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Canada's national women's team is Venice Cup-bound after defeating Mexico in a playoff at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Toronto on August 23 and 24. From left to right: Beverly Kraft, Brenda Bryant, Diana Gordon, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton, and Francine Cimon.

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 Tue Nov 25 7.30 pm
 Fri Nov 28 7.30 pm

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Sun Nov 30 12.30 pm



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Tue Dec 2 7.30 pm
 Sat Dec 6 5.00 pm
 7.30 pm

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 Bridge Follows: \$5.00. Open Game & Also Separate 0-100/0-300

Tue Dec 9 12.30 pm
 Tue Dec 9 7.30 pm

Open Pairs Championship: Open/0-300 & 0-200
 Canadian Open Pairs Championship Club Qualifying.
 Extra Master Points. Add \$2.50

Fri Dec 12 12.30 pm
 Sat Dec 13 7.30 pm

Open Pairs Championship: Open/0-500/0-300
 Open Pairs Championship: Open/0-300

Tue Dec 16 11.00 am

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12.30 pm

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Wed Dec 17 7.30 pm
 Tue Jan 13 7.30 pm
 Sun Jan 18 12.30 pm

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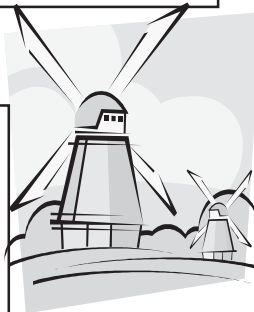
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DAY	PORT	ARR	DEP
1	Ft Lauderdale		5pm
2	At sea		
3	At sea		
4	At sea		
5	At sea		
6	At sea		
7	Azores (Ponta Delgada)	12pm	6pm
8	At sea		
9	Lisbon	12pm	7pm
10	Vigo, Spain	9am	6pm
11	At sea		
12	Le Havre (Paris)	7am	7pm
13	Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	9am	7pm
14	Hamburg (Berlin)	11pm	
15	Hamburg (Berlin)		11pm
16	At sea		
17	Oslo	7am	1pm
18	Copenhagen	5am	

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Editor's Note:

We have received quite a number of address changes lately, despite there being a notice in every issue of the Kibitzer that we **do not**, repeat, do not, keep an address file. For every issue, the firm which does the mailout for us receives an electronic file from the ACBL in Memphis. So, please, send your address changes to the ACBL, not to the Kibitzer.

There is another reason you might not receive the Kibitzer - you are not a paid-up member of the Unit. You become a member of the unit in which you reside simply by paying your ACBL dues. Keep them up-to-date.

November's Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup will see appearances by local players Darren Wolpert, Gavin Wolpert, Barbara Clinton, Joan Eaton, Diana Gordon, and Beverley Kraft. Our best wishes go to them and their teams, not least of which is because I am NPC of the Venice Cup Team. George Mittelman will captain the Bermuda Bowl team.

I received a very unusual request a few weeks ago, and that was to spice up my Editorials with some controversy! I pointed out that the title says Editor's Note, not Editorial, and that anyway, I had mellowed since the days when I first edited the Kibitzer in the 1980's. I am certain the Boards of Directors of our three Units do not share that person's opinion!

John Carruthers, Editor

Kibitzer Editorial Policy: The Kibitzer is published to promote bridge and to inform members of ACBL Units 166, 246 and 249 about tournaments and special events, as well as to entertain with hands and articles of interest. It is also a forum for the exchange of information and opinion among the members. Opinions expressed in articles or letters to the Editor are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Unit Boards of Directors or the Editor. The Kibitzer reserves the right to exclude or edit submitted material.

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ONTARIO UNIT NO. 166 NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Five Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years and nominations are invited for these positions. Nominees must be members of Unit 166. The election will be held from Wednesday 7 April 2004 through Saturday 10 April 2004 at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional. Nomination forms must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee, and **must** be received by the **Unit 166 Secretary by 16 March 2004**. The Spring issue of The Kibitzer will publish a picture and short resume (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information, together with their nomination form, to the **Unit Secretary by 15 December 2003**. The schedule and locations of the advance polls will be published in the Spring Kibitzer. The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional for one hour and will close 15 minutes prior to game time of each afternoon and evening session on the election days.

UNIT 166 NOMINATION FORM

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Is hereby nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors of ACBL Unit 166.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____

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ACBL # _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE _____

ACBL # _____

Please send nominations to:

Unit 166 Secretary, 342 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, ON M4E 3S8

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that an annual and special meeting of the Members of THE ONTARIO UNIT NO. 166 OF THE AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE will be held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on 3 January 2004 at 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of:

- a) Receiving the financial statements and the report of the Auditor for the fiscal year ending 31 August, 2003;
- b) Appointing an Auditor;
- c) Receiving the report of the Directors;
- d) Confirming two amendments to By-law No. 4 of the Corporation providing for:
 - 1) advance polls to be held for the election of directors immediately prior to the Toronto Easter Regional as well as having a polling station open during the Toronto Easter Regional; and
 - 2) changing the period by which notice of change of by-laws must be given from thirty (30) days to seven (7) days;
- e) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, the 6th day of September, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
I. Warner, Secretary

Attention Club Managers

New Page on Unit 166 Website

Webmaster Martin Hunter has created a new page on the Unit 166 website for Club Qualifying Games, where dates and locations will be listed for the CNTC, COPC, GNT and NAOP games played in the clubs. As well, District and Zone Final information will be listed.

