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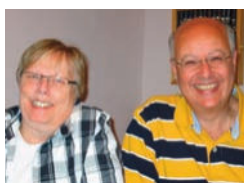
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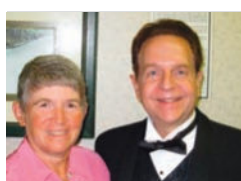
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can bring us including: unlimited number of pages, more creative layouts, full colour, lots of photos, and fun designs. We hope you enjoy this month's issue and as always, we welcome feedback!



Many of you are now aware that our website is fully functioning and being updated almost daily. We're posting news, updates and filling in all the archival areas. However, a website is only as good as its input and for this we rely on volunteers like you! With a potential "editorial" crew of hundreds of readers, our website could be an amazing resource for Canadian bridge players. Send your news, proofreading and bug reports to webmaster@cbf.ca and thank you!

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letter

from the president

Osteoporosis is a disease characterized by low bone mass and deterioration of bone tissue which lead to increased bone fragility and risk of fracture. At least one in four people will suffer from an osteoporotic fracture during their lifetime. Osteoporosis Canada, a registered charity, is the only national organization serving people who have, or are at risk for, osteoporosis.

I am pleased to announce Bridge Across Canada which is an innovative event, organized by Osteoporosis Canada and endorsed by the CBF. Bridge Across Canada is a pledge-driven event that invites bridge players to raise critically needed funds for Osteoporosis Canada. A pilot of the event has started at Hazel's Bridge Club in Toronto. Not only will participants be helping a worthy charity while being educated about the disease, but they will also have a chance to win significant prizes including a Caribbean bridge cruise hosted by Audrey Grant. To learn more about osteoporosis and Bridge Across Canada please visit www.osteoporosis.ca.



It also gives me great pleasure to announce the induction of Mark Molson, Boris Baran, Peter Nagy and Bill Anderson into the Canadian Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place during the 2012 Canadian Bridge Championships to be held in Montreal April 28 – May 5. I look forward to seeing many of you at the championships.

Nader Hanna



Bridge Across Canada is an exciting and innovative event that invites bridge players to pursue their passion while raising funds for Osteoporosis Canada.

Endorsed by the Canadian Bridge Federation, Bridge Across Canada (BAC) participants meet weekly to enjoy a bridge game, garner fundraising tips from experts and gain further insight into Osteoporosis Canada's campaign to Bridge the Care Gap in Canada.

Participants raise critically needed funds to promote education and awareness to the 2 million Canadians living with osteoporosis. Donations of \$10 are tax receiptable. Call Robin at 416-696-2663 ext. 260 or email BAC@osteoporosis.ca or visit the website for more information

www.osteoporosis.ca

FROM THE CBF OFFICE

2012 CBF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: *The 2012 CBF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in Montreal during the 2012 Canadian Bridge Championships in the Salon Latour, Sheraton Montréal Aeroport Hotel. The ceremony will be at 7:30pm on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012. See page 18 for article.*

CBF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 5, 2012 8:15am
Sheraton Montréal Aeroport Hotel
During 2012 Canadian Bridge Championships

This meeting is open to all paid-up members of the CBF. The agenda of the meeting will cover:

- Adoption of 2011 AGM minutes
- Appointment of CBF Auditors
- Confirmation of new Zone Directors
- Highlights of 2012 CBF Board of Directors meetings
- Highlights of 2012 CBF Charitable Foundation meeting
- Any other business

Many thanks once again to our extraordinary proofreaders including Nicholas and Judith Gartaganis and members of the CBF Board of Directors.



Club Managers, Owners, Directors & Teachers : Recruit CBF Members

Canadian ACBL members who are not currently members of the CBF can become CBF members by simply paying their current membership fee of \$1.00 per month – up to the current expiration date of their ACBL dues. Club Manager's Report from ACBL data base will provide the date of expiration (or contact ACBL membership desk)

CBF memberships paid under this program do not incur the administration fee of \$10.00. A finder's fee of 20% will be paid by the CBF to the recruiter for all new and reinstated CBF members.

CBF Board of Directors Meetings

The CBF Board of Directors will meet in Montreal, QC on April 25 – 27, 2012 just prior to the Canadian Bridge Championships. If you have any matters you wish to have discussed by the Board, please contact your Zone Director or Janice Anderson.



