

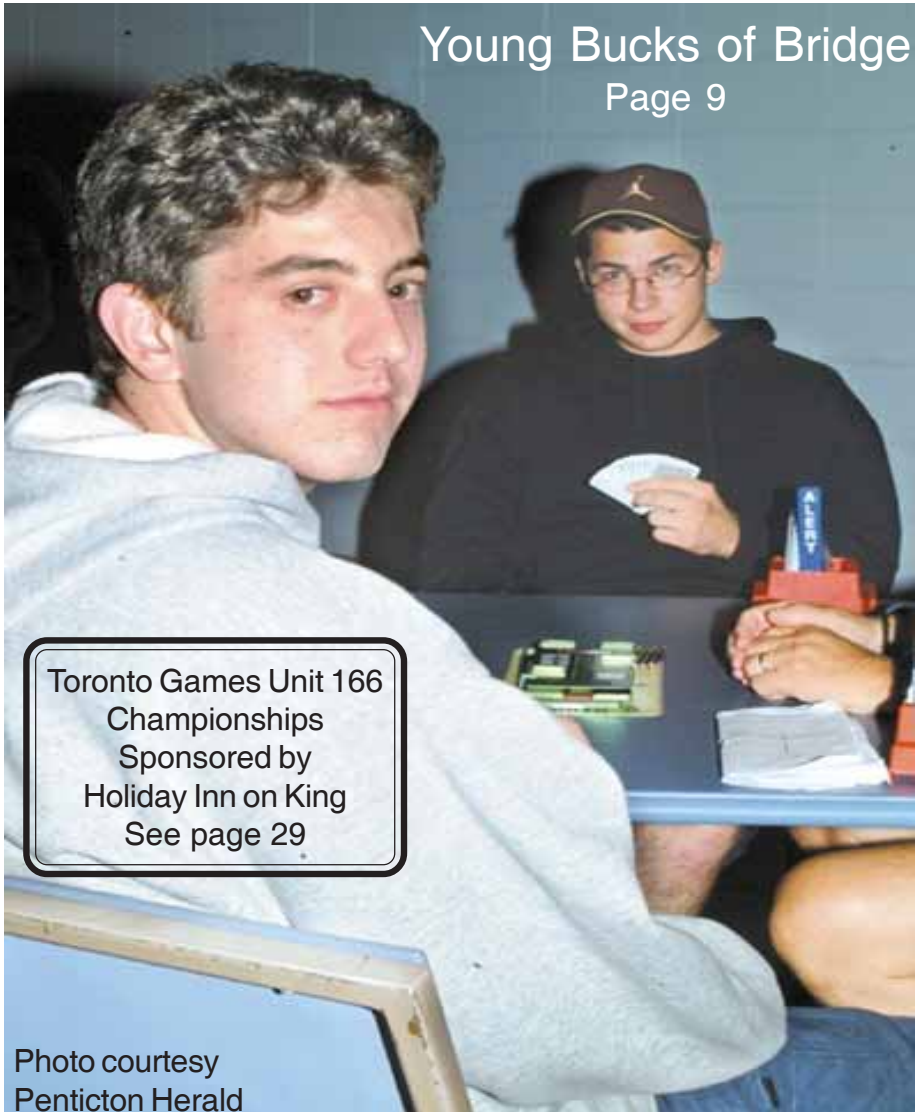
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**KATE BUCKMAN'S 45TH ANNUAL BRIDGE WEEK
OCTOBER 19-25, 2003**

All sessions are sectionally rated championships (Black Points)

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- 12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship
5.00 pm Club Champions Dinner Party
6.00 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship

MONDAY OCTOBER 20

- 12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship
7.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21

- 12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/
E-Z Open & 0-200 Pairs Championship
7.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/
0-50 & 0-100 Pairs Championship

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22

- 12.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/
E-Z Open & 0-200 Pairs Championship
7.30 pm Open & 0-100 Pairs Championship/
0-20 Novice Pairs Championship

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23

- 12.30 pm Open, 0-300 & 0-20 (Novice) Pairs Championship/
E-Z Open & 0-200 Pairs Championship
7.30 pm Triple Jackpot Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship/
0-200 Championship

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24

- 11.45 am Bagels & Bridge Tip With Alex
12.30 pm Open & 0-500 Pairs Championship
7.30 pm Open, 0-300, 0-20 (Novice) &
0-50 Pairs Championship

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

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7.30 pm Open & 0-300 Pairs Championship

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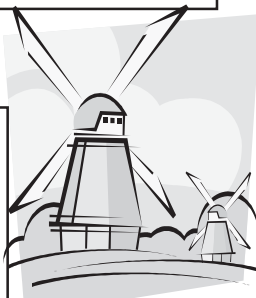
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DAY	PORT	ARR	DEP
1	Ft Lauderdale		5pm
2	At sea		
3	At sea		
4	At sea		
5	At sea		
6	At sea		
7	Azores (Ponta Delgada)	12pm	6pm
8	At sea		
9	Lisbon	12pm	7pm
10	Vigo, Spain	9am	6pm
11	At sea		
12	Le Havre (Paris)	7am	7pm
13	Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	9am	7pm
14	Hamburg (Berlin)	11pm	
15	Hamburg (Berlin)		11pm
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Wed Aug 20	7.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300. Also 0-20 NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP
Mon Aug 25	7.30 pm	NORTH AM. OPEN PAIRS A/B/C CLUB QUALIFYING ROUND. Win a trip to Nationals
Wed Sep 10	7.30 pm	ACBL INSTANT MATCH POINT GAME (formerly ROYAL VIKING PAIRS)
Sat Sep 13	7.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300.
Sun Sep 14	12.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300.
Wed Sep 17	12.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300. Also 0-200/RELAXED BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP
Fri Sep 19	7.30 pm	NORTH AMERICAN 49'ERS GAME. REGULAR ENTRY FEES. EXTRA MASTER POINTS. 0-50 POINTS
Sat Sep 20	12.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300.
Wed Sep 24	7.30 pm	NORTH AMERICAN 49'ERS GAME. REGULAR ENTRY FEES. EXTRA MASTER POINTS. 0-50 POINTS
Thu Sep 25	7.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS TRIPLE JACKPOT CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300 Also 0-200 CHAMPIONSHIP
Sat Oct 4	1-3.30 pm	TWO OVER ONE COURSE WITH BARBARA SEAGRAM & ALEX KORNEL COMMENCES
Fri Oct 10	7.30 pm	OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: OPEN / 0-300. Also 0-50 CHAMPIONSHIP
Wed Oct 15	7.30 pm	GOLD POINTS AT THE CLUB / SWISS TEAMS OPEN & ALSO NOVICE 0-20 GAME
Sun Oct 19 - Sat Oct 25		45th. ANNUAL BRIDGE WEEK AT KATE'S SECTIONALLY RATED
Sun Oct 19	5.00 pm	ANNUAL CHAMPIONS DINNER PARTY R.S.V.P. SECTION TOP & OVERALL PRIZES. SEE AD IN THIS ISSUE
Tue Oct 28	7.30pm	ROOKIE-MASTER GAME; ROOKIES & MASTERS NEEDED. REGISTER WITH BONNY



Fri Oct 31 7.30pm

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 COSTUME NIGHT !!!
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Editor's Note:

Last issue we reported with pleasure that Michael Davey had won Unit 166's Kate Buckman Award. Now we have to report that, sadly, Michael has died of a heart attack just three months later. Michael will be missed by all who knew him.

