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Editor's Note

Last issue of the Kib we announced two contests. The first one tried to encourage readers to subscribe to the printed issue of the Kibitzer by contacting Vladimir Kondratsky (see p. for more details). Congratulations to Mrs. Rosalie Hew for winning one year free of the printed version.

The second contest asked Facebook users to “like” our page. Everyone who liked the Kib was put into a draw and the lucky winner is Jo-Ann Lang. Looking forward to our game, Jo-Ann; can we get John Gowdy to kibitz?

And now for some bridge talk. Do you play splinters? If you do, great. But like fire splinter bids require delicate handling.

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

You open 1♠ with the West hand; East bids a game-forcing 2♥. Your bid.

If you bid 4♦ showing 4-card heart support and shortness in diamonds, (a splinter bid!) then partner will most likely devalue her diamonds and sign off in game. But if you just bid 3♥, you leave room to hear what you want to hear: a 4♣ control-showing cuebid from East. From there you should get to the “laydown” 6♥.

Here's another.

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

After three passes, you, West, open 1♥. Pard, East, bids 2♣ Drury, showing 3-card+ trump support. Your bid.

If you bid 3♠, a splinter bid showing shortness in spades and slam interest in hearts then you weren't listening to the previous post-mortem. For starters, to self-splinter (that is, show shortness in a side suit for a trump suit you named first) you should have a single-suited hand, such as a 6- or 7-card heart suit here. Now it becomes impossible to discover your second fit in clubs. You can still get to the high percentage 6♥ contract but how about 7♣? How do we get there?

By bidding 3♣ at your second turn. Partner will read this as natural and forward going so will make the bid of 4♣ which shows

club length. From there you can get to the icy cold grand slam in clubs. Even if partner does not have the magical length in clubs you can still get to 6♥.

In short, (pardon the pun) use a splinter bid when you wish to relinquish captaincy to your partner. That is, your splinter bid describes your hand so well that you are fine with partner taking over, deciding what level you belong. But if you have a hand that needs more describing, and you need to elicit more information from partner, then just make natural forcing bids.

It's one way not to get burned by missing out on the correct contract.

Thanks to three new contributors this issue: Donna Denier, David Halasi, and Steve Mackay. Also, thanks to Lee Daugharty and Mel Norton for taking the time to answer some questions! And to our stalwart, Robert Griffiths, for contributing and being interviewed. Great sports all!

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Nominations Please!!

For Unit 166 members only

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 2018. 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 2017. 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:

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Deadline: December 31, 2018



The Unit 166 Financial Statements can be found on the Unit's
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Any Unit 166 tournament Zero Tolerance concerns, or Zero Tolerance tournament situations which were not satisfactorily resolved, should be reported to ZT@execulink.com

Ontario Unit No. 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 Thursday through Saturday 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 Election Coordinator by March 5, 2019.

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 Election Coordinator by January 20, 2019. 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

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MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday April 7, 2018 at 10:00 am. at MO Bridge.

Present: Sharon Berghaus David McCrady
Carol Bongard Andy Risan
Denise Donovan Michael Yang
David Halasi Mike Kammermayer
Flo Belford Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)

Regrets: Darlene Scott

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair. Mike Kammermayer was welcomed as substitute for Darlene Scott, and those present introduced themselves.

Minutes – January 6, 2018

Motion by Denise Donovan, seconded by David McCrady and Andy Risan
*that the minutes of the January 6, 2018 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors
be approved. Carried*

Election of Officers

Debra Kestenberg assumed the Chair. Andy Risan nominated Carol Bongard for the position of **President**, seconded by David Halasi. *There being no further nominations, Carol Bongard was declared President and re-assumed the Chair.*

Sharon Berghaus nominated David Halasi for the Position of **Vice-President**, seconded by David McCrady and Andy Risan. *There being no further nominations, David Halasi was declared Vice-President.*

David McCrady nominated Andy Risan for the Position of **Treasurer**, seconded by Sharon Berghaus. *There being no further nominations, Andy Risan was declared Treasurer.*

Carol Bongard nominated David Halasi for the Position of **Tournament Chair**, seconded by David McCrady. *There being no further nominations, David Halasi was declared Tournament Chair.*

Arrangements were made to approach sought-after candidates to fill an open Board position.

Other appointments were declared as follows:

Awards Chair	Andy Risan	Membership Chair	Martin Hunter
Disciplinary Chair	Dale Whitmore (David Halasi to confirm)	Nominations	Michael Yang
Education Liaison	Flo Belford	Publicity Chairs	David McCrady & John O'Hara

Elections	Michael Yang	Recorder	Martin Hunter
IN Coordinator	Steve Overholt	Tournament Coordinator	Martin Hunter
Inventory Control	John McWhinnie <i>(with possible back-up of Doug Barnes; Denise Donovan to follow up)</i>	Webmaster	Martin Hunter
Kibitzer Liaison	David McCrady		

Red Book Revisions

Red Book amendments were presented and accepted.

Unit 255 Update

It was reported that a memorandum of understanding has been agreed between Units 166 & 255. A final cheque will be issued upon the signing of a mutual release for the 2019 contract with the Crown Plaza.

Carol Bongard, on behalf of the Board thanked David Halasi and Andy Risman for their efforts over the last 3 months.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus and Michael Yang *that the memorandum of understanding, as presented to the Board in an email, be accepted as presented and disbursement of funds be approved.*

Carried

Treasurer's Report

The Report to March 31, 2018, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented. It was reported that the Unit is in a good financial position.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Sharon Berghaus and David Halasi *that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.* **Carried**

NABC 2017 Summary

It was reported that reasonable compromise was reached with the ACBL. It was agreed with the ACBL that all terms and conditions regarding payment will be written out clearly before we start working for the 2024 NABC.

Association Reports

The Report for COBA was received and discussed. It was reported that the Constitution as presented has been accepted. Michael Kammermayer will have further updates following an Association meeting.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the COBA Financial Report to December 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.* **Carried**

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by David Halasi and David McCrady *that the COBA Constitution be accepted as presented. Carried*

The CVBA update was received and discussed. Denise Donovan highlighted the push to provide bridge lessons to drive attendance at clubs.

Motion by David McCrady, seconded by David Halasi *that the CVBA update be accepted as presented. Carried*

District Board Meeting: Unit 166 Regionals

It was reported that David Halasi has been elected President.

