

The Kibitzer



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Glenna Richardson
2025 Kate Buckman Award

**BARBADOS SUN SEA & SLAMS: SUN. FEBRUARY 8 – SUN. FEB 15, 2026
OR SAT. FEB 7-FEB 15, 2026 with BRIDGE WORKSHOPS ON SUN FEB 8, 2026**

**ACBL SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT with SILVER MASTER POINTS
at SUNBAY HOTEL in BARBADOS**

SEVEN NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION (8-15 FEB) **INCLUDING ALL YOUR MEALS & DRINKS**
USD \$1,225.00 PER PERSON (DBL. OCC.) OR USD \$1,890.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

OR EIGHT NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION (7-15 FEB) **INCLUDING ALL YOUR MEALS & DRINKS**
USD \$1,400.00 PER PERSON (DBL. OCC.) \$2,160.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

EXTRA NIGHTS: \$175.00 USD per person DBL OCC. or \$270.00 per person SGL OCC.
Come early or stayover to tour this lovely island.

HOST HOTEL: BARBADOS BEACH CLUB MAXWELL COAST ROAD, CHRIST CHURCH
This hotel is now sold out for 2026

SUNBAY HOTEL is almost across the street from **BARBADOS BEACH CLUB: 240 steps**

You will have access to beach at Barbados Beach Club (as these are sister properties) & 5 drink tickets

INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER & LOCAL DRINKS ARE ALL INCLUDED AT BOTH HOTELS. IF YOU STAY AT SUNBAY, YOU DINE AT SUNBAY. STAY AT BARBADOS BEACH CLUB: DINE AT BBC. HOUSE WINE WITH LUNCH & DINNER. MANAGER'S COCKTAIL PARTY. CLOSING BANQUET SAT EVE @ BARBADOS BEACH CLUB. TAXES & HOTEL GOVERNMENT LEVY INCLUDED. WIFI IS FREE. BRIDGE WORKSHOPS ARE FREE.

GRATUITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED. WE RECOMMEND \$30.00 USD PER PERSON.

TRANSFERS TO AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE ON SUN 15 FEB ARE INCLUDED.
NO TRANSFERS TO HOTEL ON ARRIVAL ARE INCLUDED.

BOOK YOUR OWN AIRFARE (NOT INCLUDED). NOTIFY ROGLYN HINDS OF YOUR FLIGHT PLANS.

Contact Roglyn Hinds roglynhinds@gmail.com so she can arrange transportation from hotel to airport

BRIDGE EVENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. Cost: \$16.00 USD per session. All bridge is optional.

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

Highly recommended by Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel.

Effective July 24, 2025: 3% surcharge on all credit card payments made after this date.

Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel will be attending the tournament in 2026. There will be TWO free seminars given by Barbara while there (Sun am & Sun aft: 8 FEB) FLY IN ON SAT 7 FEB to attend

TO BOOK: Contact Reservations Department at Barbados Beach Club 1-246-428-9900
or email reservations@barbadosbeachclub.com BOOKING CODE: **BRIDGE 2026**

DEPOSIT @ SUNBAY: \$525.00 USD per person (dbl occ) or \$810.00 USD (sgl occ)

Deposit is fully refundable if you cancel prior to November 15, 2025

Think of this as a packaged vacation and not just a hotel room. Hence this cancellation policy.

Contact Roglyn Hinds: Tournament chair roglynhinds@gmail.com or 246-231-0149

8 Feb: 10 – 12 & 2.30-4.30 pm: Bridge lessons
9 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
9 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 1 session
10 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
10 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 2 session
11 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
11 Feb: 2.30 pm: Rum Pairs
12 Feb: 9.30 am: Team Game # 1 session
12 Feb: 2.30 pm: Team Game # 2 session
13 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
13 Feb: 2.30 pm: Lady Burton Pairs # 1 session
14 Feb: 9.30 am & 2.00 pm: Lady Burton Pairs # 2 & 3

 **0-500 GAMES EVERY SESSION!** 

My name is Barbara Seagram & I am a bridge player, author and teacher. I was born and raised on this beautiful island in the Caribbean. The Barbados Bridge Committee do a wonderful job running this delightful bridge tournament in February each year. Imagine \$1,225.USD per person (dbl. occ) to spend a week at a hotel in Barbados in February, including all meals and drinks. The players are friendly, the sun shines forever and the island beckons. You cannot afford to not go! It is a very special island and we invite you to visit and enjoy all its magic. E-mail: barbaraseagram@gmail.com

There is no significance to the names Pelau Pairs, Rum Pairs, Lady Burton Pairs etc: It is just a designation to distinguish one event from another. Cost per session is \$16.00 USD. **There are 0-500 separate events at every session.**

TRANSATLANTIC BRIDGE CRUISE - ALLURA

April 14-30, 2026 - Miami, Bahamas, Bermuda, Azores (Portugal), Malaga, Cartagena, Mallorca (Spain), Naples/Pompeii, Rome (Italy)

Join the luxurious Allura, Oceania's BRAND NEW ship, on an exclusive 2026 cruise from Miami to Rome. With 67,000 tons of elegance, it accommodates 1,200 guests and features a dedicated crew of 800 for unparalleled service.

Linda Tuff will be your bridge instructor, director and tour leader.

Nancy Strachan will also be your director.

Click on this to get a taste of Allura: <https://youtu.be/wgU8bUHLdfw>



LINDA TUFF, NANCY STRACHAN & OCEANIA ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED by BARBARA SEAGRAM & ALEX KORNEI

INCLUDED: \$100 shipboard credit per cabin, Gourmet specialty restaurants, Unlimited Starlink Wi-Fi, Group Prestige Beverage Package (unlimited wine & spirits), Shipboard gratuities, soft drinks & juices & specialty coffees & teas, laundry services, group fitness classes.

Optional stayover in Rome

Prices from:

\$4599.00 USD or \$6399.00 CAD – Verandah cabin (B4) per person double occupancy.

To book, call Carolyn Kremer (Direct Travel / was Vision Travel):
705-435-5533 or 1-800-363-5533 # 1435. Email: ckremer@dt.com

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Apr 14 Tue	Miami, Florida, United States	Embark 1 PM	5 PM
Apr 15 Wed	Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas	7 AM	12 PM
Apr 16 Thu	At Sea		
Apr 17 Fri	Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda	11 AM	4 PM
Apr 18-21	At Sea		
Apr 22 Wed	Ponta Delgada (Azores), Portugal	11 AM	4 PM
Apr 23-24	At Sea		
Apr 25 Sat	Malaga, Spain	8 AM	8 PM
Apr 26 Sun	Cartagena, Spain	10 AM	7 PM
Apr 27 Mon	Palma de Mallorca, Spain	11 AM	7 PM
Apr 28 Tue	At Sea		
Apr 29 Wed	Naples/Pompeii, Italy	7 AM	5 PM
Apr 30 Thu	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	Disembark 8 AM	



Linda Tuff won the 2022 Teacher of the Year Award. She manages Halifax Bridge World club in Halifax, Nova Scotia



ABOUT ALLURA

Year Built: 2025 | Guests: 1238-1469

Total Cabins: 612 | Crew: 800

Length: 785' | Tonnage: 67000

Finest cuisine at sea:

French, Italian, Asian & Steakhouse specialty dining rooms

There is also a paddle tennis court, and 9-hole golf putting green, fitness track, shuffleboard, and croquet.



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On the cover this issue is Glenna Richardson for winning Unit 166's prestigious award, the Kate Buckman. Mrs. Buckman is a Toronto bridge icon for increasing others' enjoyment of the game, someone who truly cared for her students. Glenna is this year's recipient for all her hard work co-running the Toronto East Bridge Club and chairing GTA tournaments. You can learn more about Glenna starting on p. 30.

Now for a brief word on some of the new Kib features: First, the layout, or rather, the order of items, is different with this issue. Instead of frontloading all the contact info of the good folks on your Unit's Board of Directors, we're saving that for later. Also, I have started reporting on the Ontario Bridge Odyssey. We hope to complete our bridge odyssey before Hollywood releases theirs. (I hear a Christopher Nolan blockbuster called, 'The Odyssey' will be released in the summer of 2026.)

Did I get out to visit enough bridge clubs as I would have liked? No I did not. But I plan to go on another journey and get to more Ontario clubs such as the ones in St. Catharines, Peterborough, Goderich, Sarnia, and Windsor, just to name five potential landing spots. Ideally, I will get to every club in ON. I'd really like to play at your club and I look forward to telling our readers how wonderful it is.

Hope you enjoy the first installment of the OBO—more to come!

Andy Stark
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 647 530 1360

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In the last edition of *The Kibitzer*, I was interviewed by Andy Stark and took the opportunity to encourage people to volunteer to help keep duplicate bridge a viable form of entertainment in our area—particularly in Unit 166. Unfortunately, few seemed to grasp the importance of bringing their ideas and skills to the table. So, let me shed some light on the situation.

The latest quarterly unit report from the ACBL revealed some alarming numbers. The average age of our membership is 73.12, which indicates that time is not on our side. Our active membership dropped by 3.55% over the past 12 months. While we did gain 176 new members, we lost 315 existing ones. With only 3,095 active members in our unit, losing 315 in a year gives us little time to find solutions.

We need to focus on increasing the number of new members. Our new member retention rate after two years is just 49.28%, although it has been improving. We must make continued ACBL membership more appealing to newcomers. The Unit 166 Board of Directors has established a committee structure to allow general members to play an active role in strengthening bridge in our area. We need input from both long-standing players and newer members on how to preserve and grow our great game.

Two specific areas of urgent need for volunteers are:

- **Marketing, particularly to people approaching retirement.**
- **Education, especially efforts to introduce bridge into the school system.**

Even a willingness to participate in organized events would be helpful. **If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Denise Donovan at dcdonovan49@gmail.com.**

Although this is a Unit 166 initiative, anyone reading *The Kibitzer* is welcome to contribute their ideas and skills.

