49er Pairs	1 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7 pm
49er Pairs	7 pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 27

Morning Bracketed KO (3 rd)	9 am
Morning Compact KO 1 (3 rd & 4 th)	9 am
Morning Compact KO 2 (1 st & 2 nd)	9 am
Bracketed KO 3 (3 rd & 4 th)	1 & 7 pm
Bracketed KO 4 (1 st & 2 nd)	1 & 7 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pair	1 & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Evening Compact KO 3 (1 st & 2 nd)	7 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1 pm
49er Pairs	1 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7 pm
49er Pairs	7 pm

SATURDAY JANUARY 28

Morning Bracketed KO (4 th)	9 am
Morning Compact KO 2 (3 rd & 4 th)	9 am
Bracketed KO 4 (3 rd & 4 th)	1 & 7 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Compact KO	1 & 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
Evening Compact KO 3 (3 rd & 4 th)	7 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1 pm
49er Pairs	1 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7 pm
49er Pairs	7 pm

SUNDAY JANUARY 29

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	11 am & 4 pm
299er Swiss Teams	11 am & 4 pm

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299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300)	1:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50)	1:00
Open Pairs (50/1500/unlim)	7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300)	7:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50)	7:00
Friendly Fred Swiss Teams	7:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Handicapped KO	9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300) - 1 session ..	1:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50) - 1 session	1:00
Flight A/X Pairs (3000/unlim)	1:00 & 7:00
Stratified B/C/D Pairs (500/1000/1500)	1:00 & 7:00
299 ^{er} Pairs (100/200/300) - 1 session ..	7:00
49 ^{er} Pairs (5/20/50) - 1 session	7:00

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

299 ^{er} Swiss Teams	10:30 am
Swiss Teams	10:30 am

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HOLIDAY INN & SUITES, PARKWAY CONFERENCE CENTRE

327 Ontario St., St. Catharines
Reservations: 905-688-2324
www.heartofniagarahotels.com

Ask for special bridge rate:
\$87 (1 or 2 people, \$10 ea. add. person) if booked by Jan. 3, 2012

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HOLIDAY INN & SUITES,
PARKWAY CONFERENCE
CENTRE

DIRECTIONS: Take the QEW to St. Catharines. Exit south at Ontario St.

NOTE: From Toronto please do not turn off at any other Ontario St.

There are **several** Ontario Streets west of St. Catharines.

30th OSHAWA & DISTRICT SWISS TEAM SECTIONAL

OSHAWA

FEBRUARY 18-19, 2012



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Stratflighted Swiss Teams A/X
..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
Stratflighted Swiss Teams B/C/D
..... 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

Please note the early start time

Food available on-site for purchase

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Stratflighted Swiss Teams A/X
..... 11:00 am & TBA
Stratflighted Swiss Teams B/C/D
..... 11:00 am & TBA

**Flights: A=3000+ X=0-3000
B= 750-1500 C= 300-750 D= 0-300
Onsite break with food provided
during Sunday team games**

LVIV PAVILION

34 Lviv Road
Oshawa
One block north of 401
on LVIV Blvd.

Tournament Manager:

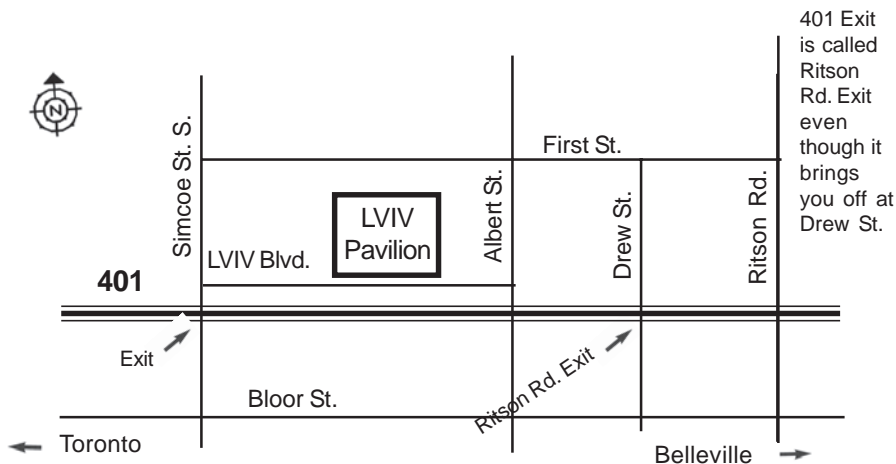
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Entry fees \$10