The Fergani Team from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto won the recent Canadian Open Team Championship and the playoff against last year's winner, Maksymetz, to compete against Mexico for a Bermuda Bowl Berth in Monte Carlo this November. Why is this notable? Because Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy, Thornhill, will be the youngest players ever to represent Canada in open world competition. Oh yes, Gavin's elder brother Darren, still in his twenties, also of Thornhill, was also on the winning playoff team.

Moreover, Wolpert and Demuy will anchor Canada's team in the World Junior Team Championship in Paris in August. We eagerly await the results of their endeavours. The Penticton Herald's front-page story of these "young bucks of bridge" is on page 9.

Not to be outdone a Toronto-Montreal-Detroit Team won the Canadian Women's Team Championship, and the subsequent two-day playoff. Locals Barbara Clinton, Diana Gordon, Joan Eaton and Beverley Kraft, with Brenda Bryant, an ex-Ontarian now living in Detroit, and Francine Cimon of Montreal will also play off against Mexico, with a Venice Cup berth in Monaco at stake.

One of the worst things an editor can do is publish material in error. My sincere apologies for last issue's inadvertent publication of an ad for a tournament in Aurora which was not to take place this year. I hope not too many were inconvenienced as a result of this oversight.

John Carruthers, Editor

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Young Bucks of Bridge

by S. Paul Varga, Penticton Herald

The following story and the accompanying photo on our cover appeared in the Penticton Herald after the Fergani Team won the Playoff to battle Mexico for a Bermuda Bowl Berth. The Herald has kindly given us permission to reprint it here.

Bridge is a game played by seniors, but excelled at by two tournament-hopping young men who want to change the way others think about the sport.

Vincent Demuy and Gavin Wolpert are the youngest members of the winning six-man team at this week's duplicate bridge national team championship in Penticton. They're hooked on the game, firing off descriptors like "fun", "intense" and "gruelling" when describing their passion for bridge.

"If people knew you could make a living off it (playing bridge) it would be a very popular sport," said Wolpert, 20. "Once you start offering money and prizes, any sport has taken off. Women's tennis is a classic example.

There is some money involved in winning the national championship, but since the winning team hails from the Montreal and Toronto areas, it doesn't quite pay all their expenses. Nor will it cover the costs they incurred travelling to a California tournament as part of a two-tournament trip to the West Coast.

But Wolpert and Demuy, who play a game equated with the country's senior citizenry, are part of the Kamel Fergani bridge team, possibly the youngest team to win the gruelling national championship.

"Yes, said Wolpert, "it's gruelling. And it's definitely a sport. If you think of sport as something physical, which requires you to sweat, this is not a sport. But if you think of sport as something which is intense competition requiring you to remain focused, this is a sport."

Over the course of two days, the 2002 national team and the 2003 national team played 128 boards to determine which team would represent Canada and compete against Mexico to qualify for a berth in the international championship in Monaco. That's after having played a week of bridge (including full-day semifinals and finals) just to get to that point.

On Wednesday, after having started playing at 1 p.m., the second half of the match ended shortly before midnight when the Fergani team beat out Brian Maksymetz's team, 246-226.

At the time, Wolpert and Demuy were sitting out - four members of the six-man team play at any given time - by playing a game of bridge against two of the approximately 1400 players gathered in the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre for the regional tournament. A quick scan showed the pair to be easily the youngest ones there.

In a sense, the game's popularity among older players gives them an edge, explains Demuy. "It's not a game for old people. If you start playing when you're over 30, you'll never be the best. You can concentrate better when you're younger. It's amazing the edge youth gives you," he added, suggesting a bridge player's peak is probably in his mid-20's.

Demuy started playing when he was 12, though his mother, a bridge teacher, tried teaching him when he was seven. Wolpert started playing bridge, taught by his father, when he was 14. They met while playing together on the national junior team. These days, they travel around from tournament to tournament - roughly 20 per year - honing their skills and earning most of their travel money.

The other four members of their team left the Okanagan Valley Thursday morning, but Wolpert and Demuy planned on playing in the regional tournament as well. Next they're off to Paris in August to represent Canada at the juniors again, and they played an

international tournament in Australia in January. They're professional bridge players.

"With bridge, there are no limits," said Demuy. "You can never know everything about the game."

Wolpert and Demuy are rookies on the

Fergani team, which won the national championship two years ago as well. Wolpert's brother, Darren, plays on the team and recommended them as teammates.

"It's the best game because it's so hard," said Wolpert. "There's just no game that compares in how challenging it is."

In Loving Memory of
Stuart Wood



March 22, 1926 ~ July 13, 2003

The Niagara District mourns the passing of Stu Wood, a good friend who was always caring and compassionate, and a gentleman in every sense of the word. We will all miss Stu so much, particularly at the bridge table, where he quietly showed us that although bridge was so much a part of his life, it was people who made the difference. May he rest in peace, and know that in us, he has truly made a lasting difference.

ACBL District 2 Election Results

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Michael Davey

2003 Kate Buckman Award



Michael Davey is joyful at receiving the 166 2003 Kate Buckman Award from Unit 166 Treasurer Joan Richardson at the Toronto Regional. The award is presented annually, "in recognition of the person who contributes most to others' enjoyment of bridge."

Michael Davey

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Sadly, the bridge world has suffered another huge loss. In the early morning of Wednesday, July 16th, after a brief illness, Michael succumbed to a heart attack.

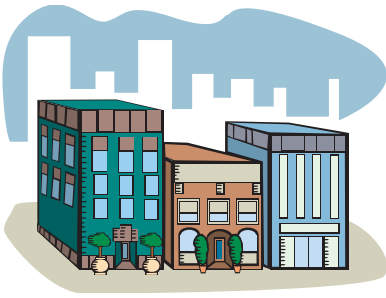
Michael was a teacher extraordinaire, a mentor, a very successful bridge club owner, and of course, a winner of Unit 166's prestigious Kate Buckman award.

Michael will be sorely missed by his wife Ann, his three daughters and one son, his eight grandchildren, and of course, the legions of students and players who benefited from his knowledge.

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WHAT'S MY CONTRACT?

By Paul Thurston

THE QUESTIONS:

A popular kind of quiz in various bridge publications involves presenting the reader with an auction, final contract and opening lead, then asking "How Would You Play?"

With reverse (i.e., "Upside Down") carding all the rage among the au courant players, here's an Upside Down quiz. I'll give you the North-South cards, the opening lead and the play to the first few tricks and your challenge will be to determine what the contract being played really is. You may assume the line of play chosen is optimum although, of course, that won't guarantee the best possible result.