JAN ANDERSON

CBF STAC: FEB 20 - 26 2012

121 clubs took part in this year's CBF STAC with a total of 3,197 tables - a new record for our CBF STAC! A total of 8,826.34 masterpoints were given out to 4,331 different players. The top ten masterpoint winners were:

- 1 34.61 Donald Kersey, Kingston ON
- 2 32.21 William Koski, King City ON
- 3 30.47 Hindupuram Sriharsha, Orillia ON
- 4 26.98 Bill Bowman, Ottawa ON
- 5 26.25 Roger Dunn, Longueuil QC
- 6 21.76 Charles Lamb, Red Deer AB
- 7 21.54 Claude Laberge, Longueuil QC
- 8 21.06 Gerda Brouwer, Red Deer AB
- 9 20.19 John Morgan, Navan ON
- 10 19.53 Edward Toczko, Moncton NB

Thank you to all the clubs that held games and all the players who supported our CBF STAC. Next year's STAC will be February 18 – 24, 2013.

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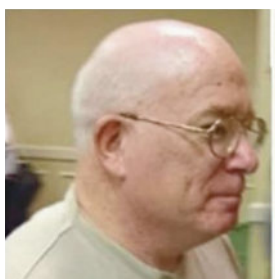
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BOB CROSBY 1947 - 2012



Canada suffered a great loss when Bob Crosby of Edmonton died suddenly Jan. 27. Bob was an outstanding player as well as teacher, mentor and coach.

Also lost to Canadian Bridge recently were Faith Pritchard (Edmonton, Alberta), and Doug Deschner (Red Deer, Alberta). Both Faith and Doug were successful and active bridge players who will be greatly missed. Find these and other In Memoriam articles and tributes on our website

SUPPORT THE CBF

Are you a member of the CBF?

You can check your CBF status through My ACBL on www.acbl.org. If you did not include CBF dues with your ACBL dues you can still become a paid-up member of the CBF by completing the form at the bottom of this page.

Time to renew your ACBL

membership? Don't forget to include the CBF dues with your ACBL renewal!



CANADIANS WIN @ NABC

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAM CHAMPIONS: ACBL President Sharon Anderson presents the trophy to the winners of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams: Joe Grue, captain Les Amoils (Toronto ON), Darren Wolpert (Thornhill ON), Curtis Cheek, Ishmael Delmonte and Thomas Bessis. Amoils defeated the John Diamond team 138-88. *PHOTO: Peg Kaplan*



2012 NAP CHAMPIONS: District 2's Jordan Cohen (Thornhill ON) and Barry Senensky (Maple ON) stormed forward on day two of the two-day 2012 Flight A North American Pairs to win the event by less than a board. *PHOTO: Acbl Daily Bulletin Memphis NABC.* Congrats too to Jay Anderson and Michael Moulding, (Saskatoon SK) for their 2nd place in the FLT B NAP.

C.B.F. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print clearly to ensure you receive your mailings)

NAME: _____

ACBL PLAYER NUMBER (if you have one): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FEE ENCLOSED: _____ \$22.00 (\$13 for Junior members) DATE: _____

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KATHIE MACNAB

ZONE 1

Bridge is alive and well in the Maritimes with our own STaC in early January, drawing a very large club participation. Work is now underway for everyone's favourite Canadian Atlantic Regional Tournament.

Due to our tremendous hospitality, grand playing venue and efforts by our Tournament chairman (this year, Gerry Callaghan) our tournament has grown in leaps and bounds over the past few years. And this year promises to be even bigger. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Maritimes, come this summer (June 26th – July 1st) to our tournament and stay for a visit – you will love it!

www.unit194.org

Zone 1 lost one of its most loved bridge players - the Maritimes' first Diamond Life Master and only Emerald Life Master, Joe Currie. On February 3rd the Maritimes celebrated Joe with the Joe Currie Memorial Tournament. The attendance for this tournament was at capacity and the entire tournament was enjoyed by all thanks to the chairmanship of Dan Landry.

As a tribute to Joe, a special Flight D category for 49ers was offered including a reception for all the new players and Maritime Bridge Teachers. The winners of the Joe Currie Non-Life Masters Pairs were Diane Livingstone and Valerie McClintock.

The presentation was made by Joe's sons John and Doug Currie. Congratulations to all.



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ARE YOU READY?

CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Seven National Championship events plus
Swiss Teams April 28 - May 5, 2012*

Oh Montreal!

Canada's best are priming themselves for the CBF's annual week of national bridge championships. Originally called Bridge Week, the event's official title was changed to the Canadian Bridge Championships in 2009.