Contact Martin with the dates of qualifying games in your club at mhunter@primus.ca



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Letter from the President

The executive of Unit 246 met during the Batawa tournament. This resurrected tournament was a tremendous success, thanks to the work of Charlotte St. Amant and a legion of volunteers. Kudos to you all. Items of interest discussed include Constitutional changes, which will be introduced in the near future. We are hoping to streamline policies for the future. The executive also passed a motion to allow each Sectional Tournament Chairperson to have a draw for four-\$5 and four-\$10 off coupons for each Sectional Tournament. These prizes will be in addition to the ones usually given.

There have been some changes on the executive. Craig Barkhouse, our Webmaster, is going back to school. His youthful enthusiasm and computer expertise will be missed. All the best in your studies Craig, try not to minor in bridge. Cindy Forth has volunteered to take over this position. Bryce Johnston, a new member, will be our Kibitzer Liaison and check for any changes needed in the Kibitzer and Web sites. Please contact him at bryce2@sympatico.ca if you see any changes that need to be made. Bryce will also help Tom Kinnear as he prepares for our September 2004 Regional to be held in Barrie. Janis Halbert is taking the job as Club Contact.

The executive would like to thank Marilyn Kalbfleisch for coordinating a successful Bridge Teacher's Workshop at Barrie. There were 18 teachers who discussed a myriad of issues, including promotion and motivation, teaching special

populations, tricks of the trade, etc. A special thank you to Barbara Seagram and Alex Kornel for their input. Marilyn also attended a Unit Growth Seminar and will be working on further initiatives soon.

As I expected, I missed at least one person who had a great bridge accomplishment for our Unit. Congratulations to Barbara Clinton, who is a member of the victorious Canadian Women's Team which recently defeated Mexico for a berth in the Venice Cup.

Tournament Chairpersons are reminded to contact Terry Hartley at 613-398-7633 directly so he can arrange for sanctions of events.

And lastly, my telephone number is 705-689-3089, not the one previously in the Kibitzer. Please feel free to call me if you have any suggestions, kudos or money to give away. Call the old number in the Kibitzer should you have any complaints :) Hope to see you at the Oshawa Teams November 1 and 2.

Danny Schamehorn, President, Unit 246

Web Sites

The Kibitzer web site is in Unit 166's

Unit 166: www.toronto-bridge.com

Unit 246: <http://members.rogers.com/unit246/>

Unit 249: www.unit249.ca

ACBL: www.acbl.org; www.acbl.com for on-line play and to follow important competitions.

District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg's home page is: www3.sympatico.ca/jonathan.st (Reports from ACBL Board of Directors meetings, new Life Master list, junior player information, and more.)

Canadian Bridge Federation: www.cbf.ca

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Unit 246
Ace Of Clubs Standings
As of October 1, 2003

Category A – Rookie

Trevor Payne, Thornhill	14.45
Grant Weston, New Lowell	13.18
Joan Rose, Innisfil	12.42

Category B - Junior Master

Elizabeth Chapman-Wyers, Thornhill	19.81
Robert W Heather, Peterborough	18.90
Edward J McKinney, Belleville	14.42

Category C - Club Master

Sandor Olcsvary, Barrie	55.58
Anne M Hawkins, Thornton	39.88
Pauline R Reid, Barrie	27.18

Category D - Sectional Master

Medhat I Fawzy, Belleville	60.76
Nora Hansen, Barrie	53.25
Karin Nielsen, Barrie	49.64

Category E - Regional Master

Joy Smith, Angus	59.88
Paul Temple, Belleville	51.74
Linda Lord, Schomberg	49.21

Category F - NABC Master

Kevin Bosley, Peterborough	96.41
Larry Stefnik, Barrie	65.89
Dwight Goden, Peterborough	65.77

Category G - Life Master

Sharon Bain, Thornhill	49.93
William Todd, Elmvale	47.62
Robert Hanly, Whitby	43.69

Category H - Bronze Life Master

Thomas Kinnear, Innisfil	68.06
Linda, Wilkinson, Innisfil	63.23
Doug Brenner, Lindsay	60.92

Category I - Silver Life Master

Frances Tyler, Bobcaygeon	84.34
Harold Baba, Ajax	83.89
Linda Gottlieb, Thornhill	72.49

Category J - Gold Life Master

Douglas Markovic, Thornhill	145.54
Doug Brown, Innisfil	107.28
K Gottlieb, Thornhill	106.66

Category K - Diamond Life Master

Danny Schamehorn, Washago	122.92
Hans Jacobs, Aurora	49.14
John Duquette, Oshawa	17.54

Unit 246
Mini-McKenney Standings
As of October 1, 2003

Category A - Rookie

Zar Petkov, Aurora	35.62
Roseanne Myers, Richmond Hill	23.01
Rita Menninga, Wellington	14.97

Category B - Junior Master

Elizabeth Chapman-Wyers, Thornhill	27.82
Robert Heather, Peterborough	27.35
Barbara Carey, Markham	19.03