Douglas Jordan

Grow Revenue Committee Chair & Unit 166 Director

Labour Day

SILVER POINT SECTIONAL

Bridge Tournament

August 30 – September 1, 2025

St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre
1280 Dundas St. W., Oakville ON L6M 4H9

Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 30	Sunday, August 31	Monday, September 1
★ 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. - A/X, B/C/D – 2 Session stratiflighted pairs	★ 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. - A/X, B/C/D – 2 Session stratiflighted pairs.	★ 10:00 a.m. & TBA A/X Swiss Teams – Open to all – Stratified by team average.
★ 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. 0 – 299 Pairs - If numbers warrant.	★ 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. 0 – 299 Pairs - If numbers warrant.	★ 10:00 a.m. & TBA B/C Swiss Teams – Stratified by team average. No player with more than 2000 MP
★ 10:00 a.m. 0 – 20 - Supervised pair game	There will be complimentary lessons by Susan Trumper at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday & Sunday.	

EVENTS ARE STRATIFIED BY AVERAGE MASTER POINTS & FLIGHTS ARE BASED ON HIGHEST MASTER POINTS OF PAIR/TEAM
Stratiflighted event: A: 4000+, X: 0-4000, B: 1500-2500, C: 750-1500, D: 0-750

Single session entries for all Pairs games are welcome.

Session Fees:

\$20 CAD (members)	\$15 CAD
+ \$4 for non-current members	Full-time students up to age 21 (members) + \$4 for non-current members
All players MUST have an ACBL number. Guest memberships are currently free. Contact Glenna if you require one.	

CHAIRPERSON

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

DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE

Nancy Strachan

PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

Teenie Gibson 416-820-4097
teenie.gibson@yahoo.com

PARKING AT THE SITE IS FREE

NEARBY HOTELS

TOWNEPLACE SUITES MARRIOTT

754 BRONTE ROAD

OAKVILLE, ON L6L 6R8

Aug. 29, Studio King with full kitchen, \$189.00+taxes/night

Aug. 30 & 31 Studio King - \$189+taxes/night,

2 Queens - \$199+taxes/night

One bedroom Suite - 2 Queens - \$204+taxes/night

- **TownePlace Suites Toronto Oakville for 189.00 CAD - 204.00 CAD per night**
- **Last Day to Book: Saturday, July 26, 2025**
- **To book a reservation go to: [UNIT-166 ABCL](#)**

Tel: 905-847-6667

HOLIDAY INN OAKVILLE CENTRE

590 ARGUS ROAD

OAKVILLE, ON L6J 3J3

Aug. 29 – 31, 2025 2 Queens - \$194+taxes /night

Reservations can be made by:

- Calling the hotel directly at 905-842-5000,
- Calling the main reservations line at 1-855-914-9607,
- emailing reservations@hioakville.com,
- on-line at www.hioakville.com – your group code is **AB5**

Here is a hyper link that will take you directly to the website with the information populated:

[American Contract Bridge League](#)

FOOD IS AVAILABLE AT THE SITE

St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre

You must place your order before the game starts.

Cash only is accepted.

MENU

Combo 1	\$20	Perogies (4), Chicken Cutlet or Ukrainian Sausage & Sauerkraut, Buns, Soft Drink or Coffee
Combo 2	\$10	Perogies (6) Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Potato with Spinach & Feta
Combo 3	\$10	Sweet Perogies (6) Blueberries or Cherry with Chocolate or Berry Syrup
Combo 4	\$5	Sausage on a Bun with Toppings
	\$5	Soup of the Day with a Bun
	\$5	Cabbage Roll
	\$5	Assorted Sweets
	\$2	Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink

73rd Annual St. Thomas Jumbo Tournament



Sept 6th – 7th 2025

Sessions both days 10:00 am and 2:30pm. Hot meal between sessions
Entry Fees \$15.00 per session

To participate in this tournament, players must have an ACBL Player Number. Non-ACBL members are welcome and will receive a complimentary temporary ACBL membership (not applicable to lapsed members).

(In consideration of those who are sensitive to fragrance, this is a scent-free tournament)

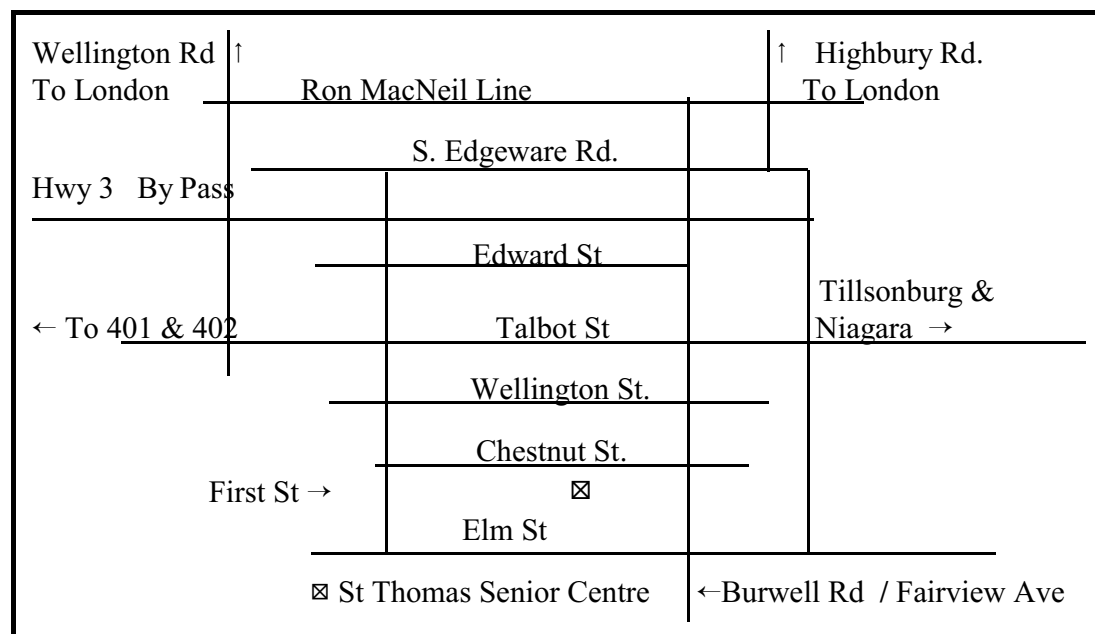
Saturday Sept 6th

2-Session Stratified Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)

499er Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)

Sunday Sept 7th

Open Swiss (A/X) and a Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss bracketed by team total points



Location:

St. Thomas Senior Centre,
225 Chestnut St.,
St. Thomas

Tournament Chair:

Jim Wright
(519) 631-5531
manager@stthomasbridgeclub.
org

Partnerships:

Jim Wright
(519) 631-5531
manager@stthomasbridgeclub.
org

Pairs

Strats:: A=1500+, B=500-1500, C=0-500
499ers: A=300-500, B=100-300, C=0-100
all events stratified by average mps

Teams

Bracketed by team total points,
\$120 Entry fee per team

BARRIE REGIONAL

Tuesday, September 9 – Sunday, September 14, 2025

Please join us for fun, bridge, ***GOLD*** points
and great hospitality at the
Barrie Curling Club
175 Essa Road, Barrie, L4N 3L2

Entry Fee: ***Payment can be cash, debit or credit card***
\$20 per session (*includes HST*) – single session entries for pair games only.
\$4 extra for unpaid ACBL members.

NOTE: All players must have an ACBL number. Free Guest Memberships are available for those players who have never been an ACBL member. If you need a Guest membership, please contact your local Club Manager, or Linda Lord at 905-713-9141.

Free Registration Gifts and *free parking!* Early start times!

Great Location – South end of Barrie, close to Hwy 400.

Where to Stay: The Allure Hotel, 20 Fairview Road (off Essa Road, 5 minutes from the site) offers rooms with 1 king, or 1 queen, or 2 twin beds and free breakfast. The rates are \$129 for dates between Mon., Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 11 and \$149 for Friday and Saturday. Call 1-888-252-6447 and mention Barrie Regional Bridge Tournament for the special offer. These rates are only available if you book by August 25th.

Where to visit: Lots of restaurants and visitor attractions including cruises on Lake Simcoe.

******Special GOLD RUSH games******

If you have 750 masterpoints or less, win gold in these events if you place in A.
Stratification is as follows: A = 400 – 750, B = 200 – 400, C = 0 - 200.
See Schedule for dates.

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

Partnership Chair – Janice Upenieks, janice.upenieks@outlook.com, 416-435-3870.

Please help us start on time by arriving at least 15 minutes before game time.

SCHEDULE

Game start times are: **Tuesday only** **12 pm & 4:30 pm.**
Wednesday, Thurs., Fri. & Saturday: 10:30 am & 3:00 pm. Sunday Swiss: 10:30 am & TBD.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Afternoon & Evening: *Special start time 12 noon
 . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs (200/400/750) *two sessions*
 . Open Stratified Pairs (1500/2500/open)
 . 299er pairs
 . Mini-Soloway Knockouts, Tues. & Wed.
sessions 1 & 2 of 4.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Morning & Afternoon:
 . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs (200/400/750) *two sessions*
 . Open Stratified Pairs – (1500/2500/open)
 . 299er pairs
 . Mini-Soloway Knockouts, Tues. & Wed.
sessions 3 & 4
 . Bracketed Teams, 2 sessions.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Morning & Afternoon:
 . Open Stratified Pairs – (1500/2500/open)
 . 299er pairs
 . **GOLD RUSH** Swiss teams
 . Mini-Soloway Knockouts, Thursday & Friday,
sessions 1 & 2 of 4.

Friday, Sept. 12

Morning & Afternoon:
 . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs – (200/400/750) *two sessions*
 . Open Stratified Pairs – (1500/2500/open).
 . 299er pairs
 . Mini-Soloway Knockouts, Thursday & Friday
sessions 3 & 4.
 . Bracketed Teams, 2 sessions.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Morning & Afternoon:
 . **GOLD RUSH** Pairs – (200/400/750) *two sessions*
 . Open Stratified Pairs – (1500/2500/open).
 . 299er pairs
 . Bracketed Teams, *two sessions.*

Sunday, Sept 14

A/X Open Swiss Teams
 A = Open, X = 0 – 5000. A/X plays separately

 0-4000 Bracketed Teams (no players with more than 4000 masterpoints)

GOLD RUSH Bracketed Teams

***Mini-Soloway Knockouts** - All teams will play a Swiss team event for the first 2 sessions; then top 4 teams in each group advance to Day 2. Top team will choose from 3rd and 4th place teams for first round of KO on Day 2.