It was further reported that Unit 166 has been granted another 2019/2020 Regional. In addition, Unit 166, beginning in 2022, has received a sanction for a Regional every 2 years. There was discussion on timing and venues, along with action plans.

It was reported that a motion was passed that any new unit is to wait four (4) years to hold a Regional.

The “Grass Roots Games at Clubs” D2 program to support the district’s investment in novice/intermediate play at the Regionals was discussed.

Unit Races:

The value and cost/benefit of Awards to players, clubs, and the Unit were discussed. It was decided to, in future, promote winners in The Kibitzer, continue with the Ace of Clubs certificates, and discontinue the Mini-McKenney medallions.

Tournament Contracts:

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Flo Belford *that David Halasi be authorized to sign contracts with the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale for the 2019 Labour Day sectional, and with the Sheraton Toronto for the 2020 January Sectional and 2020 Toronto Easter Regional. Carried*

Tournament Budgets:

The budgets for the Toronto I/N, Hamilton, Toronto Labour Day, and Caledon East sectionals were received.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady *that tournament Budgets for the Toronto I/N, Hamilton, Toronto Labour Day, and Caledon East sectionals, as presented, be accepted. Carried*

Tournament Reports:

The 2017 Reports for the Toronto January and Burlington Sectionals, and Toronto Easter Regional were received. The Regional Event at the Club House (REACH) was discussed. The Niagara Regional Report is pending.

There was a discussion about the state of the playing cards at the Toronto Regional, and the pros and cons of paper vs. plastic cards. It was agreed that the Unit will be more liberal in replacing cards so as to improve the player experience.

Motion by Flo Belford seconded by David Halasi and Denise Donovan *that Reports for the Toronto January and Burlington Sectionals, and Toronto Easter Regional, as presented, be accepted. Carried*

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Denise Donovan *to appoint Paul Pointet as Co-Chair of the January 2019 Toronto Sectional, along with David Halasi. Carried*

The 2018/19 tournament schedule was received.

Honorariums:

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Michael Yang *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$2,000 for chairing the Toronto Easter Regional. Carried*

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$750 for chairing the Toronto January Sectional. Carried*

Kibitzer Committee Report

David McCrady reported that payment for hard copies of The Kibitzer is now direct only as the on-line service was not cost-effective.

School Bridge

The challenges, particularly logistical, and achievements of the School Bridge Tournament were presented and discussed. Discussion of the manner in which the School Bridge Tournament will be continued has been deferred to the next meeting.

Awards Committee Update

The Board was updated on presentations of the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant awards, and the Board offered its congratulation to the winners.

Other Business

There was a discussion to clarify the ACBL policy and procedures of requiring, at a minimum, temporary ACBL membership to play at tournaments.

Next Meeting

Saturday September 1, 2018 at TBD a.m. at Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.



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- 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 & 255

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 four Units in southern Ontario that their tournaments will not compete with one another. This does not apply to those clubs which have an historic tournament weekend - they are set aside for you.

Graham Warren, District 2 Tournament Coordinator

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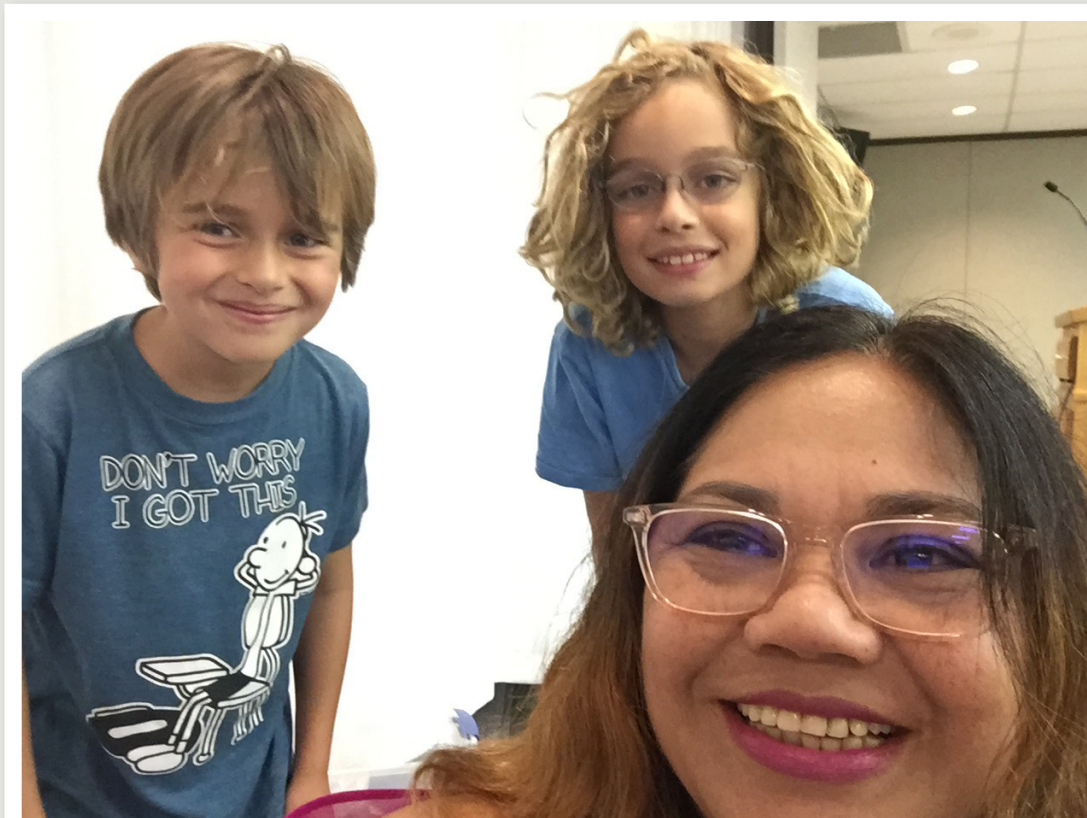
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Maria Deaves and hubby David ran a great tourney in late August in Goderich. Here's Maria, taking a selfie with caddies Camilo and Lennox.



How Can I Be Part Of The Solution?

By David Halasi

I have spent many years on both sides of the selling table—first as a player, then as a tournament director, and finally as a tournament chair...and I can tell you that I can empathize how frustrating it is for all parties when there is a long line-up to purchase entries. Slow lines can cause delays in starting the game and potentially damage the entire tournament experience.