♠ AQ84

♥ 873

♦ A92

♣ K87

♠ 5

♥ A6

♦ KQJ10

♣ QJ10952

1. Against Contract #1, West leads the king of hearts. South wins his ace and plays the five of spades to the queen.
2. Against Contract #2, West again leads the heart king. South wins his ace and plays the queen of clubs.
3. Against Contract #3, West leads the heart queen, and East plays the jack. South plays small on this trick, but wins the heart continuation and plays a club to the dummy's king.

THE ANSWERS:

1. North-South have been a bit optimistic in the bidding and reached

six clubs. After the heart lead has forced out his ace, declarer has no time to mess around with trumps but is forced to try the spade finesse right away in order to be able to discard his losing heart before playing on trumps.

2. This time, North-South have been more conservative in the bidding, and are only in five clubs (or, perish the thought, a mere part score!) With at least 11 winners in view, the only danger is that a defender might get a ruff so South wins the lead and immediately plays on trumps.
3. Greedy match point devil that he is, South this time is in three no trump. West's lead is the modern thrust of leading the queen from strong holdings missing the Jack to ask partner to unblock that card if he holds it. This time, East complies and South ducks the trick as his best (=only) chance to disrupt the defenders' communications. Essentially, South needs to find the hearts divided six-two (or seven-one) with the hand short in hearts holding the club ace. Some players might run some diamond winners after taking the ace of hearts and before playing on clubs but that doesn't rate to be of much help and might actually result in fewer tricks than are available otherwise if a counting East is then clever enough to duck two rounds of clubs, win the third and stick dummy back on play with a spade, even though that's away from the spade king into dummy's tenace.

THE RESULTS:

For those who always have to know – The Lady or the Tiger, who Survived, and who the Bachelorette picked, the East-West cards were:

♠ J96
♥ KQ10972
♦ 874
♣ 6

♠ K10732
♥ J6
♦ 653
♣ A43

Thus, declarer in contract #1, sadly, went down when the spade finesse lost and the defense cashed a heart winner, with the ace of trumps to come.

The virtuous or non-enterprising (or some equally bland adjective you might wish to apply to the) bidding that terminated in five clubs resulted in a semi-reward of a positive score and game bonus while, as is often the case, the best pairs' score would go to the three no trump bidders who would roll in with 11 tricks.

So how, you ask, did the bidding go? How should it go? That's another quiz!

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Letter from the President

It seems to be an inordinately busy time for Unit 246, so if I miss something please blame it on my advancing age. First, welcome to the Board to Cindy Forth and Tom Kinnear. Tom has already been conscripted (or did he volunteer?) to be Co-ordinator for the 2004 Barrie Kempenfelt Regional. More details will be forthcoming. Cindy's expertise in computer technology will be a welcome addition.

A gigantic thank you to Marilyn Kalbfleisch for stuffing and sending over 100 letters concerning the glitch about the Aurora Sectional getting advertised in the Kibitzer. We again apologize for this error (especially to Hans Jacobs and Debbie Bennett who doubtlessly had to answer a lot of queries.) We are hopeful that new measures will make this type of problem passé and hope no one showed up by mistake. We did our best to notify everyone.

Our Unit will probably soon have two new Sectionals. The first will be at Batawa on September 6th. and 7th. Contact Charlotte St. Amant at jeromestamant@sympatico.ca for further details.

Charlotte has also agreed to be our electronic contact for tournament sanctions, etc., and will work with Terry Hartley to ensure smooth communication. Our second new tournament is in the planning stages.

At our meeting in May the executive approved a reduced rate for **full-time** students under the age of 25. The rate will be ½ the regular fee. We welcome the younger players whose enthusiasm for the game is infectious.

Our players as usual have shown great success at the regional playoffs and national levels. Congratulations to Darren and Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy, winners of the CNTC, John Duquette for winning the COPC and to other top finishers in our Unit: Paul Janicki, Malcolm Ewashkiw, Ron Bishop, Vince Oddy, Tom Kinnear, Harold Baba, Craig Barkhouse, Charlotte St. Amant and Janice Halbert. Best of luck to Paul Crossland, Kimberly Lacey-Young, Graham Warren and Jack Banks who won the honour of representing our District in the Flight C Teams at Long Beach.

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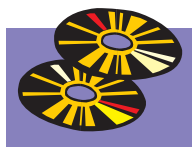
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Bidding Quiz for Newer Players

By Barbara Seagram

(First in a series.)

A. Opening the Bidding.

You are the dealer. What do you bid with the following hands, assuming you do open?

1. ♠ 98763 ♥ AKQJ10 ♦ K3 ♣ 6
2. ♠ A864 ♥ Q986 ♦ A65 ♣ K8
3. ♠ J2 ♥ A76 ♦ AKJ87 ♣ K82

Answers:

1. Open one spade. With two five- or six-card suits, always bid the higher ranking suit, whether you are opener, responder or overcaller!
2. Open one diamond. When you have NO five-card suit, always open with your longer minor suit. If you have two minor suits of the same length, open one diamond if they are four cards long, and one club if they both contain three cards.
3. Open one no trump. Even if it looks right to open one diamond, consider that if Partner responds one heart, you will have a problem rebid. With 4333, 4432, 5332 shape and 15-17 high card points, always open one no trump. EVEN IF THE FIVE-CARD SUIT IS A MAJOR!

B. Responding to a One No Trump Opening Bid.

Your partner opens one no trump. Right Hand Opponent passes. What will you now respond?

1. ♠ 985432 ♥ 85 ♦ J76 ♣ 98
2. ♠ K7 ♥ J7 ♦ KQJ865 ♣ 876
3. ♠ 73 ♥ J10732 ♦ AJ84 ♣ A2

Answers:

1. If you are playing transfers, bid two spades. This shows at least five spades, but says nothing about how many points you have. Partner must now bid two spades and you will pass. (If you are not playing transfers, bid two spades. This is a drop-dead bid. Partner will pass.)
2. Bid three no trump. You do not wish to bid three diamonds (I know you really did!). If you do bid three diamonds, Partner may raise to four diamonds. Then what? You would probably go on to five diamonds. Three no trump is a much easier contract to make, since you have only nine tricks to take rather than eleven. Partner will LOVE your diamonds!
3. Bid two diamonds (transfer). Partner will bid two hearts (she must), and you will bid three no trump. This says, "Partner, I have already told you I have five or more hearts; I also have ten or more points. Please choose between three no trump and four hearts." If the one no trump bidder has three or more hearts, she will bid four hearts, and if she has only two hearts, she will pass three no trump.

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School Bridge

By Flo Belford,
School Bridge Coordinator

School bridge is continuing to grow. Each year, we begin our school bridge clubs in October/November and continue through the winter with a goal of attending the Toronto Regional Tournament at Easter.

This year we had 22 tables of enthusiastic young people playing bridge on the Wednesday of the tournament. Many thanks to the tournament organizer (Marian Watson) who let us have a 10:30 start time to accommodate school buses and Go train schedules. The players had an exciting time meeting students from other schools and competing against them. A number of very proud students carried home trophies from the event.

We then finished our school bridge year with the North American School Instant Matchpoint Game on May 2nd. The top scores in North America win a \$500 (U.S. funds) scholarship. Huttonville School hosted the event. We had 28 tables of students, from grades 5 to 8. Many volunteers helped out so that our game could run smoothly. But, bridge has never been so noisy!