Category C - Club Master

Sandor Olcsvary, Barrie	58.74
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Bidding Quiz for Newer Players II

By Barbara Seagram

C. Responding to an Opening Bid of One of a Suit. Your partner opens the bidding with one club. How will you respond?

1. ♠ J753 ♥ 874 ♦ 83 ♣ AJ76
2. ♠ 864 ♥ AKJ86 ♦ AJ ♣ 842
3. ♠ 742 ♥ KJ ♦ AK7 ♣ 98652
4. ♠ AK4 ♥ KQ54 ♦ Q985 ♣ 6

Answers:

1. Bid one spade. If you were tempted to bid two clubs, that is the last choice on the list of things to do with 6-9 points. When you raise Partner's minor, you deny having a four-card major suit of your own.
2. Bid one heart. Don't even THINK about making a jump shift. That would show 19 points or so. Just bid one heart. This is forcing and partner MUST bid again. MUST. Your bid shows anywhere from 6-18 points. If Partner doesn't bid again, he needs to go back for beginner's lessons.
3. Bid three clubs. A limit raise showing at least five of Partner's suit, NO four-card major, and 10-12 points.
4. Bid one diamond. This is 100% forcing and does not deny a four-card major. Allow Partner to bid one of the majors if she has one. If she bids one heart, you then bid four hearts (same for spades). With four-card suits, Responder bids them UP THE LINE! There is an exception to this rule: with a hand worth only one bid (6-9 points), it is permitted to bypass a four-card diamond suit to bid a four-card major.

D. Rebids by Opening Bidder. You open with one heart, Partner

responds one spade, and it is your turn again. What'll it be?

1. ♠ 9852 ♥ AKJ75 ♦ AQ ♣ Q6
2. ♠ 76 ♥ AJ863 ♦ AJ2 ♣ A82
3. ♠ A3 ♥ AKQ54 ♦ AQ87 ♣ 83
On the following hand, your partner rebids two clubs to your one heart opening bid. It is your turn to rebid.
4. ♠ AK76 ♥ AJ854 ♦ 32 ♣ 42

Answers:

1. Bid three spades. This shows four-card support for Partner's spades and 16-18 points.
2. One no trump. You promise a minimum opening bid (12-14 points) and a balanced hand. With 15 points and a balanced hand, you would have opened one no trump. With fewer than 12 points, you'd have passed!
3. Three diamonds. This is a jump shift (a bid of a new suit one level higher than necessary) by the opening bidder, and shows an unbalanced hand of 19 or more points.
4. I know you want to bid two spades. You must NOT! Your choices as opening bidder with 13-15 points include bidding a new suit of lower rank than the one you opened. If you bid a new suit at the two-level in a higher-ranking suit, you promise 17 or more points. This is called a reverse bid. The answer is that you must rebid two hearts. This does not always promise a six-card suit. Sometimes you are stuck and must rebid your five-card major.

E. Rebids by the Responder. Partner opens one diamond and you bid one heart as responder. Partner now bids one no trump. Your bid...

1. ♠ 64 ♥ AK54 ♦ AQ87 ♣ 983

2. ♠ A3 ♥ Q97542 ♦ 874 ♣ 62
3. ♠ 853 ♥ KJ87 ♦ A7653 ♣ 7

Answers:

1. Bid three no trump. With 13 points as responder, it is your responsibility to get your side to game. You know that partner has 12-14 balanced points, but no more, or she would have opened the bidding with one no trump.
2. Bid two hearts. This shows a weak hand with six hearts. Perfect!
3. Now you can bid three diamonds. Your first bid of one heart showed six or more points. Now you can show partner that you have 10-12 dummy points and at least four diamonds (probably five of them).

F. When the Opponents Have Opened the Bidding. Your right hand opponent has opened one heart. What do you bid with each of the following hands?

1. ♠ J864 ♥ -- ♦ AQJ65 ♣ Q976
2. ♠ AK872 ♥ -- ♦ J954 ♣ Q532
3. ♠ AKQ ♥ Q753 ♦ 87 ♣ QJ74
4. ♠ 98 ♥ A864 ♦ AK92 ♣ Q953

Answers:

1. Double. You have excellent support for all the unbid suits and will love whatever partner bids. Double asks her to show her best suit. You should have 13 or more points to make this bid, and with only 13-15 points you must have at least adequate support for all the unbid suits. One more thing: remember that you are going to be dummy after partner bids her suit, so because you have excellent trump support for anything she might bid, count your void as 5 points (dummy points).
2. One spade. When you have a minimum hand (13-15 points) and a

five-card major suit, bid the major rather than doubling. If you double and partner bids two clubs, you cannot now show her your good spade suit. That would show more points than you have.

3. PASS!! If you make a takeout double you promise to like ALL the unbid suits. Partner will probably bid two diamonds, and then what? You will now have to pass (with a minimum hand you must) and you'll become the dummy, exposing your fraudulence! Remember that the shorter you are in the opponent's suit, the better it is for bidding.
4. PASS!! Same reasons as for no. 3.

G. Responding to a Takeout Double.

Your LHO opens the bidding with one spade and your partner says double. What will you bid after RHO passes?