Stratifications

GOLD RUSH Pairs: A = 400 – 750, B = 200 – 400, C = 0 - 200.

Open Stratified Pairs: A = open, B = 1500 – 2500, C = 0 - 1500.

Intermediate: A = up to 199; B = 50 - 100; C = 20 - 50; D = less than 20.

GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams: A = 400 - 750, B = 200 – 400, C = 0 – 200.

Strats and Brackets: Based on Average Points. Averaging cannot allow a player to compete in an event which has a maximum number of points less than the player's total points.

Stratifications may change at Director's discretion.



BRAMPTON BRIDGE BLAST!



September 27th & 28th

Fall Sectional Offering 100% Silver

Century Gardens Recreation Centre
340 Vodden St. E.
Brampton ON

Session Fees:

- ACBL Members \$20
- \$4 additional Fee for any player not currently an ACBL Member
- Student Rate: \$5

Tournament Chair: Denise Donovan
dcdonovan49@gmail.com
(416) 575-6754

Partnership Chair: Susan Nolan Thomas
susannolanthomas@gmail.com
(905) 702-0072

Times:

Saturday 10:00 & 3:00
Sunday 10:00 & TBA

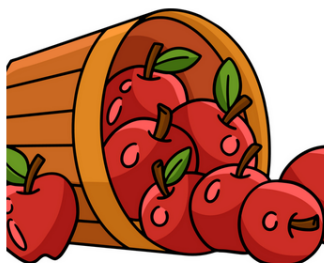
Saturday: Two-Session Stratified
Single Sessions Welcome

- **499er NLM (With no one person over 499 MP.)**
- **Open Pairs**
 - **A/X**
 - **B/C/ D (no player over 2500)**

Sunday: Bracketed Swiss

Please note: Stratification is at the discretion of the Director.

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Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament London, Ontario



American Contract
Bridge League

October 18-19, 2025

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

Saturday, October 18, 10:15 am

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)

A/X/Y: A:2500+, **X:**1000-2500, **Y:**0-1000

Non Life Masters: A: 300-500, **B:** 100–300, **C:** 0-100

Novice Pairs: 0-100 (1 Session)

Lunch at nearby local restaurants

Saturday, October 18, 2:45 pm

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)

Novice Pairs: 0-199 (1 Session)

Pairs will be stratified by average
masterpoint holdings

Entry Fees:

ACBL Members - \$15.00 / person / session

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

Partnerships: Graeme Tindale
(519) 878-3740
g_tindale@hotmail.com

Sunday, October 19, 10:15 am

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-through)

***Note:** Teams will be bracketed by total
team points.*

***Teams:** \$120 per team*

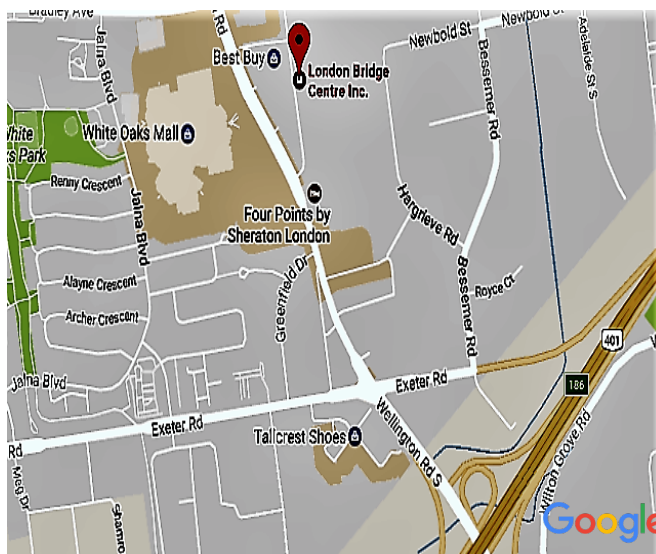
A light lunch will be available on Sunday.

Cost is \$15.

Director-in-charge: Martin Hunter

Participants must be ACBL members.

**To join the ACBL go to
acbl.org/membership for a free 90 day
introductory membership.**



ACBL Unit 166

Invites You To

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October 24 – 26, 2025



Hosted by

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This is your opportunity to earn those precious silver masterpoints you've been searching for.

All in a friendly atmosphere conducive to learning and fun!

Room capacity is 25 tables

so emailed reservations will be taken by the Tournament Chair (Douglas Jordan) prior to the event.

Friday, October 24

Stratified Pairs (single session)	12:00p.m.
Intro to Team Play Presentation	6:00p.m.
Stratified Pairs (single session)	7:00p.m.

Saturday, October 25

Stratified Pairs (single session)	10:00a.m.
Team Strategy Presentation	1:30p.m.
Stratified Pairs (single session)	2:30p.m.

Sunday, October 26

Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	10:00a.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	2:30p.m.

No player may participate in an event if they hold more than 500 masterpoints.

Pricing (per session)

Youth (12–17):	\$5 per person
Juniors (18–24):	\$10 per person
Adult (25+):	\$15 per person
Non-current members:	\$4 (additional)

All players MUST have an ACBL number.

Guest memberships are available for non-members.

Tournament/Partnership Chair: Douglas Jordan
e-mail: douglasgjordan@yahoo.ca

Director-in-Charge: TBD

To find partners/teammates, email Douglas and leave a detailed message indicating the event(s) for which you would like a partner/teammates. He will get back to you.

This is a Zero Tolerance Tournament

As with all ACBL events, there is a ZERO TOLERANCE for unacceptable behaviour! If someone negatively affects your enjoyment at this tournament, please contact an official IMMEDIATELY!

A fun time is guaranteed for all!



Things to know...

Coffee, tea, water, and cookies will be provided. However, lunch won't be supplied. The Arbour Room Restaurant is in the basement of Hart House. It is a licenced restaurant with takeout food. Also, a variety of restaurants can be found on Bloor and along Cumberland.

Stratification

Stratification within events will be by the average masterpoint holding of pair / team. The director may vary the stratification, depending on the attendance.

Pairs	A	0-500	Teams	A	0-2000
	B	0-100		B	0-500
	C	0-20		C	0-100

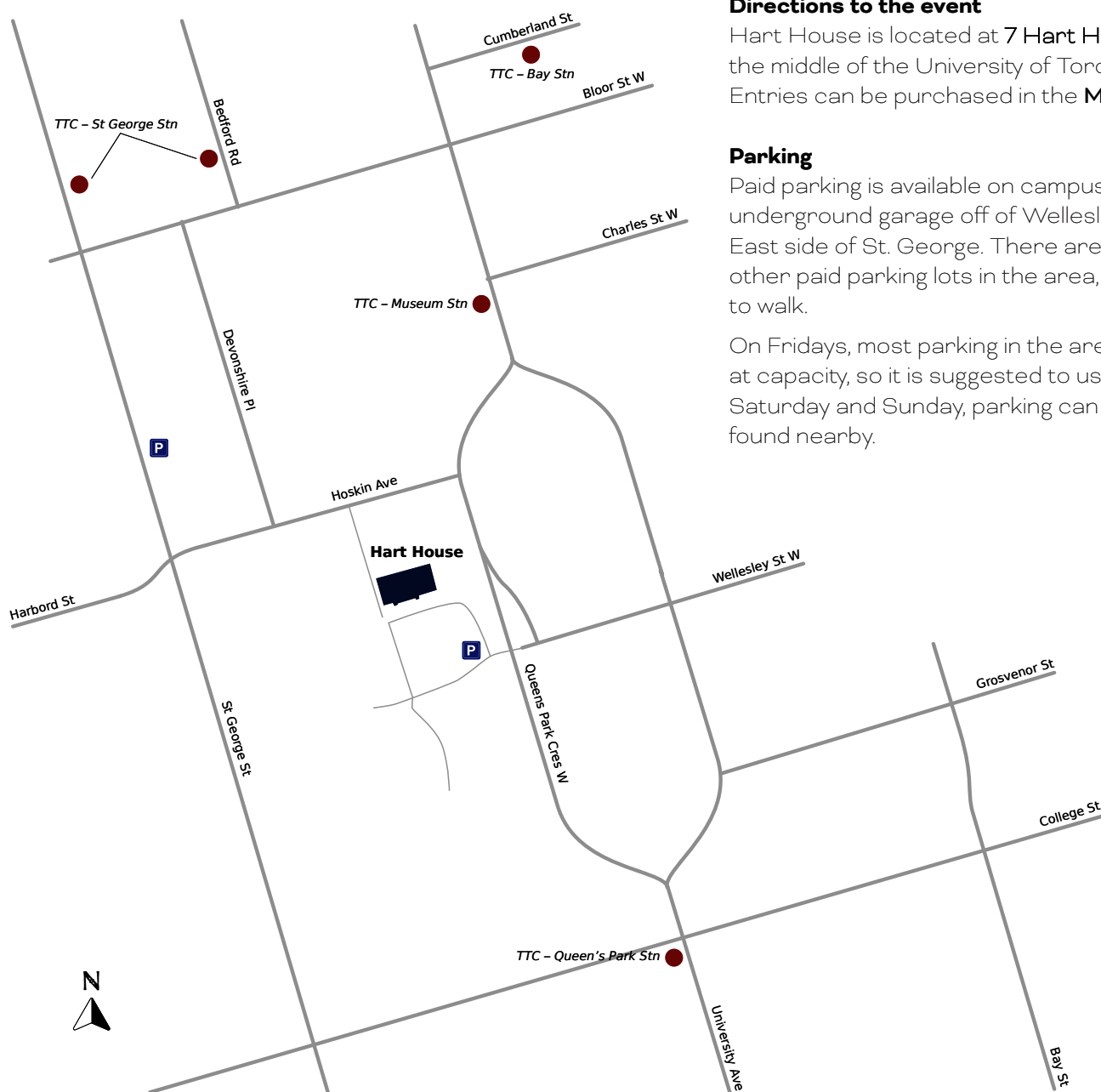
Directions to the event

Hart House is located at 7 Hart House Circle in the middle of the University of Toronto campus. Entries can be purchased in the **Map Room**.