Smoke-free environment



2012 SARASOTA-MANATEE REGIONAL

February 20-26, 2012
Manatee Convention Center
One Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL

Hosted By
UNIT 102

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HOST HOTEL:

Courtyard by Marriott
 188 Riverwalk Drive West
 Bradenton, FL 34205
 (941) 747-3727

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/try-bd-courtyard-bradenton-sarasota-the-fox/>

Bridge Rates: \$18/night
 Reserves by January 15th
 Ask for the bridge rate

A shuttle will be provided between the Marriott and the Convention Center for daytime events.

For complete information we also hold tables and location please access our website at www.unit102.com or contact Assistant Chair Sarah Murray.

STRATA
OPEN & SENIOR EVENTS
 A-2800, B-750-2800, C-0750
FLORIDA GOLD PAIRS
 Top - 200-750, Bottom - 0-200
A/X STRATA
 A-2500, X-0-2500
I/W EVENTS
 A-200-240, B-100-240, C-0-100

Monday, February 20, 2012

Clarity Pairs (2 single sessions) 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams (1st of 2 sessions) 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Tue-Wed Bracknated ROs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Senior Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 I/W Pairs: (Single Session Games) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Solo Game Series I (1st & 2nd of 5) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams (2nd of 2) 7:30 pm
 Evening Solo Game Series (1st of 5) 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Tue-Wed Bracknated ROs (cont) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Wed-Thurs Bracknated ROs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 3-0-2500 A-2500 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions, 750/380 points) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Solo Game Series II (2nd & 4th of 5) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 I/W Pairs: (Single Session Games) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams 2:30 pm
 Evening Solo Game Series (2nd of 5) 7:30 pm
 Wed-Thurs Evening Knockouts 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Wed-Thurs Bracknated ROs (cont) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Thu-Fri Bracknated ROs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Senior Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 I/W Pairs: (Single Session Games) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Solo Game Series I (5th of 5) 10:00 am
 Solo Game Series II (1st of 5) 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams 7:30 pm
 Evening Solo Game Series (3rd of 5) 7:30 pm
 Wed-Thurs Evening Knockouts (cont) 7:30 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 24, 2012

Thu-Fri Bracknated ROs (cont) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Fri-Sat Bracknated ROs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 A/X Open Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 3-0-2500 A-2500
 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions, 750/380 points) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Solo Game Series II (3rd & 5th of 5) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 I/W Pairs: (Single Session Games) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams (1st of 2) 7:30 pm
 Evening Solo Game Series (4th of 5) 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Fri-Sat Bracknated ROs (cont) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Bracknated Sets Teams (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Senior Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Solo Game Series III (4th & 5th of 5) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 I/W Pairs: (Single Session Games) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Youth Tournament 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified Sets Teams (2nd of 2) 7:30 pm
 Evening Solo Game Series (5th of 5) 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Stratified Open Sets 10:00 am play thru 4h
 Stratified Senior Sets 10:00 am play thru 4h

YOUTH TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Two sessions: 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:30 to 4:30
 • Lunch will be provided •

Registration will be provided to those players with ACBL numbers.

Take your children and grandchildren to play bridge so that they can participate in all the Youth Sessions being offered at ACBL Tournaments.

For more information about the Youth Tournament contact Jane Huerst (941) 894-0283 • jane.huerst@usa.net