1. ♠ 753 ♥ J875 ♦ Q65 ♣ 432
2. ♠ 987 ♥ J10865 ♦ AQ8 ♣ K8
3. ♠ 96 ♥ AK743 ♦ A87 ♣ J63

Answers:

1. Two hearts. You are not promising partner a rose garden, merely 0-8 points and four cards in the heart suit.
2. This time you have a few more points. Partner wants to know your best suit AND your point range. With 9-11, you should bid your best suit one level higher than necessary. Bid three hearts. (If you only bid two hearts, partner will assume you have only 0-8 points.
3. You have 13 points, and your partner who doubled has 13 points. You must show your points and your long suit. Bid four hearts. In order to jump to game in a major in response to partner's double, you should have a five card suit or longer.

The Rules: Convention Cards, Slow Play & Cell Phones

By Debbie Bennett

The following quotes are printed in each issue of the Daily Bulletin at every North American Bridge Championship (NABC), followed by my opinion on each of these matters.

“IT TAKES TWO - Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership. If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only Class A conventions and may use only standard carding.”

The article goes on to explain penalties and at which point any restrictions will be lifted after compliance with ACBL regulations.

“SLOW PLAY - Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents - and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty. In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and /or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.”

“TURN ‘EM OFF - Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.”

The cell phone resolution was passed by the ACBL Board of Directors meeting

before the start of the 2000 Summer NABC in Anaheim. While the resolution applies only to NABCs, the board stated, “sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are strongly encouraged to adopt this policy.”

TWO CONVENTION CARDS: I understand that at high levels of bridge, e.g., NABCs and international competitions, it is imperative that each member of a partnership has a convention card legibly filled out and available at all times. It is very important that this regulation be strictly adhered to. This is a good practice to follow at all times in order to avoid problems at any level of bridge. However, most clubs don't insist on this policy and I'm not sure club directors would ever consider being as strict. Most players at the club level would ask that at least one person in a partnership have a completed convention card available at the table.

SLOW PLAY: I'm sure most players would agree with the statement made regarding slow play. Although some hands do require a lot of thought and are difficult to work out, PLEASE, that deuce of diamonds is not going to change into the ace! If you have to go down, do it a little faster. It makes the game much more pleasant for everyone when the game moves along at a proper pace.

CELL PHONES: Last but not least, turn off your cell phone. In my opinion, it's disruptive and rude to answer calls during a session of bridge, and I don't think I'm alone in this matter. If it's necessary to talk to someone, go outside between rounds if you have time. A pager can be put in 'vibrate' mode.

The Road to Monte Carlo

By John Carruthers

If there is a team in this year's Bermuda Bowl which had a tougher time getting there than Canada's, we don't know who it is. For the Fergani Team (Jurek Czyzowicz, Vincent Demuy, Nicolas l'Ecuyer, Kamel Fergani, Darren Wolpert, Gavin Wolpert), the saga began in 2000. That year, Fergani (with Douglas Fraser-Jeff Blond in place of Gavin-Vincent who were 17 and 16, respectively, at the time, and not quite ready for prime time) won the CNTC. Normally that would have entitled them to a playoff among Canada, Mexico and Bermuda to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl in 2001.

However, because of the arcane rules in place at the time, Canada's, Bermuda's, or Mexico's team in the **2000 Olympiad** had to finish in the top half of their group for the Tri-Country Playoff to take place. When all failed to do so, the Zone, and Canada, lost a potential berth in the Bermuda Bowl for 2001 and 2003. Upon appeal, the World Bridge Federation relented partly, allowing that if any team from those countries reached the Knockout Round (32 teams) in the Rosenblum Cup in Montréal, the berth would be reactivated.

Once in a great while, justice is served. The only Canadian team to reach that round of 32 in the Rosenblum was...you guessed it, Fergani! That was not, however, enough for them to get to play in the Bermuda Bowl. They still had to win either the 2002 or 2003 CNTC, then the playoff with the other year's winning team, **then** the playoff with Mexico! Good grief. They won the CNTC this year, beat Maksymetz (last year's winner) in the two-day playoff, then beat Mexico in Montréal in another two-day playoff to finally earn the right

to play in the Bermuda Bowl! We wish them luck.

It would have been too excruciating by half for Fergani to lose a Bermuda Bowl berth due to the poor play of some idiots in an entirely separate event, then regain the Bermuda Bowl berth for Canada in another event with their own good play, then not win that newly-available berth. They could have been forgiven the feeling that fate was against them had that occurred!

The scoreline versus Mexico read like this:

	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8
Can	60	89	123	177	234	298	319	344
Mex	45	69	120	154	179	222	256	312

Try your hand at the following declarer play problem. It foiled Nicolas l'Ecuyer, so don't feel too bad if you don't succeed.

Board 19. Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ Q6
 ♥ J7
 ♦ AK102
 ♣ AQ1087

♠ AJ
 ♥ AK1094
 ♦ QJ874
 ♣ 6

West	North Fergani	East	South l'Ecuyer
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦ ¹	Pass	7 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 0 or 3 key cards

The opening lead is the club four. How would you play?

Perhaps you were a bit over-exuberant in the auction. You'll need to set up a club

pitch for the jack of spades, or find the spade king onside. Not to mention setting up the hearts. It looks like you'll need good breaks in all suits to have a chance.