Many thanks to Roger Harder, June Strachan, Nancy Strachan, Judi Kokis, Fran McLister, Nancy Mulhall, Joanne Ingram, John Fraser, and Louise McNeely who so kindly helped with the scoring. And a special thanks to Eric Platt, who once again volunteered his time and computer to direct the game for us. (Eric is even used to our lunch breaks part-way through the game.) We could not have run this special tournament for the students without the help of all of these volunteers, so again a big thank you.

Seven schools participated, and trophies were awarded for overall scores in each section, plus top score for each school. I will be submitting the top scores to the ACBL for inclusion in the overall scoring.

I have more schools in Mississauga and Brampton who are interested in running a school bridge club. If you think you might be interested in teaching school bridge next year, please give me a call. Teaching school bridge is a lot of fun, and I think you would find it quite rewarding as you see the students develop their bridge skills. You will find yourself quickly caught up in their enthusiasm and eagerness to play. If you think you might be interested, but think you couldn't do that, please call me and give me a chance to persuade you to join in the fun.

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Rules, Regulations & Common Courtesies: THE DUMMY

By Debbie Bennett

There is some confusion, even among very experienced players, about the dummy's rights. Several incidents have occurred at the table recently, and I think it is a good idea to clarify these rights for everyone.

Dummy has some absolute rights, some qualified rights, and some limitations.

Absolute Rights include:

1. Give Information: Dummy is entitled to give information, in the presence of the Director, as to fact or law. The Director will hear the dummy speak when he/she feels it is appropriate.
2. Keep Track of Tricks: Dummy may keep count of tricks won or lost. In order to do this, dummy has the right to ask to see cards as they are played, but not after the trick has been turned.
3. Play as Declarer's Agent: The declarer is to direct the dummy as to which card specifically is to be played.

Qualified Rights include:

1. Revoke Inquiries: dummy may ask declarer only (not a defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led.
2. Attempt to Prevent Irregularity: He may try to prevent any irregularity by declarer, e.g., leading from the wrong hand.
3. Draw Attention to Irregularity: Dummy may draw attention to ANY irregularity after play of the hand is concluded. It is only at this point that the dummy is allowed to initiate a call to the Director.

Limitations: Dummy is not allowed to:

1. Call the Director DURING play of the hand, unless another player has already drawn attention to an irregularity.
2. Call attention to an irregularity DURING play e.g. a revoke.

3. Comment on the play of the hand or ask any questions during the play.
4. Exchange hands with the declarer.
5. Leave his seat to watch declarer's play of the hand.
6. Look at the face of a card in either defender's hand.

Dummy is liable to specific and procedural penalties for any violation of the limitations listed here. It is up to the Director to impose any penalties.

In conclusion, it should also be noted that no player shall touch any cards other than his own. The ONLY exceptions to this rule are that declarer may play dummy's cards; and a player may touch another's cards with the permission of the Director.

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Canadian Nationals, Toronto, April 15-20

Despite widespread publicity of the SARS situation in Toronto, organizers of the Easter Regional were happy to report attendance of 1957.5 tables this year, down only one and a half tables from last year. There were 22 tables of 8-11 year olds in one game.

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KO 1 - Eric Rodwell; Elvera Levine; James Gleick; Jeff Meckstroth

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KO 3 - Ron Haney; Wallace Browne; Willaim Graber; Olly Smolak

Compact KO I A - Serge Chevalier; Andre Chartrand; Richard Lesage; Denis Lesage

Compact KO I B - Tina Blaauw; Saad Dahdouh; Diana Dahdouh; David Hamer

Compact KO I C - Jean Collins; Marney Charles; Ratna Omidvar; Leila Bessada

Youth Pairs - Amanda Amos; Elizabeth Amos
Newcomer Pairs - Yvonne Russell; Sheila Trant

0-5 Pairs - Yvonne Russell; Sheila Trant

5/20/50 Pairs - Dusia Hull; Tom Cardozo

49er Pairs - Doug Siewart; Graham Keyser
Janet Campbell; Barbara Carey

Chuck Paulissen; Mark Rau
Patrick Fournier; Melissa Giguere

Tony Viidik; Joan Viidik

Joe Hladysch; Jeanne Winters

299er Pairs - Lew Mitz; Nieska Babalola
Margery Williamson; Noel McKibbon

Anna Dosseva; Ilko Dossev

Joan Bacchus; Donald Plaxton

James Balendra; Thambiah Kanagaraja

Morteza Maziari; Rana Ghadaki

Bubbee Brunelle; Carol Bongard

Open Pairs - Paul O'Hara; Roisin O'Hara

S. Korde; Veena Pradhan
Joanna Maund; Marjorie Grime

Behnaz Fathollahzadeh; Mehdi Sadeghi

Sid Stevens; Carolyn Stevens

Norm Smith; Karen Smith

Wallace Browne; Ron Haney

Women's Pairs - Wendy Dooley; Debbie Feldman

Senior Pairs - Terry Sye; Joan Nurse

Ruth Browning; Elizabeth Brawn

James McGregor; Michael McKie

Strat Pairs A - Bill Sheryer; Tom Ramsay

B/C Pairs - David Hamer; Robert Hanly

A IMP Pairs - Darren Wolpert; Hazel Wolpert

X IMP Pairs - Saleh Fetouh; James Reineck

B IMP Pairs - David Lin; Alain Chamsi

C IMP Pairs - Bernie Mayer; David Cohen

Flight A/X Pairs - Steve Bonnar; Henry Caspar

B/C Pairs - Vivian Berish; Randa Saket

Senior Swiss - Lesley Waghorn; Dorid

Opdenvelde; Dan McCaw; William Allison

Flight A Swiss - John Carruthers; George

Mittelman; Robert Lebi; Nader Hanna; Michael Zerbini; Steve Landen

Flight X Swiss - Bob Hollow; Motaz Farag; Leo Takefman; Jim Brickman

Flight B Swiss - Mark Brader; Catherine

Brader; Michael Levine; Robert Park

Flight C Swiss - David Lennox; Stephen

Hall; Stewart Bell; Mark Cook

Flight A Swiss - Andy Stark; John Ross

Michael Roche; Eric Shepherd; John Rayner

Flight X Swiss - Marilyn White; Lesley

Waghorn; Donald McGill; Claire Gellman

Flight B/C Swiss - Leonid Bossis; Yakov

Khitrov; Randa Sakhet; Yakov Bukhanov

299er Swiss Teams - Aina Martinsons;

Gertrude Huntingford; Lynn Miles; Elke Lesiak

John Routh; Sandra Smee; Tara McCabe;

Krista Warren

Side Games - Eric Endicott; Jorry Chu

Denis Lesage; Richard Lesage

Jim Linhart; Margaret Chambers

A Michel Jr.; Joo-Hee Janicki

Jill Foran; Marilyn White

Mark Liberman; Timothy Capes

Series I Winner - Eric Endicott

George Morrissey; Paul Cronin

Arno Hobart; Brian Johnston

Madleine Nikolova; Tchavdar Nikolov

Robert Killen; Ilko Dossev

Series II Winners - Robert Killen; Paul

Cronin; George Morrissey; Ilko Dossev

KO Consolations - A - Debbie Bennett;