The CBF sanctions seven National Events. These events are:

CNTC A B C : Canadian National Team Championships Flights A, B & C

CWTC : Canadian National Women's Teams

CSTC : Canadian Senior Team Championships

CIPC : Canadian IMP Pairs Championships

COPC : Canadian Open Pairs Championships

As well, during the Canadian Bridge Championships, there is a two-session Swiss Teams run on the final day.

Traditionally we host a dedicated web site for this event which will feature a full schedule, lots of information, daily results and final pictures.

You'll find the site at:

cbf.ca/BWeek



2012 CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

APRIL 28 - MAY 5, 2012 • MONTRÉAL, QC
Sheraton Montél Aéroport Hotel – 12505 Côte de Liesse, Dorval

Reservations: 514-631-2411

CNTC-A :

Saturday, April 28 - Saturday, May 5, 2012 | Pre-registration Required.
Round Robin April 28 - May 1. Quarter Final May 2. Semi-final May 3. Final May 4-5.

CNTC-B : <2500 mps

Sunday, April 29 - Thursday, May 3, 2012 | Pre-registration Required.
Round Robin April 29 - May 1. Semi-Final May 2. Final May 3.

CNTC-C : <1000 mps

Wednesday, May 2 - Friday, May 4, 2012 | Pre-registration Required.
Round Robin May 2 - 3. Semi-Final May 4. Final May 4.

CWTC :

Sunday, April 29 - Thursday, May 3, 2012 | Pre-registration Required.
Round Robin April 29 - May 1. Semi-Final May 2. Final May 3.

CSTC :

Wednesday, May 2 - Saturday, May 5, 2012 | No Pre-registration Required.
All entrants guaranteed two days of play. All players must be turning 60 in 2012 or older
All players must be paid-up members of the CBF.
Entry fees: \$460/team for 2-day Round Robin (includes \$100 IF Surtax).
Purchase your entry prior to start time on Day 1. Start time 10:00 am each day.
Day 1 & Day 2 Complete Round Robin to qualify the top four teams for the Semi-Final.
Entry fees: \$280/ team for Day 3 Semi-Final & Day 4 Final.
Champions will represent Canada in the Senior Teams at the World Bridge Games in Lille, France – August 9 – 23, 2012

CIPC :

Thursday, May 3, 2012 | No Pre-registration Required.
Two-session event. Entry fee: \$80 per /pair. 10:00 am & 3:30 pm.
All participants must be paid-up members of the CBF.
No pre-registration required. Purchase your entry prior to start time.
Cash prizes for top three pairs. 1st - \$400; 2nd - \$250; 3rd - \$150

COPC :

Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5, 2012 | No Pre-registration Required.
Qualification Required. Two-day event, two sessions each day. All participants must be paid-up members of the CBF and must have club qualification either earned in a club game or purchased for a fee of \$25. Participants in the CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C, CWTC and CSTC are granted club qualification. \$80/pair per day. 10:00 am & 3:30 pm each day.
Day 1 Qualifying Friday, May 4, 2012 At least 50% qualify for two session final, Day 2.
Cash prizes: 1st - \$1500 and 2nd - \$750

SWISS TEAMS :

Saturday, May 5, 2012 | No Pre-qualification Required.
Two-session regionally-rated Swiss teams - Gold Points. \$120/team. 10:00 am & 3:30 pm
Open to all - no pre-registration, no pre-qualification & CBF membership is not required.

A group of young people, likely students or travelers, are walking away from the camera on a paved city sidewalk. They are carrying large black rolling suitcases. The person on the far left is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and a green baseball cap. The person next to him is wearing a black t-shirt with a white stripe across the chest. The person in the center is wearing a black jacket and blue jeans. The person on the far right is wearing a blue and white striped polo shirt. They are walking past a red brick building with a sign that says "CONTIN". In the background, there are trees and other buildings.

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JUNIOR BRIDGE PROGRAM

This is a tremendous opportunity for young bridge players to travel the world, make new friends and become world class bridge players.

The CBF is sponsoring a bridge program for Canada's Juniors. There is an 21 or younger category and a 25 or younger category (formerly 26 or younger). The reward for participating and being selected to represent Canada is playing in a tournament against competition from all over the world. The next competition is in Tai Cang City, China this summer.