That club lead is very suspicious. But should you put all your eggs in the club finesse basket? You decide not. You win the club ace and ruff a club, the jack falling from the opening leader. A diamond to the ace reveals your worst fear, that West has all four trumps – East discards the spade five. Now what?

You may as well continue with the clubs, so you lead another and ruff it high as the king falls. You perk up. Are you going to make this after all? You now have two good clubs in the dummy for discards of the spade and the low heart. A three-three heart break with the queen onside will now see you home. Are there any residual chances?

Sure, you can cash the major suit aces and squeeze east out of a heart if he has the spade king and four hearts to the queen. You do so. The heart queen falls singleton from the opening leader. You draw trumps and claim. Partner says, "Nicely played." Opponents gnash their teeth. Their hands:

♠ K9432	♠ 10875
♥ Q	♥ 86532
♦ 9653	♦ —
♣ KJ4	♣ 9532

Is this what happened at the table? No; l'Ecuyer, nervous lest an early club be overruffed, led a trump to hand. When the vile break was revealed, he drew three rounds of trumps and took a first round heart finesse. When that lost, the losing spade finesse meant two off. Good lead.

This was only a temporary setback, however. The Fergani juggernaut was unstoppable.

When Diana Gordon last played in Monte Carlo for Canada (in 1976), Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy were not yet born and Darren Wolpert was a baby! Still eager to add a team gold medal to her 1982 Mixed Pairs gold, Gordon's team (Brenda Bryant, Francine Cimon, Barbara Clinton, Joan Eaton, Beverly Kraft) staged a dramatic comeback over the last 48 boards to defeat Mexico by 17 IMPs over 128 boards, after being down 57.

The playoff was held over the August 23-24 weekend at the Hotel Inter-Continental in midtown Toronto. The score by segment:

	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8
Can	46	67	89	110	131	175	225	270
Mex	21	51	77	123	178	197	233	253

This board was crucial in Canada's victory. Had Alicia Duran made the following slam, it would have been Mexico going to Monte Carlo instead of Canada.

Board 107. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

♠ AQ532
♥ Q82
♦ A643
♣ A

♠ J10
♥ AJ954
♦ K1095
♣ K9

West	North	East	South
Cimon	Mohan	Kraft	Duran
—	—	—	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♣ ¹	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥ ²
Pass	6 ♦		

1. 4th suit forcing to game
2. 2 key cards

Gordon and Bryant had contented themselves with four hearts in the other room, so 21 IMPs and the match depend on your play. Francine Cimon leads the queen of diamonds. Your plan?

With holes everywhere but clubs, you need to hold those combined suits to one loser. The first decision is in trumps. Who has the jack? You might decide that Francine would never lead the queen from a holding of queen, jack and others – you would be correct. What would she lead from queen, jack doubleton? Perhaps the jack? Is this the dreaded restricted choice at trick one? You decide to win the ace and lead a second diamond to the ten. Francine discards the club seven (upside down count and attitude, so you've jumped the first hurdle successfully.

You may as well take a spade finesse while you're in your hand. You lead the spade jack. It goes king on your left! You win the ace and lead a trump to the nine. Another club is pitched by Cimon. On the last trump, Francine throws yet another club.

You must eventually play on hearts – you play a low heart from hand to the queen. It wins! And better yet, the ten falls from Beverly Kraft. Now you are home, and you lead another heart, eventually losing to the king. But you have the rest. The opponents had:

♠ K984	♠ 76
♥ K763	♥ 10
♦ Q	♦ J872
♣ J763	♣ Q108542

Obviously, that is not what happened at the table. Duran successfully negotiated the trumps and spades, but then lost her way, trying to cash out the spades before playing on hearts. Thus, when Cimon won the heart king, she had a high spade to cash. This contributed 11 IMPs to

Canada's comeback instead of 10 to Mexico's lead. Whew!

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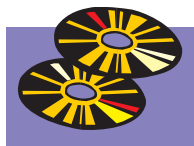
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B – Barry McLuhan; Jeannette McLuhan & Nicole Formanek; Ed Formanek

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A & B – Barbara McVay; Barry Secord

Sat Open Pairs

A & B – Malcolm Coutts; Jim Rife

C – Jeffery Yu; Frank Yu

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Swiss Teams

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B – Gail McDonald; Audrey Devries

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C – Harry Liebrechts; James Mahon

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B – David Watson; Marilyn Smith; Anna MacPearce; Isabel Curtis

Sun Eve 199er Teams

A – Henry Przysiezny; Virginia Przysiezny; Janice Upenieks; Leo Upenieks

B – Donna Lord; Dorothy McNea; Marg Ballantyne; Doris Williams

Batawa – Sep 6-7

Sat Aft 299er Pairs

A, B & C – Ted Stawski; Laurence Grey

Open Pairs

A – H Werkoven; Eva Upper

B – Ralph Lundin; Lillian Lundin

C – James Longley; Alicia Gallow

Sat Eve 299er Pairs

A – Michael Finnegan; Roger Campbell

B – Corinne Babbitt; Patricia Varey

C – Ted Stawski; Laurence Grey

Sun Aft 299er Swiss Teams – Ted Stawski; Laurence Grey; Robert Saptel; Alba Saptel

Sun Eve 299er Swiss Teams – Roy Mitchell; Debra Suller; Joan Peterson; Steven Raj