Part of the problem lies with our archaic method of processing sales. At movies, concerts, sporting events, and theatres, there are options for pre-purchasing tickets: by telephone, online, or even in person. For bridge—no luck—come to the playing site with cash. The good news is that the ACBL has successfully implemented pre-purchasing at the highest-level events, and there are plans to try this at select regional tournaments in pilot projects. Once the kinks in the system are worked out, it can be rolled out across the continent. Until then, we are stuck with our current system.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!! Unit 166 will be engaging in a pilot project at the January Sectional / IN Regional where we will be accepting advance entries purchased online with credit cards. Based on the outcome of this project, we will look forward to rolling this out at all Unit 166 tournaments. Please feel free to submit feedback and/or suggestions to

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The directors are quite efficient at taking money and providing change. What slows down the process is 4 people coming to the seller, each with \$40, and then decide to discuss how many points they have, and which event they want to play in.

So what can we do to help minimize the delay?

- ✓ Just like air flights, aim to arrive and be ready to play 15 minutes before game time
- ✓ Only ONE person in the pair/team needs to line up (with cash in hand) to purchase the entry—and make

sure that no one else has already purchased an entry

- ✓ That person should come with exact change (or as close to it as possible)
- ✓ That person should know which event they are going to be playing in
- ✓ Once they have their entry, they need to move away from the selling area

Other behaviour that is counter-productive during the selling period:

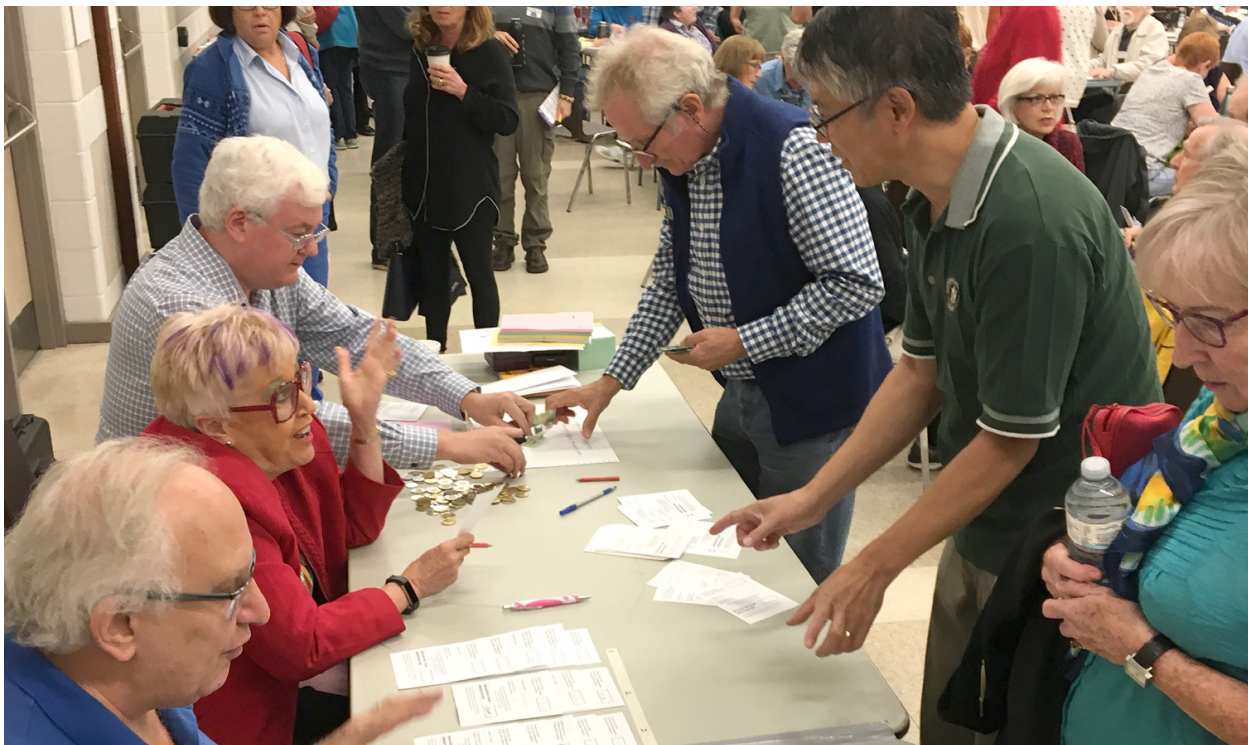
- ✗ Asking questions about the game (How many rounds will be played? What time/How many matches until the break? How many masterpoints will be awarded?) – the directors may not know the answer yet.
- ✗ Asking questions that other staff can answer (Where are the bathrooms? How does the parking

work? What is the schedule for tomorrow? Where is section C? Which line is for the Gold Rush pairs?) – please let the directors focus on selling entries and moving the line along

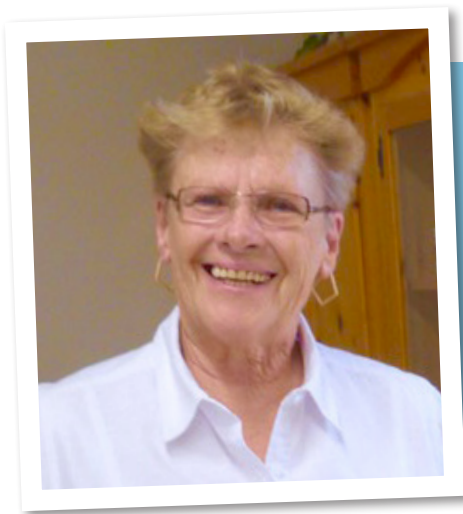
- ✗ Asking the directors to make a score correction / print personal summaries / break large denomination money – they are more than willing to help out, but this would best be done during the game

With some small changes in behaviour, we can all make the pre-game experience much more relaxing, resulting in an on-time start with minimal disruption. Thanks and hope to see you Jan 4-6 at the Sheraton Hotel downtown for the Toronto Sectional!

David Halasi
Unit 166 Tournament Chair



Moving the line quickly in Caledon East.



Bridge with Anne

By Donna Denier

Anne Sixsmith came to Washago in 1996. There was a Bridge Club on Wednesday nights at the community centre but by the time she got settled here and was ready to play it had folded. She decided to go to Chicago to take the Director's course and then took her Teacher's Accreditation course in Toronto. After enquiring at the community centre about free nights, she found that Mondays would work. She worked in Mississauga so needed an evening time slot.