John Laufer; Tom Buttle; Chuck Arthur

B - Helen Pearson; Mary Whitehead; Betty

Fagin; Bev Howard

C - Mary Kerr; Helen Gibson; Tim Gibson; Christine Phillips

1 - Ray Jotcham; Lew Richardson; Jim Priebe; Steve Mackay

2 - Andrew Risman; Merrill Chin; Max Tang; Jean Dilcock

3 - Robert Torrens Jr.; Sheridan Torrens; Joanne Grandy; Rosemary Cheung

55th Bluewater, Sarnia, May 3-4

A Pairs - James Laur; Alice Minty Eileen McDiarmid; Katharine Orrange

B Pairs - Dawna Sproule; E Galbraith Kathryn Schwartzentrube; Carl Querbach

C Pairs - Irene Keating; Eve Harp Roman Dubinski; Leszek Wroblewski

A Swiss - Stephen Landen; Michael Zerbini; Rhonda Monro; Michael Giordano

B Swiss - Carl Kaltwasser; Mark Pettit; Donald Kinney; James Bard

Liftlock, Peterborough, May 30-June 2

Open Pairs- Douglas Drewry; Eric Berndt

1999er Pairs - Phil Smith; Melanie Robinson Merelyn Hallowell; Alice Luxmore

2999er Pairs - J Russell Lindsay; Sheila Lindsay

Liftlock Pairs - Mark Liberman; Adam Weisz-Margules

Liftlock Consolation - John Duquette; Al Smith

1999er Swiss - (2 Events) Don Webster; Edward Hayes; Norma Hayes; Eleanor Bart

Open Swiss A - Martin Hunter; Brian Johnston; Ruth Browning; Malcolm Ewashkiw

Swiss B - Yvonne Kennedy; Eleanor Heller; Dorothea Waxler; Katherine Keeler

Ian Totman; Gary Youngs; Eric Lee; David Quan

KW Summerfest, Waterloo, May 31-Jun 1

1999er Pairs - Tony Viidik; Joan Viidik James Mahon; Robert Ryckman

Knockout A - Jerry Richardson; Gary Whiteman; William Woodcock; Alan Lee

Knockout B - Harold Dietrich; Freda Zasada; Lorraine Brett; Harry Brett

Open Pairs A - Daniel Korbel; Susan Harbour

Pairs B/C - Dan Bogatan; Adrian Lilienfield

Open Swiss A - Janice Howlett; William Howlett; Gerry Vanlierop; Ron Groulx

Swiss B/C - Miroslac Kovacevic; Dragana Kovacevic; Dan Bogatan; Adrian Lilienfield

1999er Swiss - Tony Viidik; Joan Viidik; Patrick Fournier; Melissa Giguere

3rd Annual Port Franks, June 7-8

2999er Pairs - Sef Johnston; Marti Johnston Sharon Strong; Winnifred Hall

Stratified Open Pairs A - Reg Young; Terry Tack

Pairs B/C - Herbert Spanier; Bud Barley **2999er Swiss** - Jean Dorey; Sally Turnbull;

Ferne Bacon; Ed Maguire Shirley Jones; Jean Pyyhop; David Watson; Daniel Coughlin

Swiss A - Gary Whiteman; Jerry Richardson; William Woodcock; Randy Breuer

Swiss B - Martha Maxfield; Blake Maxfield; Robert Williams; Dawna Sproule

Swiss C - Margaret Fenlon; Marilyn McGilvray; Dorothy Grigg; Rudy Oetliker

Barrie Sesquicentennial, June 20-22

Open Pairs A - (2 Events) Jacques Cloutier; Tom Ramsay

Pairs A/B - Janis Halbert; Kimberley Lacey-Young

Pairs B - Mary Luke; Donna McIntosh Adrienne Taylor; Mona Ninnes

Pairs C - Robert Maxwell; Christine Maxwell Dorothy Slopek; Peggy Pearson

Maggy Sparrow; Olga Burno

1999er Pairs - (4 Events) Jeffery Yu; Frank Yu

1999er Swiss - (2 Events) Romeo Lalonde; Brad Saunders; Walter Howard; B Osborne

Marjorie Newbery; Rose-Marie Bullis; Barbara McKeown; Mary Anderson

Open Swiss A/B - Mike Xiao; Fang Xue; Hang Zhang; Qing Jiang; Peter Liang

Swiss C - Maggie Sparrow; Olga Burno; Carol Henderson; Betty Kay

London Bridge Regional - July 1-6

999er Pairs - Jack Brennan; Robert Ryckman (2 Events) David Elston; Gayle Elston

Jocelyn Ruby; Barbara Foell Sef Johnston; Jack Brennan

Gordon Mori; Ruth Mori Laurence Rilett; Mary Rilett

Ted Stawski; Paul Prince Glenna Olbey; Ernest Paliy

Open Pairs A - David Baker; Fran Chivers Mary Lynne Howe; Terry Tack

Glen Ashton; Karen Ashton

Pairs A/X - Roger Snowling; Andrew Firko

Pairs B - Jim Rife; John Lightfoot Mario Rodrigues; Edgar De Souza

Nicholas Wong; Bing Le

Pairs B/C - Zar Petkov' Ilko Dossev

Pairs C - Zar Petkov; Ilko Dossev Waldemar Janowski; Herbert Spanier

Neil Schlotzhauer; Georg Fair

Continuous Pairs - John Howe; Jerry Reid Patricia Becker; Allan Becker

Brian Seccareccia; Bruce Richmond

Patrick Church; Anu Church

Shirley Seigel; Audrey Kumer

Brady Hinnegan; Bill Holme

Continuous Pairs Series Winners - Paul Cronin; Brian Seccareccia

Senior Pairs - John Jessop; Morrie Kleinplatz

KO 1 - Peter Petruzzellis; Martin Morris; Larry Westholm; Barbara Westholm

KO 2 - George Hodgson; Daniel Brent; Michael Alderson; Michael Biderman

KO 3 - Frank Shostack; Jim De Boer; Patrick Church; Anu Church

KO 4 - Michelle Murphy; Mary Lou Holder; August De Schutter; Tony Huys

AM KO 1 - Jerry Richardson; Steve Mackay; Gary Whiteman; Alan Lee; Bill Woodcock; Donald Rumelhart

AM KO 2 - Glen Ashton; Karen Ashton; Brady Hinnegan; Ann Kreulen

AM KO 3 - Harold Dietrich; Richard Garlick; Gail Lambacher; Korrie-Sue Marshall

KO 1 - Gene Owens; Christine Owens; Bert Newman; Kathy Newman

KO 2 - George Hodgson; Janusz Pruski; Michael Biderman; Peter Hambly

KO 3 - Leslie Bushfield; Paul Mackey; Roman Dubinski; Leszek Wroblewski

KO 4 - Michelle Murphy; Mary Lou Holder; Tony Huys; August De Schutter

Open Swiss A - Ray Jotcham; Michael Caferata; Jim Priebe; Dave Colbert
John Ross; Bev Ross; Bill Koski; Naveed Ather