Open Swiss Teams

A – Don Kersey; Greg McKellar; Paddy Allan; Kenneth Allan

B & C – Dolores Holm; Gloria Mack; D Rikley; Denise Rikley

Hockley Harvest, Mono - Sep 26-28

Saturday Open Pairs

A - Ringo Chung; Helen Hackner

B - Mary Alton; Ilko Dossev

C - Adrian Lilienfeld; Dan Bogotan

Sunday Swiss Teams

A - David Deaves; Colin Lafferty;

Daniel Korbel; Susan Harbour

B&C - Naren Gupta; Lesley

Thomson; Stephen Foster; Daniel

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Steven Larivière

KO Compact B – Suzanne Kosky;
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Sun Pairs A – Arno Hobart; Al Smith

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Monday Aft August 18, 2003**

Open - Chelliah Murugesu; Rana
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0-500 - Hettie Lofchy; Adrienne
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**Open & 0-300 Club Championship
Wednesday Eve August 20, 2003**

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**Open & 500 Pairs Saturday Aft
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September 20, 2003**

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Book Reviews

Play or Defend? 68 Hands to Test Your Bridge Skill, Julian Pottage, Master Point Press, 140 pp., paperback, \$16.95CAN

In just a few short years, Ray and Linda Lee have built Toronto-based Master Point Press into the largest bridge publishing concern in the world. Their authors come from Canada, the USA, Australia, Poland, Israel, and Great Britain. They include the best of Canada such as Paul Thurston, Barbara Seagram, David Silver, and Jim Priebe, as well as world-famous champions such as Eddie Kantar and Larry Cohen.

Julian Pottage is a regular contributor to Bridge Magazine (UK), where he writes a monthly feature on defensive play. Here he freely borrows from a technique developed by Andrew Diosy and the Lees, whereby all four hands are presented as part of the problem. The solution is then given in two parts, interrupted by the question, “would you rather play or defend?” The question is presented more subtly than that though.

I was a little leery at first, thinking that Pottage had perhaps produced merely a book of clever double dummy problems, but this turned out not to be so. A clear writing style, some truly great deals (with no duds), and pinpoint analysis (aided by

the program *Deep Finesse*) have combined to produce an engaging book.

I took Pottage’s advice and read only a few deals at a time, savouring them as I went, often stewing over a particularly thorny deal for a day or so. And, I must say, the answers did not always come!

The deals become more difficult as the book progresses, but don’t be discouraged if you miss an early one, everyone will. A word of warning, however, this is not a book for beginners. It was, however, one of the most enjoyable reads I’ve had in years.

Reviewed by John Carruthers

The Bridge Bum: My Life and Play, Alan Sontag, Master Point Press, 227 pp. (revised), paperback, \$26.95.

When *The Bridge Bum* was first published in 1977, it garnered praise from all sources. Many deemed it the book of the year – the most recent comparison would have been *To Bid or Not to Bid* by Larry Cohen – they created the same kind of stir.

Alfred Sheinwold, who wrote the Foreword to the first edition, closed with, “...*The Bridge Bum* is a book that every bridge player will enjoy reading and that every bridge writer will wish he had written.” I agreed with Freddy then and I agree with him now. This is a great bridge book.

Between the publication of the first and second editions of the book, Sontag has solidified his reputation as a terrific bridge player by winning two Bermuda Bowls, in 1983 in Stockholm and in 2000 in Bermuda.

You may be familiar with some of the anecdotes Sontag relates in the book, but you won’t necessarily know them from an insider’s viewpoint. Even on a second read, the book was a pleasure. I envy anyone picking it up for the first time. Sontag has joined my elite list of authors - those I wish would write more.

Reviewed by John Carruthers

City of Toronto

Sectional



January 2 – 4, 2004

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Friday, January 2

All Games Are Single Session

Stratflighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

A (Separate): 0+; B: 0-1250; C: 0-500

Senior Pairs 1:00 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Pairs 0-20 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-50/100/200 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 3

Bracketed KO Teams 9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Unit 166 Membership Meeting 12:00pm

Flighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

All Flights are Playthrough

A (Separate): 0+; B: 0-1250; C: 0-500

Open Side Game 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Newcomer Game for Pairs 0-5 1:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-20 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Stratified Pairs 0-50/100/200 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 4

Stratflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 am & TBA

A (Separate): 0+; B: 0-1250; C: 0-500

ALL flights scored by Victory Points

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 am & TBA

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Opening Round Open Pairs
Chip Shot 99 ers Pairs



Friday, January 23, at 8:00 PM
Fairway Open Pairs
Chip Shot 99 ers Pairs

Saturday, January 24, at 1:30 PM
West Haven Stratified Open Pairs (playthrough)
Flight A: Unlimited
Flight B: 0-1500 mp
Flight C: 0-500 mp
Front Nine: 99ers Pairs



Saturday, January 24 at 7:30 PM
West Haven Stratified Pairs
(Second Session)