SARASOTA/MANATEE REGIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL	ACIL BRIDGE RATE	PHONE Area Code 941	ADDRESS	MILES TO BRIDGE	RATE GOOD UNTIL	BREAKFAST	CORRIDORS
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT	\$159.00 Dbl \$169.00 Ste	747-3727	100 Riverfront Drive Bradenton	1.2	1/20/2012	Available For Purchase	Inside
BEST WESTERN PLUS ATREA, MANATEE	\$107.00	238-0800	2215 Cortez Road West Bradenton	4.5	1/01/2012	Full Hot and Cold Included	Inside
Comfort Inn	\$110.00	747-7500	580 66th St. Court East Bradenton, Exit 220	7.8	2/15/2012	Continental	Outside
Country Inn And Suites	\$125.00	363-4000	1167 W. Pine Circle Bradenton, Exit 217	10.8	2/10/2012	Deluxe Continental	Inside
Hampton Inn	\$129.00	721-4000	5810 20th Court East Bradenton, Exit 224	3.8	1/20/2012	Full Hot and Cold Included	Inside
Hilton Garden Inn	\$124.00	552-1100	8270 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota (U.S. 41)	8.5	1/20/2012	Continental	Inside
Holiday Inn Express	\$99.99	757-5556	648 67th Street Circle E. Bradenton, Exit 220	7.8	2/15/2012	Continental	Inside
Holiday Inn Express	\$129.00	795-4633	4450 47th Street West Bradenton	6.2	1/20/2012	Full Hot and Cold Included	Inside
La Quinta Inn	\$116.00	1-866-527-1498	1802 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota (U.S. 41)	9.5	1/30/2012	Deluxe Continental	Inside
Ramada Limited	\$69.99	729-8505	5218 17th Street East Ellenton, Exit 224	3.6	2/15/2012	Deluxe Continental	Outside
Shorewalk Condominiums	\$118.00 \$25.00 Maid	798-6672	4601 46th St. Court W. Bradenton	6.2	2/15/2012	2 Bed/2Bath Kitchen	Outside
Super 8	\$69.95 Down \$64.95 Up	756-6656	6516 14th Street West Bradenton (U.S. 41)	6.0	1/10/2012	Continental	Outside
Wingate	\$99.00 \$109.00 Suite	755-0055	5464 Lena Road Bradenton, Exit 217	10.8	1/20/2012	Full Hot and Cold Included	Inside



Ontario's family fun destination
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Organized & run by the Sudbury Duplicate Bridge Club

February 24-26, 2012

HOWARD JOHNSON PLAZA HOTEL
50 Brady St. (Downtown) Sudbury, Ontario
(705) 675-5602

Stratification for all events determined by pair/team average.

Friday, February 24th, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs - A: 1500+; B: 500-1499; C: 0-499

Stratified 299^{er} Pairs

Newcomer Pairs - 0-5 MP; fewer bords, more relaxed (If numbers warrant)

Saturday, February 25th, 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs - A: 1500+; B: 500-1499; C: 0-499

Stratified 299^{er} Pairs

Newcomer Pairs - 0-5 MP; fewer bords, more relaxed (If numbers warrant)

Sunday, February 26th, 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams - 2-session Playthrough

A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Newcomers Side Game if numbers warrant **OR**

Newcomers Division Swiss Teams

Costs: \$10 per player, per session. \$2 extra for unpaid members. \$5 for Newcomer players. \$100 per team Sunday (includes lunch).

Hospitality: After Friday evening sessions and between Saturday sessions

Tournament Chair: Jennifer O'Hara, ohara.bridge@gmail.com

Partnerships: Linda Anderson, randerson002@unitize.ca



Hazel's Bridge Club



Special Events

Club Appreciation Week

Sunday October 16 to Saturday October 22
Lots of master points; no extra fees.

Flight A North American Pairs Final

Sunday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.

CNTC Qualifiers

Sunday, October 30

Sunday, November 20

Sunday, December 11

All the CNTC Qualifiers are one-session games
beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Club Championship Week

Monday, November 14 to Sunday, November 20
Extra master points; winner in each stratum gets extra free
plays; no extra fees

Christmas / Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 18

\$10 for members and \$15 for non-members

Lunch at noon; game at 1:00 p.m.

Bagels & Coffee

Every Sunday afternoon and Tuesday morning

\$7 for members and \$9 for non-members

Schedule, Lessons & Team League

Information

See our website or phone for details

Free Parking for Bridge and Shopping

2nd Floor, Centerpoint Mall
Corner of Yonge & Steeles in North York
(416) 221-0069

www.hazelsbridge.com

Tournament Trail

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Championships

MAY

7-13 District 2 STaC
7-13 Farmington Hills, MI Reg'l
15-21 Kingston Regional

JUNE

2-3 Cambridge
23-24 Port Franks

JULY

3-8 London Regional
12-22 Summer NABC,
Philadelphia, PA

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