Ultimately, the Centre closed for renovations so Anne started her club in September, 1998, at her house on the beautiful Severn River.

Originally, there were 3 or 4 tables. Now, there can be as many as 7 tables which spread from the house into the lovely sunroom. We get to enjoy watching the boats go by, the resident herons, and the ever present bunny rabbit that flits in and out of the cedars.

20 members were present on August 10th to surprise Anne with a lunch, which included a beautiful cake. Anne was gifted with \$100 for a charity of her choice.

This club is an ACBL sanctioned club and new members are always welcome to the Friday games at noon.







Bridge with Judy

By Steve Mackay

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It's been quite a while since my cousin Judy Anglin has played tournament bridge. All those who remember Judy will remember her fondly. Judy was a good player; she had good card sense, and you could not ask for a better partner. One thing was a certainty - regardless of the outcomes, you were always going to have a good time playing with Judy.

One year, Judy and I went to a National tournament in Washington, D.C. We were doing quite well in a team event (Ken Murray and his girlfriend, Judy, were at the other table) when this hand came along and decided our fate in a late match. I heard 1♠ on my left, 3♦ from Judy, 3♥ on my right. After what seemed like an endless series of cuebids, I found myself on lead against 7♥!

I held

♠ K 10 9 x x ♥ x x ♦ x ♣ K Q J 10 x

I've given this hand to many people and every single one of them found the devastating and killing lead of the club king. How did they find that?! All I can say is that my friends are good

bridge players. Not me. I didn't. This was way too tough for me. I wondered where their tricks were coming from and so I lead a trump.

These were the N/S hands:

♠ A J x x x

♥ A x x

♦ x

♣ A 9 x x

♠ Q

♥ K Q J x x x x

♦ A x

♣ x x x

You can count declarer's tricks: seven hearts, the diamond ace, and a diamond ruff, two black aces, and a spade finesse gets declarer to 12 tricks; the black-suit squeeze against me provides the 13th. Of course, if you switch the queen and the jack of spades, unblocking the spade suit, no lead will beat this grand slam. That hand ended the event for us. Not a word from Judy.

Well, next day we dropped down to a side game. Maybe that would be easier.

On the first hand we were -1320. You can be forgiven if you are not familiar with this number. Most will assume that it is a misprint, that I intended -1370. No. That was 1♠, doubled and redoubled, vulnerable with three overtricks. Not a word from Judy. We agreed that we might want to discuss this auction . . . later, in a bar, over a glass of beer or two.

From there, it went downhill. A few hands later, LHO lead a side suit against me and I craftily ducked my ace. RHO won this trick and switched to another side suit. Again, I craftily ducked this ace. The next four tricks were taken by the opponents: with trumps as they merrily crossruffed those two side suits, felling my two aces in the process. Not a word from Judy.

It didn't improve. I'm not sure if we were heading for a Guinness record but I did know we would be heading for a few Guinness's at the bar after

the game.

By round 10 or 11 we arrived at a table with two elderly ladies; they may have been elderly but they looked fierce. And by then, all Judy and I could do was laugh about what was happening. I was on lead against 3NT and it was obvious to everyone at the table that I had given a trick away with my opening lead. Moments later, Judy was in and she found an unfortunate switch and it was obvious that declarer was now two tricks ahead of the field. Three of us at the table were quite sure that declarer had already secured a cold top but declarer went into a trance, thinking very deeply. Finally her partner, with more than a hint of impatience and exasperation in her voice, asked, "What are you thinking?!" Without missing a beat, Judy blurted, "She's thinking she wants to play us for money!"

As I said, it was always a treat playing with Judy.





For Newer Players

By Robert Griffiths

Who is Robert Griffiths?

The Kib is a big fan of Robert Griffiths and his efforts to educate newer players. We had a chance to sit down with Robert and ask him a few questions.

Kib: When and where did you get your start in bridge?

RG: I started playing bridge when another teenaged nerd and I learned basic 1960s Standard American. We started playing occasional games Sunday nights against our parents. Then came university common room games that would last sometimes for days, with players popping in and out.

Kib: Do you have any early memories from those days?

RG: My job took me to Charlottetown, PEI in 1975 where I knew nobody in town, but a co-worker and I discovered the Charlottetown DBC. Until then, I had no idea that Duplicate bridge

was a thing. We decided to try the Charles Goren variety of the Precision System and had a lot of fun doing it. Probably the Charlottetown people had even more fun watching us botch it up. I remember one of my first tournaments was the Boston Summer Nationals (it was called “Big Deal In Boston!”) sometime in the late 70s where I encountered Benito Garozzo and had a big thrill getting two top boards after his client butchered the first board and he tried to get one back on the second.

In 1990, I got distracted with raising children for 20 years or so and dropped out of bridge. The kids left home just as the Guelph DBC was getting going, so I was back at it.

Kib: Where do you play now and with whom do you play?

RG: I play now at the Guelph DBC and the Grand River DBC in Kitchener and get out to the odd tournament. The most feared opponents in the area are any combination of Tom

Ramsay, Dave Baker, Cindy Mahn, Colin Harrington, and Ted Boyd. My favourite partners are any of the above plus Adrian Record, Diane Bourdeau, Dianne Aves, Edith Ferber, Mike Peng, Mircea Giurgeu, Barb Grantmyre, Liz McDowell, Moira Hollingsworth, Bruce Roberts, Thea Davis and Margot Stockie. The Guelph-KW area has a lot of good players who mix and match. Most of the 17 people I've named above have all played with each other.

Kib: Any recent successes you would like to report?

RG: I was quite happy last year to have earned 470 masterpoints, leading District 2.

Kib: Where do you get your material for the Kib?

I direct a weekly game in Guelph called the "Relaxed Replay." We take the hands that were played in the regular Tuesday night pair game and play them, comparing our results with what the "pros" did two days before. Of course most of the players in this game are either novices or social players. I started sending out weekly email bridge tips a couple of years ago to the players in the group and this seems to have evolved to become a lesson hand some of which land in the Kibitzer.

Kib: All of which we much appreciate! Thanks, Robert.

Super Accepting

Looking at the East hand, after your partner opens 1NT, what is the plan? You have an ace and 3 jacks with a 5-card major and a bit of shape, probably not enough for a game. Likely your best bet is to simply transfer to hearts and play for the plus score by letting partner play 2♥

But many players play "super accepts" of transfer bids. That is, if your partner transfers you to a suit that you really like, and you like your hand, you find a way to tell your partner all about it. The simplest way to super accept is to jump to the 3-level in the suit; so one would bid 3♥ with the West hand after partner's 2♦ call. After the super

accept, it is reasonable for East to go on to the heart game--the 3♥ bid is the little something extra East needs.