Swiss X - Stefan Gartska; Joseph Jarosz; Marek Podhorski; Zbigniew Stankiewicz

Swiss B - Patrick Thompson; Scott Horsepool; Sally Horsepool; Rosemary Thompson

Swiss B/C - Anna Dosseva; Ilko Dossev; Ian MacArthur; Zaro Petkov

Swiss C - Laurie Due; Richard Bodell; Michael Kammermayer; Chris Fader

Swiss D - Gail McDonald; Audrey De Vries; Norman Knott; Blake Brady

Susan Srokosz; Barbara Clifton; Diane Hornsey; Sharon Beneteau

Senior Swiss - Peter Hambly; David Silver; S Webster; Shirley Anne Webster

Side Games - Avinash Saxena; Abdul Fakhir Art Pezzutto; Anne Marie Crabbe

Aurora Friendship Swiss, June 8

Swiss A - Charles Arthur; Tom Buttle; John Cunningham; Doug Markovic

Swiss B - Mike Xiao; Fang Xue; Hang Zhang; CP Pint; Peter Liang

Swiss C - M Mikitish; Ronald Mikitish; Keith Jewett; James Sharples

199er Swiss - John Layton; Eileen Watson; Robert Campbell; Ibrahim Elamin

Larry Grey; Mike Hopley; Else Kovacs; Anders Kovacs



Local Heroes

Local players travelled from sea to sea to win National and Regional events these past few months. Most notable were **Darren Wolpert, Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy**, who won this year's Canadian Open Team Championship in BC, then won the playoff against last year's winners. They thus won the right to compete against Mexico for a Bermuda Bowl berth.

Their efforts were mirrored by **Diana Gordon, Beverley Kraft, Barbara Clinton and Joan Eaton (along with ex-local Brenda Bryant)**, who won the 2003 Canadian Women's Team Championship and the subsequent playoff. They also will play Mexico, with a Venice Cup berth at stake.

Completing a sweep of National events by our players, **John Rayner and John Duquette** won the Canadian Open Pairs Championship.

Regional winners were:

- o Danny Miles and Jonathan Steinberg - 2 KO's in Winnipeg
- o Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy - 2 KO's and a Swiss Teams in Ste. Foy; KO in Penticton
- o Dawn and Peter Phemister - Stratified Pairs in Fredericton
- o Larry Cara and Ron Smith - Senior Pairs in Las Vegas
- o Jack Windecker - KO in Las Vegas

Transfer to Bartley?

By Ranald Davidson

Dealer East. NS Vul.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	—	1 ♠	Double
2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

♠ K1063

♥ K103

♦ A107

♣ 874

♠ —

♥ AQ2

♦ K96

♣ KQ106532

This deal sprung up in a recent Monday night game at the Bartley Bridge Club. I had the pleasure of playing with one of North America's finest bridge players for his height. The bid of two no trump was forcing, asking for partner's better minor (although undiscussed, I didn't think three clubs was going to be passed), and three no trump was supposed to show a maximum raise, although they both look pretty natural now. Six clubs might have been a little optimistic.

How would you play six clubs against the opening lead of the queen of spades? You have only eleven tricks - the obvious lines of play for the twelfth include finding the doubleton queen-jack of diamonds in either opponent's hand, playing for a spade-diamond squeeze, or finding the opening leader with queen-jack small of spades with a third round trump entry to the dummy.

You could squeeze either opponent if he had five diamonds. If it's East, you would play low from the dummy, eventually squeezing him between his long diamonds (you'd hope) and the spade ace. If West, you would cover the spade queen with the king, forcing the ace,

later squeezing West between the long diamonds and the spade jack (again, you hope!). Which is it to be?

Solution.

Time for some reflection. From the bidding, there is an inference that if your right-hand opponent had six spades, he might have bid over two no trump. So spades are probably five-four with the queen-jack on your left and the ace on your right. East must hold the club ace for his first-chair opening bid, you surmise.

The inferences are slight, but with four known cards in West's hand to six in East's, the odds slightly favour West's having length in diamonds. So you cover with the king of spades and are later rewarded when the opponents' hands are revealed to be:

♠ QJ82

♥ 9654

♦ J8542

♣ —

♠ A9754

♥ J87

♦ Q3

♣ AJ9

Well played!

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Book Reviews

Precision Today, David Berkowitz and Brent Manley, DBM Publications, 218 pp, paperback, \$15.95US.

Paul Heitner, one of America's leading system gurus of the Sixties and Seventies and a former coach of U.S. and North American bridge teams, used to say, "If you want to play at the highest level, you need a club system."

If you want to defend yourself against the proponents of the Precision Club system, you should use this book to do so.

There is a short history of how Precision was invented and developed, and then the authors get to the heart of the matter – an exhaustive description of the one club opening bid and responses runs to almost 50 pages.

How to handle interference over one club takes almost 20 pages. However, only a few methods are presented – Mathe, CRASH, and Truscott.

One diamond openings, confusing for many of us, come next, followed by the one heart relay and the rest of the system. The methods are well and fairly presented.

This is the first new comprehensive book on Precision in many years and it presents some new wrinkles for modern players. If these new ideas help Precision bidders, they are bound to help their opponents as well. Will you be fodder? Protect yourself!

Reviewed by John Armstrong

25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer, Barbara Seagram & David Bird, Master Point Press, 188 pp, paperback, \$19.95CAN.

Seagram and Bird have combined to create a book that is a must for the 'serious improver', and is an excellent resource for bridge instructors. Starting with the basics of "The Simple Finesse", they move on through increasingly complex concepts such as discarding losers, elimination plays, dummy reversals and combining chances.

Chapters also cover planning the play, counting opponents' distribution and points and comparing lines of play. Good, clear examples ranging from elementary to more involved are presented in each chapter.

Finally, there is a summary and a quiz on each topic. Seagram's knack for teaching (more than 10,000 students brought to the game) combines well with Bird's easygoing writing style (more than 50 books published at every level of the game).

The book is a winner. I wish I'd had this book when I started to play.