Back Nine: 99ers Pairs

Sunday January 25, at 11:00 AM
Best Ball Bracketed Swiss Teams
(2 Sessions)
99ers Swiss Teams
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Stratified Open Pairs A: 1000+ B: 500-1000 C: 0-500
Stratified 199er Pairs A: 100-199 B: 20-99 C: 0-20
7:30 pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs (A=Separate) B: 500-1,000+C: 0-500)
Stratified 199er pairs
- Sat 24 Jan** 9:30 am Bracketed Knockout Teams - Session 1 of 3
2:00 pm Bracketed Knockout Teams - Session 2 of 3
Stratified Open Pairs - 1st of two sessions
Stratified 199er Pairs - Single session event
Youth Pairs - Single session event
7:30 pm Bracketed Knockout Teams - Final Session
Stratified Open Pairs - Final session
Stratified 199er Pairs - Single session event
Youth Pairs - Single session event.
- Sun 25 Jan** 10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams - 1st session A: 1000+ B: 500-1,000
C: 0-500 Single session entry accepted.
Intermediate/Novice Swiss Teams - Single session (0- 300)
Youth Swiss Teams - Single session event
3:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams - Final session
Intermediate/Novice Swiss Teams - Single session (0-300)
Youth Swiss Teams - Single session event



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

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7

Flight A Pairs (0+)	1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Pairs	1:30 & 7:30
(B: 300-1250; C: 0-300)	
199er Pairs (one session)	1:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) one session ...	1:30
199er Pairs (one session)	7:30
Novice Pairs (0-20) one session ...	7:30
Side Game (if entries warrant)	7:30
ZIP SWISS KO	MIDNIGHT

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

Swiss Teams	11:00AM & TBA
(Stratified A: 0+ B: 300-1250 C: 0-300)	
199er Swiss Teams	11:00 AM & TBA

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Flight A/X (separate) Strat B/C/D
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams **1:00**
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams **7:00**
Separate single 299er sessions, if
numbers permit

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

Stratflighted Swiss Teams **11:00 & TBA**
Flight A/X (separate) Strat B/C/D
Playthrough
Stratflighted 299er Swiss Teams **11:00**
Stratflighted 299er Swiss Teams **TBA**
Separate single 299er sessions, if
numbers permit

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B= 0-1500 C= 0-500 D= 0-300

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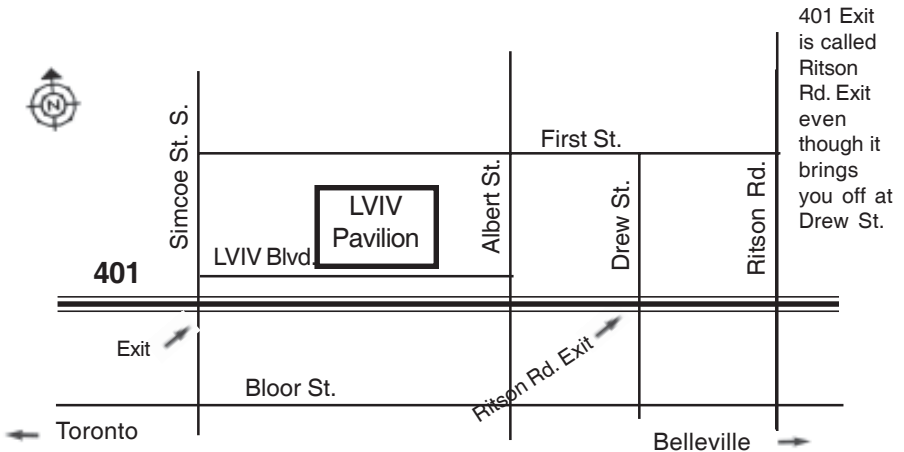
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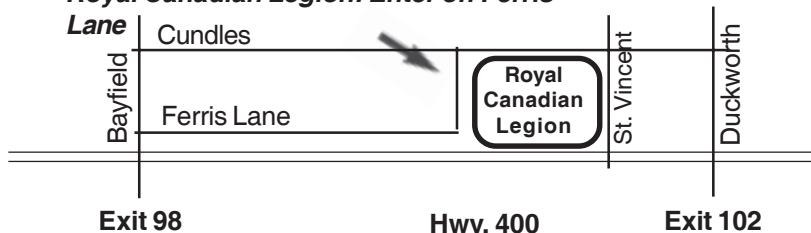
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Hart House Sectional

March 5-7, 2004

Great Hall, Hart House, University of Toronto

Friday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7

Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00am
 (dinner break 3:00-4:30)

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

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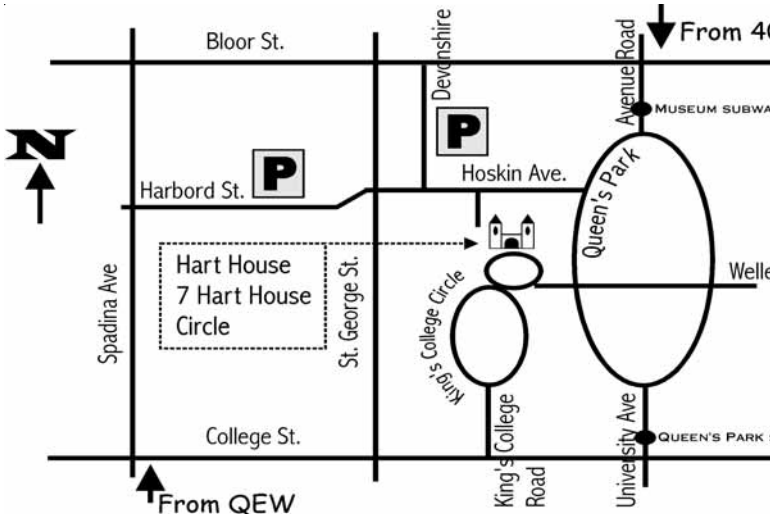