South Deals
E-W Vul

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

EW 4♥; EW 3♦; EW 1N; NS 1♣; Par -620

Many EW pairs reach the easy 4♥ game after a super accept. It does take a bit of luck---switch West's club and spade holdings and he'll have the same super-accept but EW will have 4 losers: 3 spades and 1 club. And sometimes a super accept is the last thing you want to hear. For example, if your hand is ♠109842 ♥864 ♦J43 ♣94, your best strategy after a 1NT opener is to transfer to spades but only because you expect your hand to be useless in notrump, but worth a few tricks in spades.

The hand was played 9 times at a club game. 4 pairs bid the game; 5 stopped short. The results:

Contract	Lead	Score		Matchpoints	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♥	W 4 ♠A		170	7.50	0.50
3♥	W 4 ♣2		170	7.50	0.50
2♥	W 5 ♦2		200	5.00	3.00
2♥	W 5 ♣8		200	5.00	3.00
2♥	W 5 ♣2		200	5.00	3.00
4♥	W 4 ♣K		620	2.50	5.50
4♥	W 4 ♦2		620	2.50	5.50
4♥	W 5 ♣2		650	0.50	7.50
4♥	W 5 ♦2		650	0.50	7.50

Who Needs The Lead?

South has a monster hand; after 3 passes he opens 2♣. Here, NS were playing that a bid of 2♥ after 2♣ as negative, showing no ace or king, so when North bids a waiting 2♦, South can be confident that North has the spade ace or king--the only top honours that he is missing. He shows his balanced 25 HCP with a jump to 3NT, and it goes all pass.

West decided to try a passive lead and his ♠9 proved to be a lucky choice. East won the ♠J and exited with the ♥2, won by South with the ♥A. Everybody at the table is aware of the spade situation---Declarer can't let West gain the lead or the defence will win.

Dir:W
Vul: Both

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

Declarer is looking at 8 easy tricks but is unhappy about his chances of finding a ninth. As soon as he loses the lead to West, another spade would likely end his chances.

But he started taking his winners, 3 in each minor suit and the ♥K, leaving this:

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

He correctly assumed that leading towards the ♠K would be pointless and simply exited with the ♥6. Now, if you are sitting West, would you

reflexively try to win this trick with the ♥9? If you do, you just gave the contract away. East will play the ♥J and will be forced to lead spades, giving the last two tricks to the dummy; Declarer will have an overtrick.

If West happens to be awake, he will rise up with the ♥Q, ensuring that he, not his partner wins the trick. Now his play of the ♠6 enables partner to win the rest of the tricks; Declarer will go down one.

There is a name for this coup--the winning of a trick with a card that is higher than necessary in order to prevent your partner having to win it--the crocodile coup. With a crocodilian appetite, your honour swallows up your partner's smaller honour, enabling the defence to prevail.

Making Use of a Queen

Here's a hand from the recent Regional tournament in Buffalo. I was sitting South and Dave Baker was playing North.

East opened 1♥, I passed, West bid 1♠; Dave passed and East jumped to 2NT, showing 18-19 points. West ended the auction with a raise to 3NT.

East Deals
NS Vul

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

I led the ♣J which declarer won in his hand with the ace, Dave showing his approval of the club lead by playing the 4 (upside down signals). Declarer can see 2 clubs and 2 heart tricks and can easily develop 4 diamonds by driving out the ♦A. He started out by leading the ♦2 to dummy's ♦J, Dave winning the ace and knocking out dummy's ♣K.

At this point, Declarer started playing diamond tricks; I threw my 3 spades while Dave let go of the ♣Q on the fourth diamond, keeping a small club to reach the long clubs in my hand.

Here's what we were looking at when the ♦5 was led from dummy:

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

In my mind, I have a discarding problem. I think: What if Declarer's hearts are AKQxx? If they are, a heart discard will give him 5 heart tricks, so maybe I should throw a club.

But if I think this through, I'll notice that Declarer is cashing his sixth trick now. If he has the ♥AKQ he is cold for

his game; the extra heart tricks will be OVERTRICKS. But, if Declarer has only 8 top tricks and Dave can get the lead, I must save my clubs because we need them to DEFEAT THE CONTRACT. Playing team games, defeating the contract has to be the defenders' focus of attention.

Meanwhile, back at the play of the hand, as I was uncertainly fiddling with my hearts and clubs, Dave was first to play to the ♦5. He pitched the ♥Q! Now I can't go wrong---I only need 3 hearts to stop Declarer's suit.

I may or may not have come to the right decision to throw a heart on my own, but Dave's discard made it easy to let go of a heart. When Declarer next called for the ♠3, Dave hopped up with the ♠A and I won 3 club tricks to set the contract.

So, why would Dave play the ♥Q? He knew that I likely held 4 hearts (declarer had bid them only once) and if I had the ♥J he wanted me to know that I only needed to keep 3 of them. From Dave's perspective, the ♥Q was not going to take a trick for our side--if Declarer held the ♥AKJ he would take 3 tricks however he played them (dropping or finessing the ♥Q both work). But, if I held ♥J, discarding the queen made my decision simple.

At the other table, our partners bid the EW hands to the safer contract of 5♦ which easily made for a 10-imp swing our way.



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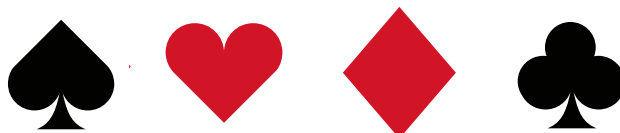
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Kib Interview with Lee Daugharty

Recently the Kib had the opportunity to sit down with “bridge man extraordinaire” Lee Daugharty. Planning this interview was not easy because Lee is a busy man; Lee not only runs Lee’s Bridge Club, held at Temple Sinai Synagogue in Toronto (210 Wilson Ave.), but he provides many local Sectional tournaments with bridge tables.

Kib: How did you get your start in bridge as a player, as a teacher, and as a club manager?