Reviewed by Katie Thorpe



17th Hockley Harvest
Sectional
MONO CENTRE
September 27-28, 2003



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Bracketed KO Teams (1st) . 10:00 AM
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
A: 1000+; B: 300-1000; C: 0-300
Bracketed KO Teams (2nd) 1:30
Bracketed KO Teams (3rd) 7:30

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:30 AM
**PLAYTHROUGH WITH
ON-SITE BREAK**
A: 1000+; B: 300-1000; C: 0-300

LOCATION:

MONO TOWNSHIP HALL

Entry fees: \$10 per player / session

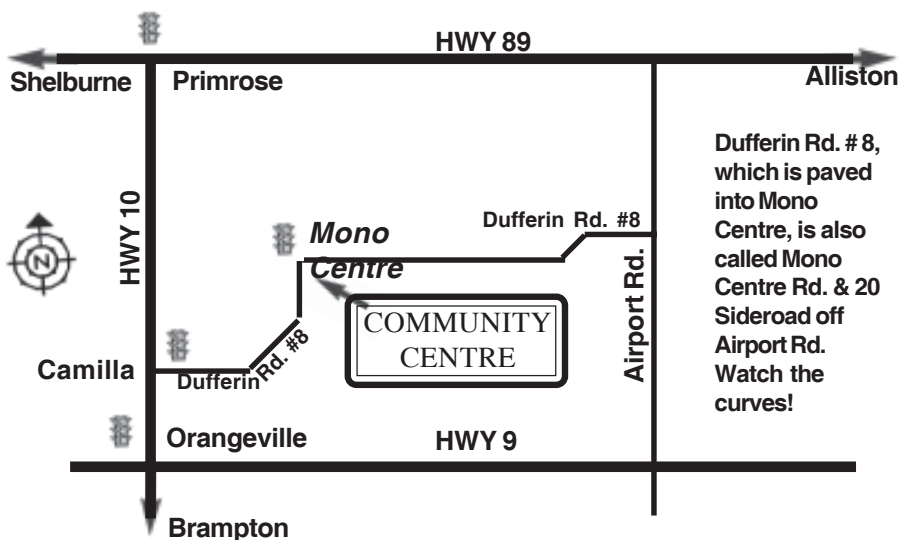
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Friday, October 10th

Open Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO #1 1&2 (continues Sat.)	1 & 7:30 pm
Fri./Sat. Seniors Pairs (1 st sess.)	1:00 pm

Saturday, October 11th

Morning Bracketed KO (1 st session)	9:00 am
Morning Senior Bracketed KO (1 st)	9:00 am
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO #1	1 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO #1 3&4 (started Friday)	1 & 7:30 pm
Fri./Sat. Seniors Pairs (2 nd sess.)	1:00 pm

Sunday, October 12th

Morning KOs continue	9:00 am
Open Swiss Teams	1 & 7:30 pm
Senior Swiss Teams	1 & 7:30 pm

Monday, October 13th

Morning KOs continue	9:00 am
3 Session Bracketed KO #1	9am, 1&7:30
Open Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Senior Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO #2	1 & 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 14th

Morning KOs (finals)	9:00 am
3 Session Bracketed KO #2	9am, 1&7:30
Special Newcomers Event!!!	10:00 am
Women's Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Open Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Seniors Pairs	1 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO #3	1 & 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 15th

Women's Swiss Teams	12:30 & TBA
Open Swiss Teams	12:30 & TBA
Senior Swiss Teams	12:30 & TBA
Speedball Gold Pairs	12:30 & TBA

Stratified: A=unlimited; B=500-1500; C=0-500

UNIT 166 - 0-299 Tournament
OCTOBER 18 – 19, 2003
Holiday Inn Oakville Centre
590 Argus Road, Oakville

Saturday, October 18

Stratified Pairs..... 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 - Single sessions
 - Evening entries always welcome

Sunday, October 19

Stratified Swiss Teams..... 11:00 a.m.
 - Playthrough with half hour break

Stratification:
 Newcomer: A: 10-20 B: 5-10 C: 0-5
 299ers: A:100-300 B:50-100 C:20-50

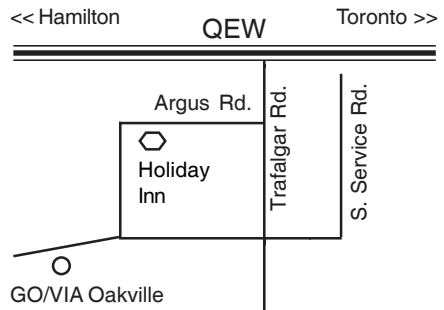
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12th annual COLLINGWOOD SECTIONAL

October 24 – 26, 2003



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Stratified Pairs ----- 2:00 & 8:00

A: 750+; B: 300-750; C: 0-300

Newcomers: 50+

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Stratified Pairs ----- 1:30 & 7:30

A: 750+; B: 300-750; C: 0-300

Newcomers: 50+

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Open Swiss Teams ----- 11:00 AM

PLAYTHROUGH WITH BREAK ON-SITE

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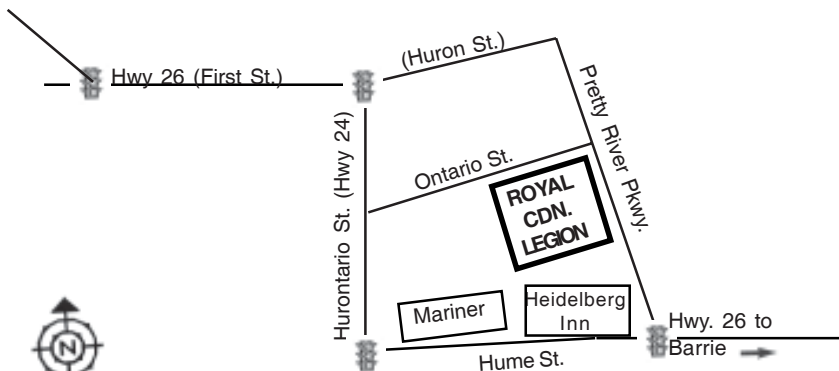
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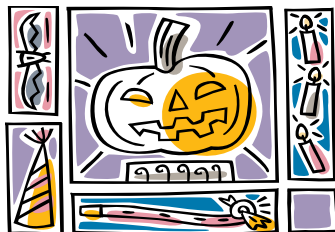
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Spooktacular Buffalo Regional 2003

Adam's Mark Hotel ♣ Buffalo NY

October 28 to November 2



TUESDAY, October 28

Ghostly Bracketed KO's

1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd of 4 sessions	9:00A	1:30P	7:30P
Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs		1:30	7:30
Non-Life Master Pairs		1:30	7:30
Goblin Series Pairs		1:30	7:30

WEDNESDAY, October 29

Ghostly Bracketed KO's

4 th session	9:00A		
Black Cat Bracketed Handicapped KO's			
1 st and 2 nd of 4 sessions		1:30P	7:30P
Wednesday Stratified Pairs		1:30	7:30
Non-Life Master Pairs		1:30	7:30
Goblin Series Pairs		1:30	7:30

THURSDAY, October 30

Jack O'Lantern AM Bracketed KO's

1 st of 4 Sessions	9:00A		
Black Cat Bracketed Handicapped KO's			
3 rd and 4 th of 4 sessions		1:30P	7:30P
Haunted House Stratified Open Swiss Teams		1:30	7:30
Broomstick Stratified Open Pairs		1:30	7:30
Non-Life Master Pairs		1:30	7:30
Goblin Series Pairs		1:30	7:30

FRIDAY, October 31

Jack O'Lantern AM Bracketed KO's

2 nd of 4 Sessions	9:00A		
Trick or Treat Bracketed KO's			
1 st and 2 nd of 4 sessions		1:30P	7:30P
Friday Stratified Open Pairs		1:30	7:30
Friday Stratified Senior Pairs		1:30	7:30
Non-Life Master Pairs		1:30	7:30
Friday/Saturday Series Pairs		1:30	7:30