Parking

Paid parking is available on campus in a new underground garage off of Wellesley or on the East side of St. George. There are a handful of other paid parking lots in the area, but you'll have to walk.

On Fridays, most parking in the area will be at capacity, so it is suggested to use TTC. On Saturday and Sunday, parking can usually be found nearby.





District 2 – Conditions of Contest open to residents of District 2

Sun. Oct 26th Game time 10:30 am and 3pm EDT

 9:30 am and 2pm CDT

Entry Fee is \$40 per person or \$80 per pair for both sessions

Inquires ask NAP coordinator Edmund: d2.gnt.nap@gmail.com

In addition to the ACBL Condition of Contest

found here: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>

In District 2 we will be playing an Online District Finals on BBO.

Pre-registration is required by Sunday Oct 19th. Club level qualification is required.

Club level qualifications may be earned at any club in any Unit in any District. Clubs may be in-person or online VACB virtual clubs. Club level qualification is earned as an individual and not as a partnership. A player may play at any participating club as often as desired and with as many partners as desired. At the club stage, a player may qualify and earn masterpoints with any member of ACBL or with a non-member of ACBL. In virtual games, a player may NOT qualify with a robot partner.

We will be hosting a 2-session on BBO with each flight playing separately. MP limits are as of June 2025.

Championship flight (no masterpoint limitations) with Open+ convention charts – if a pair is playing methods requiring written defense, these need to be submitted at registration.

- 1st place – \$700 US per player subsidy from ACBL for travel to NABC in St. Louis, MO
- 2nd place – \$300 US per player subsidy from ACBL for travel plus a \$CAD top up from District 2
- 3rd place – qualification to national finals at NABC in St. Louis, MO, no travel subsidy

Flight A (under 6000 MP) with Open convention charts

- 1st place – \$700 US per player subsidy from ACBL for travel to NABC in St. Louis, MO
- 2nd place – \$300 US per player subsidy from ACBL for travel plus a \$CAD top up from District 2
- 3rd place – qualification to national finals at NABC in St. Louis, MO, no travel subsidy

Flight B (under 3000 MP) with Basic+ convention charts

- 1st place – \$700 US per player subsidy from ACBL for travel to NABC in St. Louis, MO
- 2nd place – \$300 US per player subsidy from ACBL for travel plus a \$CAD top up from District 2
- 3rd place – qualification to national finals at NABC in St. Louis, MO, no travel subsidy
- 4th place – qualification to national finals at NABC in St. Louis, MO, no travel subsidy

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Wednesday November 12

Intermediate/Novice Mini-lesson (Free)
Niagara Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions)
Round Robin Bracketed Teams
 St Catharines Open Pairs
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Niagara on the Lake Gold Rush Pairs
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Mentoring Game (Free)

9:00 to 9:45
 10:00 & 2:30
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 10:00 & 2:30
 10:00
 10:00 & 2:30
5:30 to 6:30
 7:00 to 9:00

Thursday November 13

Intermediate/Novice Mini-lesson (Free)
Niagara Falls Bracketed KO Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions)
 St Catharines Open Pairs
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9:00 to 9:45
 10:00 & 2:30
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5:30 to 6:30

Friday November 14

Intermediate/Novice Mini-lesson (Free)
Niagara Falls Bracketed KO Teams (3rd & 4th of 4 sessions)
Round Robin Bracketed Teams
 St Catharines Open Pairs
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Niagara on the Lake Gold Rush Pairs
Niagara Hospitality

9:00 to 9:45
 10:00 & 2:30
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Saturday November 15

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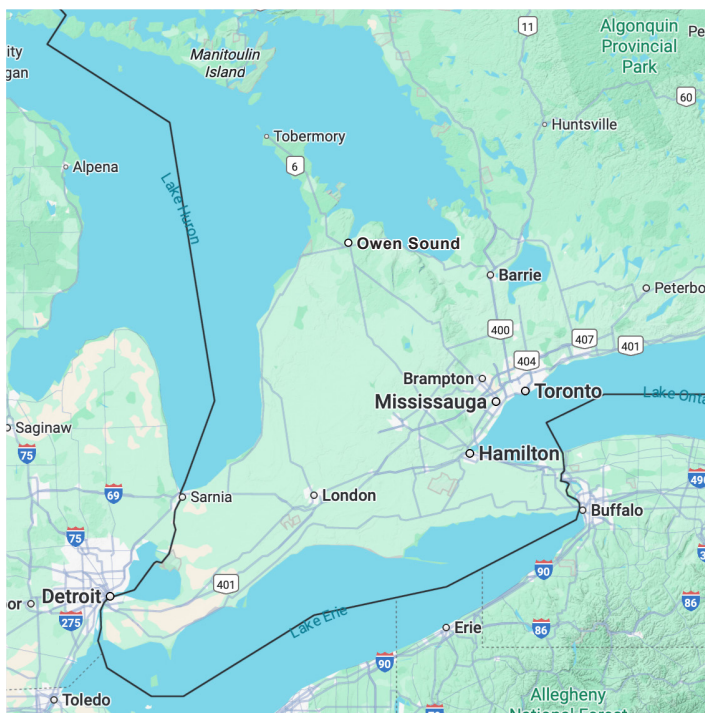
Mike Cafferata, Michael Kenny, Julie Berdock & Ed Betteto won Friday Open Swiss

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Ontario Bridge Odyssey

Have you ever been to Owen Sound? If you have, then you can proudly say you have been to the “derriere of Ontario’s elephant” and lived to tell the tale. To understand this reference, dust off a map of Ontario, rotate it clockwise about 90 degrees, and you will see the outline of an elephant raising its trunk—the tip of the trunk being Windsor, its two front feet lying between St. Catharines and Fort Erie, the tip of its tail being Tobermory, and just a bit further south – the elephant’s keister, smack dab in the middle of Owen Sound. Sorry, Owen Sound, you know I love you.



I have been to Owen Sound every year of my life because my mother was born and raised there and my uncle has a cottage about an 8-minute drive east of Owen Sound. To get there from the Toronto area

you typically go northwest on Highway 10, or you can start up Airport Road and eventually make your way northwest. Whichever route you take you get to see some small idyllic Ontario towns such as Caledon (or Caledon East), Markham, Flesherton, and downtown Primrose. I mention Primrose because this is where our traditional stop for burgers takes place at either Superburger or Champburger.

If you meander further west you can explore absolute gems such as Elora, Fergus, Arthur...the list goes on. Of course, I am usually in a rush to get where I am going, so I don’t spend too much time in these towns, but as I slow down to 50 km/h to get through them, I often wish I could come back and spend time, maybe even learn a bit of their history and breathe in the fresh air. Find the local ice cream parlour. As for Owen Sound, oh sure it may have the illusion of being part of an elephant’s anatomy, but it is genuinely a beautiful spot: it’s nestled in amongst forests, the rocky escarpment, and of course, the blue, blue waters of Georgian Bay.

And so begat the idea of an Ontario Bridge Odyssey—OBO for short—the goal being to explore a bit of Ontario, play some—er, I mean **lots** of bridge at the local clubs, and have fun spending time with friends along the way. The first problem was finding a suitable week in the year to play a ton of club bridge. I selected late April as I was between semesters at the college where I work, and for April being a decent month to drive around our fair province. The second problem, a good problem at that, was planning the route to minimize drive time between games. Thanks to Tom Rajnovich for the suggestion of playing on

Ontario's west coast on a Monday afternoon and then making our way to Owen Sound for the Monday evening game. See, that's the key here: finding the evening games because the evening bridge game is going the way of the woolly mammoth. Eventually a super achievable* itinerary presented itself: Sunday in Mississauga, Monday in Kincardine and Owen Sound, Tuesday in Collingwood and at Hart House, Wednesday at Toronto East, Thursday at Toronto Bridge, Friday in London and Kitchener, and Saturday in Richmond Hill. (*Super achievable is an overbid—Mother Nature had her own set of plans, as you will see next issue.)

The next idea was to make the OBO inclusive by playing with a different partner in each of the ten games. In this way I could do a brief bio on each of my partners in addition to a blurb on the club we arranged to play at. My favourite question that I asked of each club manager was, "What nearby establishment do you recommend visitors to your club go to for a bite to eat before or after the game?" All of this to encourage you, dear reader, to take the plunge yourself and go on your own Ontario bridge odyssey. Maybe it's time for you, too, to see our beautiful province and take the time to play bridge with friends in a relaxed setting.

Game #1, MObridge with Bev Ross

MObridge offers games and lessons Monday through Saturday. As luck would have it, on April 27 of this year, MOBridge hosted a special Sunday game, something they only do on occasion. How fortuitous for the OBO! Seeing that there are no Sunday club games *anywhere* in Ontario (at least that I am aware of), this felt like a good time to start the bridge odyssey.

MObridge started life in 1983 as the Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Club: founded, owned and operated by John Rayner until ten years ago. (See the Summer 2025 issue of the Kib for a tribute to John, who died in March.) The club, located in the Sheridan Centre on Erin Mills Parkway in Mississauga, is run by a



Bev Ross

volunteer board of directors and a club manager—the affable Max Rutherford. At present the two presidents are Eric Pinto and Catherine Griffin. The club has over 200 members, and just recently, in early August, MObridge celebrated its tenth anniversary of being a 'Members Club.' Naturally they served cake at the halfway mark, just as they did on the last Sunday in April. I mention this to appeal to lovers of dessert, because where else can you have your cake and eat it, too?



MObridge game

I asked Catherine Griffin for the names of the club *gurus*, *gurus* being my term for a club's mentors. You know them: the kind folks who are willing to give their time and share their knowledge of the game with the up-and-comers. Catherine mentioned two prominent names, two of Canada's best directors: Martin Hunter and Nancy Strachan. As for places to get a bite, if you go to MO, Catherine suggested Il Fornello; I could not agree more. The restaurant is situated at the front of Sheridan Centre, close to Scotiabank on the main level and just a short escalator ride away from the inside doors to MObridge. Not only does Il Fornello have tasty pizzas, but how about that—a Happy Hour for right after the afternoon games. Have a good game? Go to Happy Hour. Have a bad game? Go to Happy Hour. Join your friends who had a good game and you can all be happy together.