My parents used to have 2-3 bridge weekends per year with old friends who would arrive early Friday evening and depart Sunday after dinner. In between was non-stop bridge. I would periodically sit and observe the proceedings so one Saturday afternoon when I was 12 and my father and I were on our own, he asked me if I would be interested in learning to play. What he taught was, I believe, an approach derived from ACOL which he referred to as “the order of TAN” (takeout, assist, no trump). I began playing with friends when I was 15 but it was a basic form of kitchen bridge. We were inventing as we went

along. I seldom played after leaving high school until I was 31 and living in Calgary when a friend expressed an interest in learning bridge and I agreed to teach him. We were novices in the extreme and were using logic to invent our own system. Over the course of the next 18 months we played a lot of bridge and endurance weekends were a frequent occurrence. Someone suggested duplicate so we tried it and there was no going back. But our methods changed quickly at the insistence of the directors.

When I was transferred back to Ontario I took a 5-year family hiatus from bridge but I continued to read books about the game throughout that period. I eventually returned to the table in 1992 when living in Brampton.

One of my early partners was Muriel Allen who ran the Brampton Bridge Club and was active with the Credit Valley Bridge Association. She taught bridge with Continuing Education at the Peel board. When she decided to give that up in the mid 90s, she recommended me to the position and so I taught various levels at the Peel Board for 8-9 years. I also had a

Tuesday afternoon group in a local Brampton church that consisted of lessons followed by supervised play. This eventually evolved into a 299er game which was always preceded by 15-minute lessons. Subsequently, I was asked to teach at Devil's Pulpit golf course and was encouraged to start a bridge club in that area. So we started a club in Caledon East which had a similar format where play was always preceded by 15-minute lessons. Much of my bridge knowledge came from my background in the publishing industry. I left mainstream publishing in 1991 to form a small publishing company. In 1993 I initiated a joint venture with Copp Clark Pitman to publish The Daily Bridge Calendar; the calendar consisted of 365 bridge problems written by 8 international experts. Acting as the editor on that project for the next 14 years contributed significantly to my understanding and thinking about the game.

It was necessary to terminate The Daily Bridge Calendar after the conclusion of the 2007 edition so I took the Directors' course from Patti Lee and she was enormously supportive in helping me to understand the job. It was a job I never thought I could enjoy because one aspect of a director's role is confrontational by nature. But it has been an excellent opportunity to learn more about the game from the perspective of the Laws and game administration. Directing alters how one views the game as a player and, as such, should be recommended to any perennial student of the game. After working as a Director and, in conjunction with my other bridge background, I was approached by Barbara Seagram and Alex Kornel when they decided to give up running their games in 2012 and they generously offered me those games. That has led to where things are today.



Lee is delighted with his buffet table at the Temple Sinai

I am very grateful to both Barbara and Alex for their support over these years.

Kib:What are the rewards you reap and the challenges you face as a club manager?

Perhaps the greatest reward is the feeling of helping others spend an enjoyable afternoon or evening. Bridge is the most amazing game, as we all know. And endeavouring to provide an amiable atmosphere is the goal of most clubs. But therein is the greatest challenge.

Criticism from one's opponents or from one's partner can quickly undermine the enjoyment.

Duplicate bridge is a competition and heightens the emotions of most players. It can cause them to say or do things that they would most assuredly not do if one were to encounter them in a different social environment. Perhaps a less-experienced player utters a nervous comment or some other infraction occurs. This sometimes leads to comments made in the emotion of the moment and equally emotional rebuttals and so forth. I know—I have been guilty of such behaviour in the past and I would take this opportunity to apologize to any player who has been on the receiving end of my impatience or criticism.

There is no place at the table for this. In such instances it is best to hold back one's comments and calmly call the Director and let that Director deal

with the situation so that the offended party can remain removed from the offending party and prevent enmity from developing.

Kib:What habits of club players would you like to see change (or remain!)?

Perhaps the greatest sin is lack of humility. Players are forever offering advice to others. Though well intended, if the advice has not been solicited then it is best to say nothing when observing the mistakes of others. It probably goes without saying that there is also no place for criticism at the table. Obviously, if an opponent asks one's opinion, then an answer should be forthcoming in a pleasant manner. A habit that should definitely be encouraged is welcoming players to one's table and making introductions where required.

Kib:What advice do you have for newer players?

Remember the platinum rule. Do unto others as they want to be done unto. Be nice to your partners. And be nice to your opponents. One day they might be your partners.

Kib:What is your favourite convention(s) and why?

There are numerous conventions that I play with various partners. It is a lot of fun to consider the logic of different conventions and their adaptability and impact on one's overall bidding system. But I do not have one favourite convention. However, when RHO opens INT, I do prefer any convention

that will allow me to show a major(s) directly in the second seat. But given the proliferation of conventions in today's game, what would be interesting is to play in an event where the only allowable conventions would be Stayman, RKCB, and the family of doubles. Nothing else. In fact, eliminating RKCB would be fine.

Kib: Can you provide a recent hand that is of note--perhaps it features a great play or bid or auction or ruling?

Unfortunately, I do not have much opportunity to play as much today as I would like. But one humorous auction stands out from a few years ago at an NABC. The auction proceeded as follows:

West	North	East	South
3♣	4♣	5♣	6♣
Pass	6♠	All pass	

Note the four consecutive club bids.

North's 4♣ was asking partner to pick a major suit and South's 6♣ stated that he was prepared to play at slam and had no preference for the major. South was also suggesting that the hand would play better from the North side having East on lead. Twelve tricks were taken.

Kib: Thanks, Lee; keep up the good work running your games. Friends of the Kibitzer especially love the game (and hospitality) at the Synagogue. Easy on the buffet, ok?



Lee, standing at the back, waiting for a Director call



Ace of Clubs: Mel Norton

At the beginning of 2017 Mel Norton's masterpoint total was somewhere between 2500-3500. Up against others in that range Mel won two awards: the 2017 Ace of Clubs for most masterpoints won in clubs, and the 2017 Mini-McKenney for most masterpoints won anywhere and everywhere! Currently he has 4500 points. Mel is this issue's featured Ace of Clubs.

Kib: You seem to be a Sectional mainstay, Mel. When did you get your first start in bridge?

Much to my parents' chagrin, I started playing bridge when I enrolled in the University of Waterloo in the fall of 1961. We spent many unproductive hours in the common room, ultimately resulting in condensing a 3-year Math course into 4.5 years.

Kib: Do you have any early memories of disasters and/or successes?

My favourite early story is in my final year at Waterloo heading out at 4:00 am to Cleveland to play in a 4-session open pairs at the Spring Nationals.