SATURDAY, November 1

Jack O'Lantern AM Bracketed KO's

3 rd of 4 Sessions	9:00A		
Trick or Treat Bracketed KO's			
3 rd and 4 th of 4 sessions		1:30P	7:30P
Saturday Stratiflighted Open Pairs		1:30	7:30
Non-Life Master Pairs		1:30	7:30
Friday/Saturday Series Pairs		1:30	7:30

SUNDAY, November 2

Jack O'Lantern AM Bracketed KO's

4 th of 4 Sessions	8:00A		
Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Teams			
PLAYTHRU 7x7 Bd Matches	11:00A		



Future Life Master Pairs

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Stratified Events

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C 0-500

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B 1000-2000, C 500-1000,
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November 1-2, 2003



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1

Stratflighted Pairs **1:00 & 7:00**
Flight A/X (separate) Strat B/C
0-200 Pairs **1:00 & 7:00**
Separate single sessions, if
numbers permit

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

Stratflighted Swiss Teams **11AM**
Flight A/X (separate) Strat B/C/D
Playthrough
Novice Swiss Teams **11AM**
Separate single sessions, if
numbers permit

**Flighting: A=3000+ X=0-3000
B= 0-1500 C= 0-500 D= 0-200**

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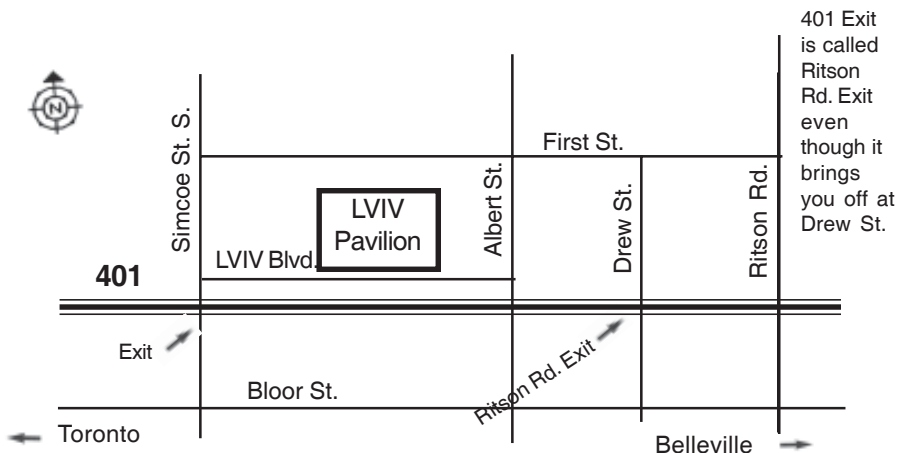
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23rd Annual Festival Of Bridge Sectional
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STRATFORD
 November 14-16, 2003

Friday November 14

Senior (55+) & Open Pairs 2:00
 Stratified 299er (A: 200-300; B: 50-200;
 C: 0-50) & Open Pairs 8:00
Light refreshments after the game

Saturday November 15

Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) ... 1:30
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) ... 7:30
 299er Game = A: 200-300; B: 50-200; C: 0-50
Free sandwiches after the game

Sunday November 16

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 AM
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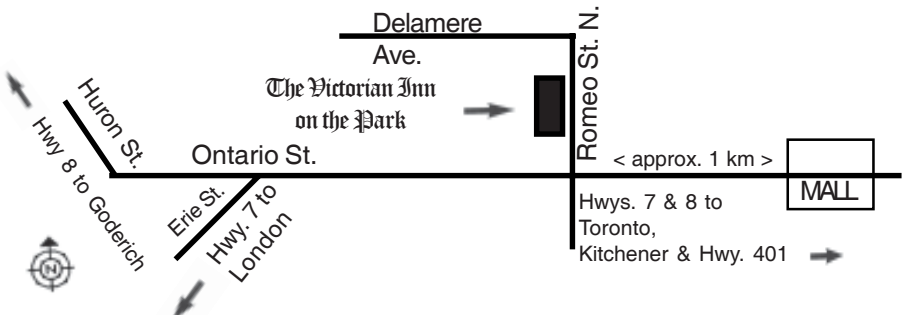
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Correspondence



Hi John,

Here is an incident that happened recently that I thought was amusing.

While playing bridge at the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio, I noticed that two of my bridge students came to play for the first time in an Introduction to Duplicate game. From where I was sitting, I could see that they left as soon as the game was over, but before the results were announced. I heard the director announce that they had come first in their direction.

The next morning I called each of them and left a voice message saying, "Congratulations, you came first last night."

The following day one of the winners arrived at my bridge class. She was very excited and said, "Thank you so much for calling to tell me I came first. And by the way, how did my partner do?"

I guess I haven't taught them very much at all (at least about scoring and partnerships).

Best regards,
Enid Roitman

To the Editor,

Since I play most of my tournament bridge with my wife Marlene, I was interested in your article about playing bridge with your spouse (*Spring 2003 - Ed.*). I felt I might relate a few incidents that illustrate principles your readers might adopt to improve their game and their relationships.

After making a phantom save and going for minus 1700 in what was up to then a close KO contest, Marlene opined that my bid was the most inane she had ever seen at the bridge table. I suggested that since I had more master points than she

did, I didn't need lessons from her. She retorted that maybe I had more points, but she had become a Life Master before me. I suggested that while this was technically true, it only came about because some twit had decided to award master points for Women's Pairs.

On another occasion when I played the wheels off four hearts doubled (the opponents failed to cash two aces and revoked), Marlene said, "You do a wonderful job at impossible contracts," and then added, "you have an advantage because your bidding provides you with a lot more practice than other players get."

When I announced that I had played ACBL-sponsored events in 9 provinces, 26 states and Bermuda, Marlene suggested that my next objective should be to play well someplace.

After a 28% game (I played very well, but she had bad luck) I asked Marlene if she would like to go for a drink and forget about the game, she replied that she'd love to but didn't know who she could go with.

We both know that playing bridge together will pay off in the long term. We'll have a higher place in heaven than those who try to find partners with whom they will be compatible.

Just trying to help.

Yours sincerely,
Jack McFadden

Dear Editor,

In the "Controversial Hand" item (*a slam was missed when either partner might have bid more strongly - Ed.*) in the Spring issue, if North's four diamond bid is taken as a cue bid in support of hearts, then the four heart bid seems wimpish. South should Blackwood his way to slam - or perhaps I have missed the point - I often do.

Regards,
Ron Macdonald

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8-10 Kate Buckman's Midsummer Madness *
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2004

- Jan 2-4 Toronto
19-25 International Fund Week
23-25 Kingston
24 International Fund Game
24-Feb 1 **Bermuda Regional**
1-29 Junior Month
6-8 St. Catharines
14-15 Oshawa, Teams
Mar 5-7 Toronto, Hart House
18-28 **Spring NABC, Reno**
22-28 ACBL Charity Week
24 ACBL-wide Charity Game
Apr 6-11 **Toronto Regional**
24-25 Brampton
May 13 International Fund Game
10-16 International Fund Week
18-24 **Kingston Regional**
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