Speaking of pizza, when pressed to provide some fun facts about MObridge, Catherine told me, "MObridge players love to eat pizza, egg salad sandwiches, cookies, jujubes and cake – not necessarily in that order – during their bridge game!" I can personally attest to the fact the playing cards on site are clean and give up no clue they were handled by foodies. Catherine also said MObridge has an excellent education program – which accounts for the high number (relative to overall membership) of new players they bring to the game each year.

For further info on MObridge here's some contact info:

Club manager: Max Rutherford
 Phone: (905) 403-1333
 Email: mail@MObridge.club
 Website: www.MObridge.club

As luck would further have it, my invitation to play at MObridge was accepted by longtime friend Bev Ross. Bev and I go way back to the early 90s, a time when rockers had long hair and wore plaid shirts and bridge players had only one duplicate game to play in and that game was *not* online.

I've mentioned this before in these pages, but I must share one of my all-time greatest bridge memories and that was becoming Life Master in a one-day Regional pairs game at the 1992 Toronto NABC while playing with Bev. I still have the recap sheets, somewhere in a bin in the catacombs of Kibitzer headquarters, but still—I have them! In a 160-pair field we barely scratched the halftime leaderboard in 40th place with a 52% game. After dinner we sat NS, played 'down the middle,' got a lot of gifts while giving none away, and somehow scored up a 70% game. This was good enough for first place overall, 44 gold points, and LM for yours truly.

Bev says she has now been playing bridge for over 50 years. Like many others, she started with kitchen bridge and then discovered duplicate with a friend. Bev got her Life Masters at a regional in Winnipeg; she only needed 2.96 gold but won the event and 22 gold points with a pickup partner. Bev's all-time bridge highlights include winning the silver medal at a Canadian Women's Team Championship while playing with Patti Lee and teammates Audrey Norman and Sally Caty. Another was when Bev and her ex-husband John Ross paired up to win one of those Epson Worldwide pair games in the 90s where everyone all over the world played at the same time. And Bev puts our 1992 Regional win and 70% game as a highlight. (There were multiple world champions in that field including Benito Garozzo.) Bev has played bridge in eight provinces and six states. For 19 years she worked as a Director for the ACBL, sometimes directing Regionals on cruise ships, but Bev fully retired from directing in 2017; now she enjoys the club game with various partners.

33 years ago, Bev and I played kamikaze notrump which is a INT opening range of 10-12 HCPs. I asked her if she wanted to play 10-12 again and she said no faster than I could complete my sentence. Totally fine by me. My plan was always to write up one bridge hand from each game and I did not have to wait long for a beauty of a hand played by Bev.



Bev Ross

The game was a 6.5 table Howell; Bev and I started at Table 1 and we sat EW for boards 1-3. On the very first board North dealt and passed, and Bev opened 2♣ with: ♠A6 ♥A52 ♦A7 ♣AKQ974. It's only 21 HCPs but it's one of the best 21 points you can hold without holding a 10. I agree with the upgrade. I responded 2♦ with: ♠Q97532 ♥K ♦K94 ♣J105. It's not good enough for a direct 2♠ bid because that bid should show a stronger suit, one headed by two of the top three spade honours.

Over my 2♦ Bev rebid 3♣ to show her long clubs. I rebid 3♠ to show my 5+ card spade suit. Bev then made the practical matchpoint bid of 3NT (Hamman's Rule: when in doubt, bid 3NT). I then bid 4♣ to show my club support and interest in slam. Since Bev was looking at all four aces and the ♣KQ she just bid 6NT.

Bev got the lead of the ♥7 and this was the full deal (rotated for convenience):

Andy

♠ Q 9 7 5 3 2

♥ K

♦ K 9 4

♣ J 10 5

West

♠ J 8

♥ Q 9 8 7 6 4

♦ J 6 3

♣ 3 2

East

♠ K 10 4

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q 10 8 5 2

♣ 8 6

Bev

♠ A 6

♥ A 5 2

♦ A 7

♣ A K Q 9 7 4

It's a neat hand because even double dummy it's not obvious how to make 6NT. As you can see there are eleven tricks off the top. What is the best way to manufacture trick number 12? You could lead towards the ♠Q in dummy and hope West holds the king or you can start running your clubs and decide what to do later.

Bev won the ♥K per force and ran off a bunch of club tricks. On one of those clubs, East discarded a small spade. When it came time to play on spades Bev cashed her ace and saw the 10 drop on her right. So she played her ♠6 to the jack, queen and king and dummy's ♠9 was the 12th trick. Could North have kept all his spades and made it tougher for Bev? Yes, but...

As it turns out 6NT is always cold because the defence is under pressure to discard on the run of six clubs. Say East never sheds a spade—he still must make four discards. If East lets go four small diamonds, then Bev can cash the ♦A and finesse West for the ♦J.

So, let's say East lets go two diamonds and two hearts. Now declarer can play for a type of squeeze that forces East to come down to three spades and two diamonds.

To sum up, the first eight tricks are one heart, six clubs, and then the heart ace. See if you can work out a way to win four tricks in the 5-card ending:

		Andy	
		♠ Q 9 7	
		♥ —	
		♦ K 9	
		♣ —	
West		East	
♠ —		♠ K 10 4	
♥ Q 9		♥ —	
♦ J 6 3		♦ Q 10	
♣ —		♣ —	
		Bev	
		♠ A 6	
		♥ 5	
		♦ A 7	
		♣ —	

The key is to play off the ace-king of diamonds ending in dummy. The 3-card ending is now:

		Andy	
		♠ Q 9 7	
		♥ —	
		♦ —	
		♣ —	
West		East	
♠ —		♠ K 10 4	
♥ Q 9		♥ —	
♦ J		♦ —	
♣ —		♣ —	
		Bev	
		♠ A 6	
		♥ 5	
		♦ —	
		♣ —	

Declarer plays a spade (any spade) from dummy and East must cover. Declarer wins and exits a spade. East will win this trick but at trick 13 dummy's last spade will be bigger than East's last spade and that, my friends, is the contract fulfilling trick.

What a barnburner of a first deal! Bev and I went on to finish fourth overall with a 59% game, (just short of 70%, haha) good for 1.59 monsterpoints. Thanks for the game, Bev, and please forgive me for the candid photo I took of you. Hope we can try again for a 70% game some time.

Game #2, Kincardine Charity Bridge Club with Mel Norton

After the Sunday game at MObridge, I stayed overnight at the winning pair's home. That was their prize for winning—the chance to host me! No, not really. The plan was to always stay with Chris Cowan and Debra Feldman (the winners) in Oakville and then meet up with Burlington's finest bridge player Mel Norton for the three hours and change drive to Kincardine for the afternoon game. Chris, Debbie, Mel and I teamed up to play most recently at the Can-At in Fredericton in late June, so the OBO was sort of a warm-up sojourn for us.

The drive went so smoothly (with Chris at the helm) that we had plenty of time to grab a lunch at my favourite place to eat in Kincardine—the Bruce! Located downtown at 750 Queen St., the Bruce has everything, including fine draft beer for lunch. I would just like to take a moment here to give the Bruce a shoutout. You know when you show up at places five minutes early and they say, "We're closed; we'll be open in 5 minutes," and you know how that grates on your nerves? Well, we showed up 10 minutes earlier than the official opening time and the Bruce manager said, "Come on in! We're not officially open yet, but please sit anywhere you like, and someone will be right over." I've been to the Bruce restaurant in the summer and if you go you must sit out on their deck and catch the famous Lake Huron sunset.

From the Bruce we headed on over to the Davidson Center and the 12:45 game. A few things to know about this club: the KCBC is run by volunteers, and they contribute mightily to various charities, and this is precisely why the club is called the Kincardine Charity Bridge Club. The two local charities they donate their profits to are the Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey and the Huron Shores Hospice. Profits are also donated back to the Davidson Centre. They have also run events to support the Kincardine Food Bank and the United Way, to name just two of many charities they support. In the last ten years, the KCBC has donated over \$50,000 to charities.

Tom Rajnovich is the main man at the Kincardine club, although he would humbly admit it takes a village to run a successful club. Tom works tirelessly at maintaining the club's website. He asks for folks to contact the club to reserve ahead of time so that when you get there, they are ready for you with table assignments. The room they play in is well-lit and there seemed to be an endless supply of goodies to munch on. Tom asks that you show up no later than 12:35 pm for the 12:45 game because sometimes they are so well organized the game starts early. Oh, and I finally met woodcarver artiste Steve Jolley. Steve is Tom's #1 tech assistant, and now, along with Shirley Thomas, one of the two club directors. We published some photos of Steve's bridge-themed tableau in the Winter 2024 issue of the Kib, but it's worth another look.

Here's the contact info for the Kincardine Charity Bridge Club:

Club manager: Tom Rajnovich

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Website: www.bridgewebs.com/kincardinecharity



Are you old enough to remember that old beer made by Carling called Red Cap? I don't recall loving its taste so much, but the design of the label has always stayed with me. I think of Red Cap whenever I play with Mel Norton and for obvious reasons. Not only does Mel love beer, (anything made by Cameron's especially) but he loves his red cap, and he probably can't follow suit without it. I mean, maybe he can, but...we just don't know.



Mel's a good sport and a fine bridge player. On defence he often takes all his tricks. And as declarer it's super rare to see him misplay a hand. Mel was featured in these pages just four and five years ago for twice winning the Richmond Trophy. During that first year of COVID, he even took a run at the McKenney trophy for most masterpoints won by an ACBL member. The Richmond is for Canadians only; still, what an achievement!

Another good reason to tap Mel to play as a partner in the OBO is because he's like a mushroom—he's a *fun guy*. Back in August 2019, in those halcyon pre-covid days, Mel, Chris, Debbie and I drove to a Regional in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We played in team events every day of the tourney, dined well, and even got to see a minor league ball game. Oh, and we had many great laughs, which is pretty good for coming second twice, third twice and fourth once. Here's a sentence you don't read every day: **Six** years ago, our **foursome** was at the **Fifth Third**. That is the actual name of the ballpark in Grand Rapids.