We were in the same section as Eric Murray and Sami Kehela. Feeling very bold, we challenged them to play for 5-cents a matchpoint. Eric didn't give us the time of day, but Sami oddly enough accepted from both of us. At dinner, we each paid Sammi a dime. He graciously asked if we wanted to do it again in the second session; but being quite tired, we declined. By round 4, we went running back demanding to be back on. Sami accepted. We had our second straight >200 game on a 156 average, and we each paid him a nickel. We were in the top 10 overall and hadn't even earned a section top prize.

We learned our lesson, and didn't renew the next day when average was 325...meaning we at least had enough funds to pay the toll on the way out of the USA.

Until this past summer, our biggest achievement was finishing 3rd in a National 6-session Swiss Team event at a fall Nationals in Lancaster Pa. (probably sometime in the 1970s). Recently, wondering why this wasn't included in my meagre tally of Platinum points, I wrote to the ACBL and received a prompt response saying

nothing before 1999 mattered (when Platinum points were invented)!

Kib: What did you do for a living? Did you retire or semi-retire?

I actually used my math degree to become an Actuary and spent 22 years working at an insurance company in Toronto, followed by another 22 years working for a consulting firm in Toronto. For the past 13 years, I have worked out of my home, consulting on pensions for lawyers and individuals; although, since 2013, I reduced my workload from about 60% full-time, to about 15% full-time...so now bridge fills the difference.

Kib: Where are you living these days?

Mel: We are in Burlington, in the home we moved to 40 years ago: 2 people in a 5-bedroom home, where the absent children still maintain their childhood bedrooms (shrines).

Kib: What are your favourite events to play in?

I'm happy to play in virtually any pair or team game but have a particular fondness for the Knockout Teams of any duration.

Kib: What clubs do you play in? Any Team Leagues?

I maintain memberships at Niagara-On-The Lake, the Bridge Centre of St. Catharines, and MO-Bridge. I pay a membership fee to support any member-run club I would play

at more than 3 times a year. I play regularly at the three Jackie Syer-run clubs in Burlington and Oakville and try to play somewhat frequently at Steve Overholt's Etobicoke Club and occasionally at the Guelph Bridge Club. I enjoy playing at many of the other clubs, and in the past year have played at least once in clubs in London, Tillsonburg, Thornhill, Kitchener and Kingston. I have a number of other clubs that I hope to visit for the first time in 2019.

This year, I play in evening Team Leagues at MO Bridge and Trillium (Burlington – Aldershot), and have signed up to play in the CBF online league but haven't yet been forced to get online!

Kib: On the record, do you have any favourite partners?

Alphabetically, here are 6 of my favourite partners...apologies to those I have unintentionally omitted:

Doug ANDREWS
Andy FIRKO
Peter HAMBLBY
Keith HECKLEY
Rod MACLEOD
John STEVENS

Kib: Now off the record, really, who are your favourite partners? Just kidding. Do you have any amusing anecdotes re: an event or a partner, a recent hand or auction, etc.?

At the Summer Nationals this year in Atlanta, we were delighted to win



A rare photo of Mel not wearing a hat

the 5-day Goldman Teams (an event limited to players with fewer than 6,000 masterpoints). On the very last hand of the event, I arrived in a 6 Spade contract with xxxx opposite AQx that only needed a 3-3 split with the K in the slot to come home. One down. I was sure that cost us the win and was despondent while waiting for our teammates to finish. 7 Clubs, 7 Diamonds and 7 Notrump were all cold in top tricks. The bridge gods were on our side, as we won imps on that hand...our opponents played in the same 6-spade contract, but down 4, so we were +300 for 7 imps.

Kib: What are your bridge goals now?

I hope to continue playing bridge, as daytime television is not that exciting. I was in attendance when the Leafs won the Stanley Cup in 1967 and when the Blue Jays won the World Series in 1993, so rather than have explicit bridge goals, I would like to root for a repeat. Failing that I'm happy to play and occasionally win. More than that I'm happy to spend a couple of weeks a year in winter at all-inclusive resorts doing very little other than gaining weight; I'd also like to spend as many days as possible spoiling my grandchildren.

Kib: Good stuff, Mel. Congratulations on all your recent successes and hope you have another great year in 2019. Now, unlike my 9-year old son, the last word is yours!

The picture included here, taken at a nephew's wedding this summer, shows Torin (6), Ellsa (8), Clara (3), Shirley (who will have put up being married to me for 49 years, if we can make it through another month), me, lyla (11) and Caden (9). One more is pending, and we haven't totally given up hope for still more!



36th Annual Festival of Bridge

Stratford

November 16th to 18th, 2018

Friday November 16th

Please Note New Start Times for Friday

Stratified Open Pairs: 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Non-Life Master Pairs: 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Saturday November 17th

Youth Bridge Pairs: 10 am

0 – 20s Pairs: 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (2 session):
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Non-Life Master Pairs (2 session):
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Singles Session Entries Welcome

Sunday November 18th

Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions):
10:00 am

Brackets of 9 teams – Play at your level!

Stratification by Average

A: 2000+ X: 0 – 2000

B: 1000 – 1500 C: 500 – 1000

Non-Life Masters:

A: 300 – 500 B: 100 – 300 C: 0 – 100

Venue

Festival Inn

1144 Ontario St.

Stratford, ON. N5A 6Z3

519-273-1150

www.festivalinnstratford.com/

Special Hotel Rate:

\$109 + taxes per night

Tournament Chair and Partnerships

Ross Driedger: 226-239-2860

ross@earz.ca

Lunch Available on Site

**Special Entry Fee for
Players with 0 – 20
Masterpoints: \$5**



City of Toronto Sectional January 4-6, 2019



Sheraton

Sheraton Hotel 123 Queen Street West Toronto

Friday, January 4

Flight A/X Open Pairs 10:30 and 3:00 (2 sessions) (3000+, 0-3000)
B/C/D Pairs 10:30 and 3:00 (2 sessions) (1500-2500, 750-1500, 0-750)

Saturday, January 5

Unit 166 General Meeting at 2:00

Flight A/X Open Pairs 10:30 and 3:00 (2 sessions) (3000+, 0-3000)
B/C/D Pairs 10:30 and 3:00 (2 sessions) (1500-2500, 750-1500, 0-750)
Compact K/O teams 10:30 and 3:00 (bracketed and/or handicapped)

Sunday, January 6

Flight A/X Swiss Teams 10:30 and TBA (2 sessions) (3000+, 0-3000)
B/C/D Swiss Teams 10:30 and TBA (2 sessions) (1500-2500, 750-1500, 0-750)

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Steve Overholt (soverholt1@gmail.com; 647-897-6179) will be teaching Novice-Intermediate classes on Friday and Saturday 9:45 and 2:15 (What a game!)