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Intermediate & Newcomers Game - Single Sessions
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 & 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 20

Bracketed KO Teams 1st 9:00 AM sharp
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00 PM
All Flights are Playthrough; Single Session Entries Welcomed
A (Separate): 0+; B: 500-1000; C: 0-500

Bracketed KO Teams 2nd 1:00 PM
Bracketed KO Teams 3rd 7:00 PM

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

Newcomers Game for Pairs 0-5 1:00 PM
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 1:00 PM
Stratified Pairs 0-20/50/200 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 21

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

Intermediate & Newcomer Games

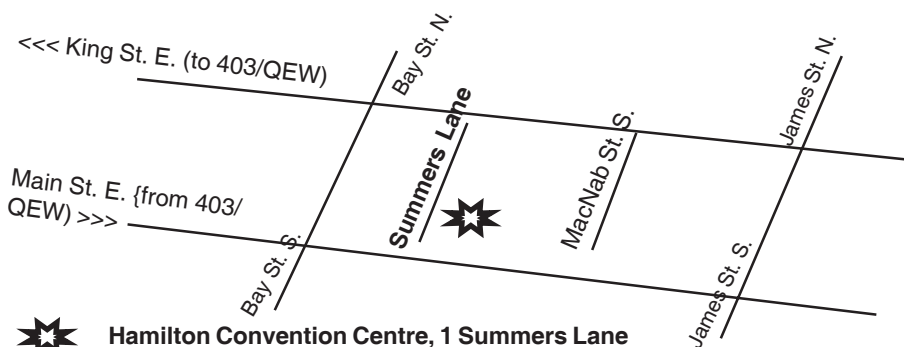
Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session) 11:00 AM
0-50/100/200
Stratified Swiss Teams (One Session) 4:30 PM
0-50/100/200

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Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane

Markham Sectional Tournament

May 1-2, 2004

Saturday May 1

Stratified Pairs (0-300/1000/infinity) 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Compact Knockout Teams 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Side Games 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday May 2

Stratified Swiss Teams (0-500/1000/infinity) 11:00 a.m. & TBA
199ers (0-200) & Newcomers (0-100) Single Sessions

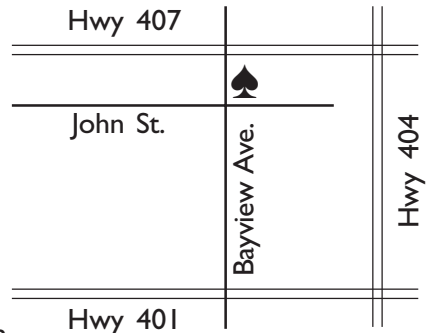
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Correspondence



To the Editor:

It was with pleasure that I read Jack McFadden's letter (*Fall 2003 - Ed.*) regarding playing bridge with your spouse. I've played against Jack and Marlene many times over the past twenty years and can attest to the statements they make to each other, but when all is said and done, they always leave the table with a "thank you," and I've enjoyed the match, win or lose.

Most couples can relate to their plight.. things are said to each other that would never be said to anyone else. Tension is acute and blood pressure rises. I congratulate all who continue to play bridge together. I know of what I speak. Playing with my 'significant other' has been very trying for both of us on many occasions but we keep going back for more! Fortunately, after our Friday evening session at the Cavendish, we drive back separately and tempers tend to cool down by the time we get back to Aurora. Even so, I wouldn't want it any other way!!

Reading about this has inspired a thought. Why not add a new event to the annual schedule and call it "Couples Pairs?" It should only be played on Friday evenings and could be subtitled "Friday Night at the Fights." There should be a minimum requirement for the number of years a couple has been together; less than a year is like newlyweds still on their honeymoon! What a fun idea.

Thanks, Jack and Marlene, for putting a smile on my face.

Debbie Bennett

Dear Kibitzer,

The following hand, from the last Kibitzer, could have been played as a rare double trump squeeze, had trumps been two-one. You play six clubs after RHO opened one spade, and LHO raised to two spades. LHO led the spade queen.

♠ K1063
♥ K103
♦ A107
♣ 874

♠ --
♥ AQ2
♦ K96
♣ KQ106532

Ruff the opening lead and play the club king. If the opponents do not attack diamonds, play off all the trumps but one, and then cash hearts finishing in dummy. The following ending results:

♠ K10
♥ --
♦ A10
♣ --

♠ --
♥ --
♦ K96
♣ 2

If West has kept the guarded spade jack and East the guarded ace, to prevent declarer ruffing out a spade trick, neither can guard diamonds.

A diamond shift does not defeat this squeeze, if declarer wins his king and reads the ending. The three-zero trump break does ruin the ending, for lack of an effective entry to dummy. A good try would be a heart to the ten, hoping that LHO had failed to play the jack.

Regards,
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tournament trail

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24-30 ACBL Charity Week

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