Mel is a retired actuary so he's a numbers man, but he cannot add up the number of years he's been playing bridge. "Too many," he says. Mel learned in university, and it cost him a bit of time in completing his degree. But Mel does drop a clue in that he joined the ACBL

in 1962 and he earned his Life Master status at the Toronto Easter Regional in 1966.

I asked Mel for three of his all-time bridge highlights and this is what he wrote: "First, I met a person I didn't know at the 1966 Toronto Regional. When asked, he said he was from Van Nys, California. We scored +1130 against him on the first hand. Turns out it was Barry Crane. Second, in 1965, I skipped out of school to play in an April Regional in Cleveland. I suggested to Murray and Kehela we play for 5 cents per matchpoint. Murray ignored us, but Sami agreed to take us both on. That cost me 10 cents. Sami asked if we wanted the same bet for the second session, but we said we were tired, having driven from Waterloo that morning. But then we started well, and so I asked Sami if we could be back on. He agreed. This time, it only cost a nickel. And finally, I bought a 36-board set of aluminum boards, with carrying case, at the 1964 Toronto Summer Nationals for \$36.00 (CDN). Still have them."



For our game in Kincardine Mel wore his trademark red ballcap, although I see from the ballpark photo taken six years ago that he wore a blue ball cap. Mel and I sat NS at Table 2, and we had a good game going. Chris and Debbie were our opponents for one of our top boards, but it could have been a galaxy-wide top. It was Board 4. As South, Mel picked up:
 ♠AK76 ♥QJ983 ♦Q95 ♣7. He was in fourth seat, and it went pass by West, INT by me, and pass by East. What would you bid over INT? Is this a Stayman hand or do you transfer to hearts and then bid spades?

Mel correctly bid 2♣, Stayman. The plan is to first see if there is a major fit in either major. If partner bids 2♥ or 2♠, mission accomplished, but if not, if partner rebids 2♦, denying a major, then you can show your 5-card heart suit and forcing to game strength. You must jump here to make a forcing bid, as 2♥ would be drop dead or invitational, depending on agreements. Some pairs would bid 3♥ over 2♦ to show five hearts, but a convention called Smolen allows you to jump rebid in spades (3♠) to show this exact major-suit holding of four spades and five hearts. The idea is that if you do have a 5-3 heart fit, then partner (the strong hand) gets to declare it.

Just going to take a moment here to give you one of the best tips for utilizing Stayman, a tip I got from bridge teacher Linda Tuff of Halifax: When you bid 2♣ Stayman, you are saying, "I have a four-card major; do you?" Bidding suddenly makes so much sense when you use Stayman because you promise at least one four-card major. Say you are 6-4 (or even 7-4) in the majors. Start with Stayman; again, because you promise one four-card major. Take the 5-4 shaped hand of Mel's: start with Stayman. Only if you are 5-5 in the majors do you transfer to one major and then bid the other. By not using Stayman, partner will know you do not have a four-card major; ergo, you must be at least 5-5 to bid two majors naturally, the first one via a transfer.

So that was Mel's plan. However, a funny thing happened. After Mel's Stayman bid of 2♣, West

doubled for a club lead. (The double of an artificial bid usually shows length and strength in that suit.) Partner now redoubled to show willingness to play in 2♣xx. Perhaps Mel and I were on shaky ground here as we had never discussed Responder's follow up bids after this start to the auction. Rather than declare a 5-1, or worse, a 4-1 fit redoubled, Mel made the practical bid of 3NT (Hamman's Rule) and that ended the auction. The full deal:

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

Imagine if the contract ended up being 2♣ re-wound. Deep Finesse says it is makable, but will it make in real life? Everyone who ever played bridge, plus the janitor, plus my 6-year-old niece who barely knows how to play Fish, would place the club queen with West and thus take a first-round club finesse, only to lose to East's singleton ♣Q. Rats! So I don't know if 2♣xx would make in principle. But let's say the defence goofs up and 2♣xx makes—do you know what the score for that is? Hint: it's better than 3NT making 6 (+690) which is what we scored up. A vulnerable 2♣xx just in is worth +760, surely a galaxy wide top.

Now let's talk about that double of Stayman. Talking to you...Debbie. There are two schools of thought here. One, as stated earlier, a double of an artificial bid usually shows length and strength in the suit bid.

Clearly West has clubs “in spades,” so to speak, (7 clubs is definitely length) but the 6 5 4 3 2 of clubs are not strong in bridge. Poker, yes. Fantastic in poker. Pot winning in poker. But that’s poker and we were not playing duplicate poker. That’s one school of thought. The other school is best represented in clichés: 1) Bridge is a bidder’s game; 2) You *pays* your money, you *takes* your chances; 3) Life is short; and 4) Sorry, partner, I had the spade 10 mixed in with my clubs. So on that note, heck—do as you please and have fun.

Chris, being a good partner that he is, led his singleton club queen and so that gave me three winners in that suit. Debbie ducked the club queen lead, so I won the king in hand. I only had three or four tricks in both spades and diamonds depending on breaks, so I attacked hearts by leading low from hand. I didn’t see the point of using an entry to take a heart finesse as I would still have to deal with the ♥10 even if I found the ♥K onside. Chris ducked his king, so the ♥Q held. I came back to hand in diamonds to knock out the

club ace. Debbie won and played the spade 10 after seeing her partner show out in clubs. Now I could win the ♠Q in hand and run my winners. Chris got squeezed so I made 12 tricks. Mel and I went on to finish first overall with a 70% game, for real(!), good for 1.35 monsterpoints. Chris and Debbie finished second EW with a 54.5% game while Tom Rajnovich and his partner Marilyn McKeeman were second NS with a 56.5% game.

Folks, I cannot recommend the Kincardine experience highly enough. They’re all so friendly and hospitable and the town of Kincardine is perfect for exploring, especially in the summer. Below is that famous Lake Huron sunset, taken from the Bruce’s deck when I visited a couple years ago.

For those of you scoring at home, that’s two games down and eight games to go. The OBO will continue next issue. Y’all come back in November for Part II.





And the KB goes to . . . Glenna Richardson

For the year 2025, Unit 166 has named Glenna Richardson as its recipient of the prestigious Kate Buckman Award. Glenna is a multi-tasker in bridge, as she works both as a co-manager of the Toronto East Bridge Club, alongside the fabulous Laurie Miller, and as a tournament chair, namely the GTA Labour Day tourney. This year the Labour Day tournament will be held in Oakville. Glenna was in Education for years, having started as a teacher in 1969 at Cedarbrook Junior Public School. She worked at various schools until 2001 when she completed the circle and retired as principal at Cedarbrook Junior Public School. The Kib sat down with Glenna to talk about her winning the Kate Buckman Award which is awarded to the person who most contributes to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge.

Kib: Glenna, congrats on the KB—you earned it! Love playing at your club and I love that you hire my boys to caddy at your tournaments. But enough about me. Let's talk about you and so let's start with when you first learned to play bridge—where and when was that?

Glenna: When I retired, I met up with three friends at a retirement tea. Of course, we were talking about what we would do to fill our retirement days. One friend said, "I've always wanted to learn to play bridge." Then there was a chorus of, "I've always wanted to play bridge, too!" Repeat. Repeat. I contacted a former colleague, Bob Carey, again recently retired, who was always bugging me about learning to play bridge. We formed a group and started studying, following Audrey Grant's text, Bridge

Basic One. Bob was a great coach to our early learning. We would attend the lesson on a Monday evening, then we would meet on a Thursday afternoon to practise the lesson. We always had Bob on speed dial if we ran into problems.

Kib: So, Bob Carey was an early mentor—is there anyone else who helped you navigate your bridge journey?

Glenna: Yes, Bob was my early and ongoing mentor, until his death. He encouraged me to pursue teaching qualifications with Audrey Grant. Kate Buckman's Bridge Club was still operating at that



*Cooking the turkey for Christmas Lunch at TEBC
Joan Patterson, Rob Carson, Ken Richardson, Glenna*

time, so I attended Barbara Seagram's classes at every opportunity. Joel Shapiro and Suzanne Kosky provided support for my bridge classes at Partner's Bridge Club. Wayne Ruttan gave us tremendous support when we were setting up the games at Toronto East Bridge Club. He provided technical expertise and moral support.

Kib: As we all know, bridge is not an easy game to learn—it takes patience and resilience and diligence. What kept you coming back?

Glenna: I was smitten with the game. I bought and read any book about bridge that I could get my hands on. I discovered groups of friends who invited me to join their games. I played as often as I could.

Kib: Can you tell us about your foray into duplicate? Did you have any of the proverbial beginner's luck? Or was it a struggle? Or something in between...

Glenna: One of the members of my inaugural group was as addicted as I was, and with Bob's



Easter Regional 2025

1st row: Dale Larkin, Diane Westgate, Glenna, Linda Redford, Margaret Redford, Jane Ray

2nd row: Jan Mahood, Deborah Braithwaite, Laurie Miller, Kit Moore

3rd row: Penny Ballagh, Helen Kay, Donald Swaine, Bill Dunk-Green

4th row: Warren Viegas

encouragement, we began to attend Wayne Ruttan's supervised play at Kate Buckman's. That was a very gentle, encouraging introduction to duplicate. We soon graduated to the next level and joined the 'real' bridge players in the bigger games. I never looked on it as a struggle. My partner and I had a shared passion for the game. We would attend a game then spend the next couple of days on the phone, studying the hand records, drilling each other on the meaning of bids and learning conventions. We soon forayed into playing in tournaments at the Royal York.

Kib: Do masterpoints matter to you very much?

Glenna: I admire players who have amassed a large number of masterpoints. I have not had the opportunity recently to play as much as I would like. As a consequence, my masterpoint acquisition has suffered. Maybe one day...

Kib: Let's talk about the Toronto East Bridge Club. How did you end up teaming with Laurie Miller to start the TEBC?