Partnership Chair:

Wayne Ruttan; wayne.ruttan063@sympatico.ca; 416-284-8887

Tournament Chairs :

Paul Pointet; ppointet@aol.com; 905-601-4224

David Halasi; halasid@rogers.com; 647-760-6939

Session Fees: \$15 per session

- Non-active and unpaid ACBL members add \$4 per session
- Players with no ACBL number MUST buy a 1 month \$10 membership BEFORE buying Entry
- Single session entries will be sold if requested
- Group rate rooms call 416-361-1000 or online at:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AA01AA>
- Hospitality reception after 2nd session Saturday. Room TBA
- Park under City Hall at reduced rate on Saturday and Sunday

Pay in Advance!

Friday events: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/Unit166/fridaypairentries>

Saturday events: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/Unit166/SaturdayPairEntries>

**Addition starts with Pay in Advance!

City of Toronto Intermediate/Novice Regional January 4-6, 2019



Sheraton Hotel 123 Queen Street West Toronto

To Enter Gold Rush and Compact KO you may NOT be LM or have 750 Points
Start Your Year Off By Earning Those Missing Gold!**

Friday, January 4

Gold Rush Pairs (2 session event)**	10:30 and 3:00 (0-100, 100-400, 400-750)
49er (single sessions)	10:30 and 3:00
0-5 Supervised (single session)	10:30 (FREE)

Saturday, January 5

Gold Rush Pairs (2 session event)**	10:30 and 3:00 (0-100, 100-400, 400-750)
99er (single session)	10:30 and 3:00
0-20 (single session)	10:30 Supervised
Compact KO Teams**	10:30 and 3:00 (Win 2 Matches and Win GOLD)

(As in Swiss, 4 player Teams. Approximately 25% of teams will win Gold)

Sunday, January 6

Gold Rush Swiss Teams**	10:30 and TBA (at director's discretion)
199er Swiss Teams	10:30 (single session) - Swiss lesson at 9:45

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Session Fees: \$15 per session, 99er & 49er & 20er: \$10

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- Hospitality reception after 2nd session Saturday. Room TBA
- Park under City Hall at reduced rate on Saturday and Sunday

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87th Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament London, Ontario

January 26-27, 2019

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

Saturday, January 26, 10:30 am

Coffee, snacks before game time

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)

Strat A: 2500+, Strat X: 0 - 2500

Strat B: 500 - 1500, Strat C: 0 - 500

Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 Session)

Lunch at nearby local restaurants

Director-in-charge:

Martin Hunter

Chairperson:

Bruce Moor

(519) 663-0869

bmoor@sympatico.ca

Saturday, January 26, 2:45 pm

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)

Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 Session)

Partnerships:

Tom Jolliffe

(519) 639-2206

tom.jolliffe@rogers.com

Sunday, January 27, 10:30 am

Coffee, snacks before game time

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-through)

Teams will be bracketed by total team points

Light meal available between sessions

Pairs will be stratified by average masterpoint holding

Entry Fees: ACBL Members - \$12.50 per person per session

Lapsed ACBL Members - \$16.50 per person per session



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www.londonbridgecentre.ca





When not dressing up as bacon Greg Coles can be seen throughout Ontario directing at Sectionals. Here he is in Goderich, running a Bracketed Swiss. That's his own program displayed on the screen, one that allows him to start games on time!



St Catharines Sectional

February 8-10, 2019

Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference
327 Ontario St, St Catharines
(QEW take Exit 47 Ontario Street)
905-688-2324

Friday February 8, 2019

Open Pairs..... 1:00pm
499er Pairs 1:00pm
99er Pairs 1:00pm
Open Pairs..... 7:00pm
499er Pairs 7:00pm
99er Pairs 7:00pm
Friendly Fred Swiss Team 7:00pm

Hospitality will follow evening game

Saturday February 9, 2019

Knock Out (KO) ... 9:00am, 1:00pm & 7:00pm
499er Pairs 1 session 1:00pm
99er Pairs 1 session 1:00pm
Flight A/X Pairs 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Stratified B/C/D Pairs..... 1:00pm & 7:00pm
499er Pairs 1 session 7:00pm
99er Pairs 1 session 7:00pm

Hospitality will follow evening game

Sunday February 10, 2019

499er Swiss Teams ... 10:30am playthrough
Flight A/X Swiss..... 10:30am playthrough
Stratified B/C/D Swiss .. 10:30am playthrough

7 Rounds of 7 Boards
30 minute break after 3rd or 4th round

Ask for Special Bridge Rate:
\$99 (single, \$10 each additional
person) if booked before
January 9, 2019

Tournament Chair:

Wiebe Hoogland 905-688-0734
Email Wybren@bell.net

Partnerships:

Myrna Mackey 905-354-7293
Email myrna.mackey036@sympatico.ca

Stratification

(Pair/Team Average)

Open Pairs..... 500/2000/unlim
499er Pairs 100/300/500
99er Pairs 20/50/100
Flight A/X 3000/unlim
Stratified B/C/D..... 750/1500/2500

General Information

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

Free Parking
Overall & Section Top Prizes
KO events maybe
handicapped



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BURLINGTON 0-500 SECTIONAL

Saturday March 9, 2019

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
828 LEGION RD.
BURLINGTON ONTARIO

"FREE PARKING"

*Stratifications for all sessions based
on average masterpoints:
A: 0-500; B: 0-300; C: 0-50*

(0-20 separate game if attendance warrants)

*2 Single Session Events: 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
\$14.00 PER SESSION
\$4 EXTRA FOR UNPAID ACBL MEMBERS*

*Hamburgers prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary will be available
for purchase.*

Chair: Darlene Scott | darlenescott@me.com | 905-257-0304

Partnerships: Jackie Syer | jackiesyer@hotmail.com | 905-844-0574



Tournament Trail

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9-14 Sault-Ste Marie Regional
18-28 Las Vegas NABC
20-21 Hamilton
27-28 Goderich

Deadline for the Spring 2019 Kibitzer: Feb. 1, 2019

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