Glenna: I had the great fortune of meeting Laurie Miller in one of my classes when I was teaching at Momiji Centre in Scarborough. She was a very keen learner and convinced me to teach at Centre 55 in Toronto. We became good friends and when Ada Spanjaard put out the call to players interested in forming a bridge club in the east end, Laurie was eager to participate. Toronto East Bridge Club started with a committee of nine members who contributed funds for the start-up costs. The club operated for one year before we shut down because of Covid. Laurie and I kept the club going during the shutdown by running games on BBO. We purchased the club in 2024 and have shared directing and managing duties since.

Kib: How do you and Laurie break down your duties/responsibilities?

Glenna: Laurie and I are fluid when it comes to doing what needs to be done at the bridge club. It

is a rare and wonderful thing in life when you find someone with whom you can work so co-operatively. We don't agree on everything, but we are able to solve problems, get the job done and have a lot of fun in the process. We both try to be at the club in lots of time to set up tables and treats. Most often Laurie does the registration. I assist with providing nametags and entering data if there are new players. We share directing duties and usually one or both of us are 'designated' partners for anyone who shows up without a partner. We both teach, usually three times per year, fall, winter and spring. Laurie is more involved in technical and financial matters, and she produces the weekly bulletin. We collaborate on content. I look after renewal of sanctions and communication with ACBL. I have been heavily involved with setting up special food-related events such as our Christmas & Volunteer lunch and 'Souper' Saturday. Laurie has helped run the Beach Pub Crawl and other pub nights. We co-ordinate our holidays so that one of us is always there to carry on if the other is out of the country.



Prepping for Volunteer Appreciation Lunch with sister-in-law, Sally Richardson

Kib: You had me at Souper Saturday. Details please.

Glenna: We occasionally run a Saturday game, mostly to welcome and accommodate the younger players who are still working and can't participate in the Wednesday afternoon games. There is usually a themed food component attached to the event. Our first Souper Saturday was in April; it had a Canadian elbows-up theme. We served tomato soup (delicious: made with roasted tomatoes by Donald Swaine), with grilled cheese sandwiches, butter tarts, and Nanaimo bars for dessert. Cost was \$20 for lunch and bridge. We have not confirmed the date of the next Souper Saturday with the church, but it will be fall-themed, likely a squash soup, the squash grown by Ken Richardson.

Kib: I am salivating. (~wipes chin~) What a great initiative! What else can you share with us about running a bridge club?



Glenna giving her KB acceptance speech at the Toronto Easter Regional

Glenna: I always like to quote Barbara Seagram when she says, "If you want to make a million dollars running a bridge club, start with two million." I find that running a bridge club requires a tremendous amount of time and effort. Because we rent space in a church, the tables and chairs must be set up and taken down for each game and lesson. We have had the good fortune of hosting presentations by both Audrey Grant and Barbara Seagram. Some of the positives have included: celebrating birthdays every month, hosting special lunches like Souper Saturday and a Volunteer Appreciation (when we serve lasagna). Also, assisting with the Beaches Pub Crawl, running the Bayview/Wildwood tournament in September, oh and our butter tart bake-off.

Kib: Are there any club members' stories you would like to share? Did anyone do well at the Easter Regional or go on to become a Life Master?

Glenna: As a new retiree, Donald Swaine joined our bridge lessons at Centre 55. He has become an ardent student of all aspects of the game of bridge and recently has qualified as club director. He has been a tremendous support to Laurie and me and Club members in general. Other players that we have coached and mentored have gone on to play in tournaments. At last year's NABC in Toronto, over 30% of volunteers were from the TEBC.

Kib: For such a short period of time you have accomplished a lot, Glenna. You remind me of Patti Lee when she burst on the scene in the early 90s. You are co-managing the TEBC, you're chairing the Labour Day tourney, and are doing so again, and you were a super-volunteer at the 2024 NABC in Toronto. Can you share with us a few things you have learned?

Glenna: I have come to appreciate the amount of time, effort, and volunteerism that goes into staging tournaments at all levels. There is tremendous support and leadership present in the bridge community in Unit 166. I value the guidance of Darlene Scott

in figuring out the logistic and financial aspects of the events. We can always count on directors like Nancy Strachan, Martin Hunter, Cathy Kinsella and Edmund Fok. The success of the Toronto NABC was recognized by many visitors and local players in July of last year. There was national as well as civic pride expressed. Bridge volunteers were given the chance to shine, and they glowed.

Kib: Are there any fun stories you can tell from being a bridge player? Anything, really.

Glenna: These are not really fun stories per se, but I use them as anecdotes when I'm teaching to let learners know there can be hope. When Partner's Bridge Club was operating, my partner, Penny Ballagh, and I played together often. On one occasion, the director was called three times for a revoke...from the same hand...mine. Another time I put Penny in a 7♦ contract. We had a total of six diamonds between us.

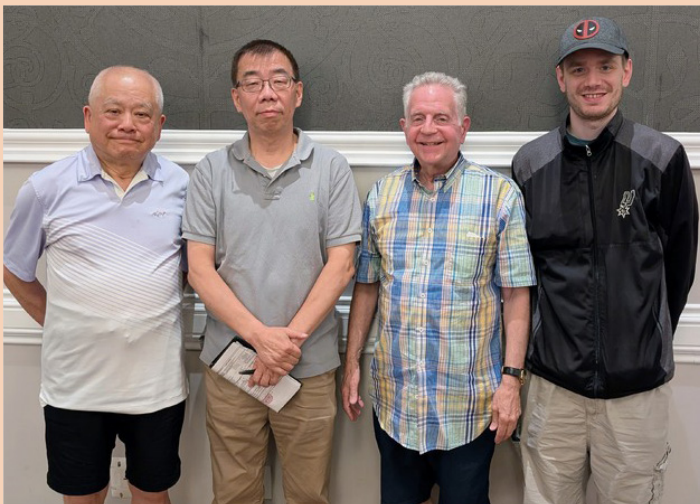
Miraculously, she will still play with me.

Kib: Holly Lipsett conducted a nice interview of you a few years back when you first started the TEBC. Let's close off this interview with one of the answers you gave to Holly. She asked, (and I paraphrase), "What works best for newcomers when they take up bridge?"

Glenna: Three things come immediately to mind. It is wise to take lessons and then to find an amenable partner. This is the key to keeping at it because you keep learning something new together every time you sit at a bridge table. And third, become part of a group of "newbies." Play out hands, discuss, and play them again. Entrench the learning concepts. Besides, the social aspects in a group are very rewarding, too.

Kib: Thanks, Glenna. Hope to see you for squash soup on a Saturday in the fall.

Waterloo Regional Winners



Richard Chan, Shihong You, Jonathan Steinberg & Alex Hudson won Thurs/Fri KO (1); 2nd Sunday Bracketed Teams (1)



Paul Janicki, Andrei Prodan, Terrence Rego & Jiawei Luo won Sunday Open Bracketed teams (1)

Photos by J.S.



A Taste of Bridge

I first met Lorraine Eaglesham at the Cambridge Sectional last spring. We were playing teams; my partner and I bid to 6♠ but Lorraine and her husband took the sac and bid 7♥. My side had a whoopsie and pushed on to 7♠ which had no play. That was a big swing to the Eagleshams. Undaunted, I am happy to report of an exciting initiative brought on by Lorraine and Unit 246. No, it's not learning to make profitable sacrifices, although maybe one day she will teach that, too.



Lorraine is a bridge teacher in York Region, and she serves on the Unit 246 Board as Education Coordinator. She has been teaching bridge for ten years. Prior to COVID, Lorraine worked with Barbara Seagram and Josee Hammill. Since COVID, she has been on her own teaching online and face-to-face. Unit 246 is trying various approaches to attract new players to the game. Along these lines, starting in September, Lorraine is going to be running a few free 90-minute Introduction to Bridge sessions for people who have never played bridge. One of these is already scheduled in conjunction with the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) of which she is a member. Lorraine is looking at running at least two more sessions in York Region.

Naturally the Kib has questions...

Kib: Unit 246 is not alone in trying something new to increase the number of bridge players. Please tell us some more details of your initiative called, 'A Taste of Bridge.'

Lorraine: That's right, Andy! As you know, we have an aging group of players, and we need to rebuild our base. We also really want to promote the pleasure of more face-to-face play. Although we have seen a rebound in face-face play since COVID, we are not back to the previous levels. It is an ongoing task, but our latest endeavour is to offer some free introductory sessions. During a 90-minute session, newbies get to learn what the game is all about. Barbara Seagram and Josee Hammill have done this successfully in Toronto and we want to give it a try in our area.

Kib: I have been playing bridge for almost 100 years, and I am still not sure I understand the game. How much can newbies learn in 90 minutes?

Lorraine: There have been some attempts at attracting new players with a 'Learn Bridge in a Day' approach. In my view, the content was too overwhelming. My objective is for the attendees to get a good flavour of the joys of the game and have fun doing so. **No bidding, no scoring. Just playing!** Participants leave with a smile not with a headache!

Kib: Sounds good! When and where are these sessions?

Lorraine: One will be at the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Unionville from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Wed., September 17. A second one will be with The Association of Retired Teachers of Ontario. They

have invited me to present **A Taste of Bridge** at their OpenHouse on Thurs., September 25th at Meadowbrook Golf Club in Gormley. A third one is being planned in Markham. These sessions are for people who have *never* played bridge before.

Kib: How can our members help?

Lorraine: Share your love of the game by encouraging friends and family to attend a session.

For more info or to register, please email: bridgewithlorraine@gmail.com or go to bridgewithlorraine.com

Spaces are limited.

Kib: OK. Good luck to you. Let us know how you make out.





Director Please!

By Martin Hunter

I have received a lot of questions regarding artificial 2♣ opening bids.

The ACBL defines a “**very strong**” hand as:

- i) a hand with 20+ HCPs
- ii) within one trick of game (9 tricks in a major, 10 tricks in a minor), on a normal lie of cards provided there are 14+ HCPs or 5+ controls with an ace being two controls, and a king one control (AAK,AKKK)

An artificial 2♣ opener needs to be a ‘very strong’ hand, with the following Open Chart exception: In an Open game, we can open 2♣ with a “**strong**” hand (15+ HCPs), not meeting the above criteria, provided:

- a) We alert and explain our criteria for opening 2♣ (online – by the 2♣ bidder; in-person – by partner of the 2♣ bidder)
- b) Our criteria for opening 2♣ is clearly outlined on our convention card; i.e. 8.5 quick tricks, 9 winners, 4 losers, point count (19+, 18+...)

If the failure to alert damages the opponents (rare), an adjusted score may be awarded. A procedural penalty may be considered for repeated failures to alert.

In a restricted MP game (0-3000 MPs), we cannot open 2♣, unless “very strong.” With a “strong” hand, you must open at the one-level and proceed accordingly.

If the illegal 2♣ opening bid gains an advantage for the offending side, an adjusted score may be awarded. A procedural penalty may be considered for the illegal bid.

Here are some examples of “**very strong**” hands – they can be opened with 2♣ in any game:

1) ♠ AKQxx ♥ AK109 ♦ — ♣ KJxx	2) ♠ 94 ♥ AKQ109864 ♦ 3 ♣ A7	3) ♠ AQ10876543 ♥ AKQ ♦ 3 ♣ —	4) ♠ AKQ109432 ♥ 32 ♦ 4 ♣ KQ
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- 1) Has 20 HCPs – some may choose to open 1♠ and jump shift
- 2) Has only 13 HCPs, but has 9 quick tricks in hearts and five controls
- 3) Has only 15 HCPs, but is cold for 4♠ and has five controls
- 4) Has only 14 HCPs, but is cold for 3♠

Here are some hands that I have seen opened 2♣ - they are all just “strong.”

Can be opened with 2♣ in an Open Game only, provided they are alerted and described properly by the bidders, and on their CC:

1) ♠ Axx ♥ — ♦ AQx ♣ AKQ10432	2) ♠ AJ87 ♥ AKQJ108 ♦ A62 ♣ —	3) ♠ KQJ10843 ♥ — ♦ A62 ♣ AJ2	4) ♠ AQJ3 ♥ AQJ832 ♦ A ♣ J3
5) ♠ AKQJ765432 ♥ Q3 ♦ 5 ♣ —	6) ♠ AKQ532 ♥ AQ62 ♦ K85 ♣ —	7) ♠ KQ986 ♥ KQ103 ♦ AK8 ♣ J	

- 1) Cold for 3♣ – has only 19 HCPs (Change clubs to a major, or add 1 HCP, and we can open 2♣)
- 2) Has only 8 sure tricks in hearts – and only 19 HCPs
- 3) Has only 8 sure tricks in spades – and only 15 HCPs
- 4) Has only 8 sure tricks in hearts – and only 19 HCPs
- 5) Cold for 4♠, but has only 12 HCPs; does not have 5 controls; cannot be opened 2♣ in any game
- 6) 18 HCPs – standard jump shift a after a 1♠ opening; not close to ‘very strong’
- 7) 18 HCP – standard jump shift, after a 1♠ opening; not close to ‘very strong’

Any questions and/or comments should be directed to martinhunter@rogers.com

Seen at the NABC in Philly...



Linda Hechter & Joanne Gray



Olivia Laufer and her dad John

Photos by J.S.

Correspondence



RESPONSE TO THE LETTER WRITTEN BY THE UNIT 249 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING ACBL'S USE OF EDGAR AND THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

While I agree with parts of the letter written by the Unit 249 Board of Directors, I believe, like many others, that the issue is being clouded by arguments that are off base.

When COVID hit, the world was suddenly thrown into online bridge. No one was prepared—especially not the ACBL, which had to find a quick way to generate revenue in order to survive. At first, anyone could open a club with very few rules or regulations, and from there, things snowballed. Online tournaments offering all colour points were rapidly introduced—again, to help the ACBL fund itself.

Stop and think: when playing face-to-face bridge, how often do you mutter under your breath what you hope your partner will play or lead? The answer is: almost every hand. The competitiveness in all of us takes over—we are playing a highly competitive game. Now suddenly, you're sitting in a room alone. You can text, call, or even shout out suggestions to your partner. It's very tempting. Some failed to resist that temptation.

Three years later, the ACBL introduced a computer program—**EDGAR**—designed to analyze hands and flag suspicious activity. The ACBL has chosen to run this program across all players who participated in online bridge. This process takes time, which partly explains why the ACBL appears slow in acting on these cases.

Here's where things get murky. Once flagged, the ACBL notifies the player and offers options—options that seem designed to make things easier for the ACBL, not the accused. The choices? Accept a lesser suspension or pay a \$900 USD fee to go to binding arbitration with an ACBL-appointed arbitrator. Notably, the ACBL does not use the EDGAR-flagged hands in arbitration. Instead, human reviewers examine the hands and decide which ones they find suspicious based on EDGAR's analysis. The rationale? EDGAR data might be too complex for arbitrators and could open the door to challenges of the system itself.

The penalty for being caught has also changed multiple times during this process. The ACBL appears to be trying to balance fairness with cost- and time-efficiency. For example, Sylvia Shi was suspended for three years and lost 25% of her masterpoints. Under today's guidelines, the penalty would have been two years and 10%.

Current punishment is based on a player's experience, as measured by masterpoints. This should be the first point of contention. Punishment should be determined on an individual basis, with all personal circumstances considered. Giving a two-year suspension to an 80-year-old is not the same as giving the same punishment to a younger person.

Finally, the waters are further muddied by the fact that nearly every person accused is described as "really innocent," especially by partners and friends. But sometimes, we must accept the evidence and facts.

When the time is right, we should welcome them back—with a clean slate and a fresh start.

~Randy Breuer

In Memoriam



CHERYL BROMFIELD

Cheryl and I met at the Scarborough Bridge club run by Dorothy and Paul Howley about 45 years ago. We were both new to duplicate bridge, so we started to play together, and a friendship blossomed.

We spent hours together bidding hands from The Bridge World magazine. She was always East, and I was always West. We worked hard to improve and become competitive.

I believe we formed a formidable partnership. One year at the Easter Regional, we won both the Women's Pairs and the Women's Teams. The biggest surprise was qualifying for the finals in Halifax for the CWTC in 1985. We played with Doreen Bernhardt, Valerie Carr, Susie Cooper and Dianne Balcombe; Keith Balcombe was our NPC. Cheryl and I were the established partnership! At that time, a team had to qualify at the club level, followed by the unit level before going to the finals. It was quite a feather in our cap.

Cheryl and I spent a lot of time enjoying each other's company. We used to get together for dinner every week. After I moved out of town, we made a point of getting together any time I was in town, usually once every three months. Then COVID hit and connecting became difficult. We had some visits where I would stand in her driveway, and she would stand on her front porch.

Cheryl has three sons, and several grandchildren, all of whom she channeled her attention towards. I will cherish the time we spent together and miss her forever and always.

~Debbie Bennett

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SHELAGH PAULSSON

Shelagh was a dear friend and a great mentor to me, Sheri Winestock, the Caplan brothers, and Brad Boyle when we first came on the (bridge) scene as teenagers in the early 1980s.

For 20+ years starting in the early 1990s, Shelagh worked closely with Sheri and me at Bridge Base on a variety of software projects. She was a true pioneer in the field of online bridge education. Whenever a BBO member asked me to recommend a teacher, Shelagh was the obvious answer. Her students adored her and benefited greatly

from her wisdom, experience, and kindness.

Shelagh was a truly wonderful human being who will not be forgotten.

~Fred Gitelman

When Fred moved to Vegas to find fame and fortune in US bridge, my brother David needed a new partner as I was still far too immature to play with him - that would take another 25 years.

Big shoes to fill but luckily Shelagh Paulsson came into our lives - who knew he'd be able to upgrade! We had known her through bridge circles, and she had an amazing reputation. She and David were highly compatible and formed a partnership based on respect, laughter, and skill. Shelagh ended up moving in with Brad Boyle and me and became a house mother, a mentor, and most of all, a friend to us both.

Shelagh always had a good story, a smile, and some of the best expressions ever like, "Excellento Parlamento." I will miss Shelagh very much.

~Mark Caplan

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1585 Yonge St., Toronto, ON
Rob Drummond 647-629-3408
info@torontobridge.ca

- Wed 12:00 pm Open
- Thur 9:00 am Limited (0-500)
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Linda Lord lindaleelord@hotmail.com

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- Tues 6:45 pm Open
- Thurs 12:30 pm 0-300

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Unit #3, 18 Alliance Blvd., Barrie
705-721-9233

Jane Foster janekf74@hotmail.com

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/barrie/>

- Mon 1:00 pm 299er
- Tues 1:00 pm Open
- Wed 1:00 pm Open
- Fri 12:00 pm Open

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Belleville, K8N 3P9

Club website: www.bridgewebs.com/belleville

- Tues & Thurs 1:00 pm Open

Club manager - Peter Tarle peter@tarle.com

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232 Spencer Street E., Cobourg

pgiannandrea@gmail.com

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Orillia Square Mall, Unit 22
1029 Brodie Drive,
Severn Twp. L3V 0V2
705-323-4944

Jean Belfour: jeanbelfour007@gmail.com

Club website: www.bridgewebs.com/Orillia

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- Wed 1:00 pm 299er
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- Tues 7:00pm Learning game
- Wed 1:00 pm Open
- Thurs 1:00 pm Social
- Fri 12:00 pm Bid Euchre

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705-745-2331

Anne Martens ptbobridge@gmail.com

- Mon 1:00 pm Open
- Mon 1:00 pm 49ers
- Tues 1:00 pm 0-750
(one partner must be under 750 mps)
- Wed 1:00 pm Open
- Thurs 1:00 pm 0-750
- Fri 1:00 pm Open

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Richmond Hill, L4C 1W1

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Medhat Fawzy medhatfawzy@hotmail.com

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- Wed 1:00 pm Open

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Marica Janisse
Private: May thru December

- Tues 6:30 pm

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Randy Breuer

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Kathy Russell

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519-524-9635
Mary-Lynne Telford

- Tues 1:00 pm Open

Please see our website for schedule details.
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23 Victoria Rd N, Guelph, N1E 5G6
519-400-4053
Thea Davis

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Tom Rajnovich
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- Wed 9:30 am Mentor
- Fri 12:45 pm Open

Please see our website for schedule details:
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Jan Chappelle janchappelle@gmail.com

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Simcoe, N3Y 4H6
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