The World Junior Championships are held every 2 years. In 2010, Canada participated in Philadelphia, USA. Prior competitions were held in Beijing, China (2008); Bangkok, Thailand (2006); Sydney, Australia (2005); Paris, France (2003); Mangaratiba, Brazil (2001); Fort Lauderdale, USA (1999); Hamilton, Canada (1997); Bali, Indonesia (1995); Aarhus, Denmark (1993); Ann Arbour, USA (1991); Nottingham, England (1989); and Amsterdam, Netherlands (1987).



The CBF Junior Bridge Program has been active for many years. These images are taken from the archives. To see more images of CBF juniors at World Championships visit our Photo Gallery: www.cbf.ca choose Junior Bridge from the left menu.

This is a tremendous opportunity for young bridge players to travel the world, make new friends and become world class bridge players. With the advent of social networking, there are also international competitions held on sites such as BBO. One of the best coaches in the world, Eric Kokish, provides his valuable input.

The CBF Junior Program is growing and evolving. We need volunteers to help. Please contact Bryan Maksymetz if you wish to help – maks@shaw.ca.

Here is a hand from Junior Training on January 21, 2012 with comments by Eric Kokish and myself.

DLR West; N/S Vul.

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

TABLE 1

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

TABLE 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The South hand has several options over North's 1♠ opening. At Table 1, the splinter left North as captain and the 6♠ ended the auction. It actually works best on this hand if South does the asking. A splinter with a singleton King may be correct, but a Jacoby 2NT raise works well. What is your choice with the South hand and why?

Eric Kokish: At Table 1 if South shows 2 Keycards plus the ♠Q (or 5+♠), North bids 5NT and South 6♣ (♣K), so 7♠ is easy.

Bid this hand with your partner and see how you would do.

JACOBY 2NT RESPONSE STRUCTURE

Here is a summary of the responses to Jacoby 2NT that I play with most partners. Note the Short Low (SL), Short Middle (SM), Short High (SH) are "step" responses:

Opener	Responder
1♥/1♠	2NT (Jacoby 2NT)

Responses to 2NT Jacoby

3♣ = minimum unbalanced

3♦ asks: Respond: SL (3♥), SM (3♠), SH (3NT)

3♦ = balanced, 15+

3♥ asks: Respond: 3♠ = 5422 [3NT asks for 4 card suit: LMH] 3NT = 5332; 4♣ = 6322

3♥ = SL (♣), 15+

3♠ = SM (♦), 15+

3NT = SH (other Major), 15+

4♣/♦ = a good 5 card minor (or void if you choose)

4♥/4♠ (opening major) = minimum balanced



WHO PLAYS BRIDGE?

- President Barack Obama's first job as a youngster was caddying at a bridge tournament.
- Dwight Eisenhower and Winston Churchill are two historical leaders that had a passion for the game.
- Peter Schneider, Tony Award-winning producer of "The Lion King", is an international champion.
- Oprah Winfrey and Woody Allen also play bridge!

Visit Bridge4kids.ca and find many excellent links: why play bridge, where to play bridge online, bridge opportunities, and more.



New Youth Program in HAMILTON, ON.

Peter Moore and Tom Cowles have taken the initiative of starting a beginner youth program and are in the middle of teaching 12 students at the Trillium Bridge Club.



They hope to start a second lesson series when the first is over, as well as another beginner 1 series. They are also planning to start a Saturday afternoon youth game in the spring.



DANIEL LAVÉE is the force behind Bridge4Kids.ca
Contact him at
Daniel@Bridge4Kids.ca

Erin Berry Memorial Fund

This fund was established in 2001 as a trust fund set up by Erin Berry's father, Larry Berry. The Trust Account is meant to help Juniors 19 or younger with expenses incurred to attend bridge events. The Memorial Fund will be used to help subsidize Youth Category Canadian players, who are members of the CBF, for bridge related activities. In no case will any individual receive more than 75% subsidy to the bridge activity.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15.

To apply for an award from the Erin Berry Youth Memorial Fund, an application for funding must be submitted to the CBF Executive Assistant by April 15. This application must include the following:

- Candidate's name, address and ACBL number.
- Candidate's birth date and a copy of his/her birth certificate.
- Description of the event for which he/she needs subsidy with particulars on dates, cost, etc.
- Budget of his/her expenses for each event.

The types of events considered for funding are:

- Bridge Camps
- Youth NABC
- Youth Championships
- World Scholar Games
- Bridge Training Sessions
- Canadian Junior Trials
- World Youth Team Championship
- World Schools Team Championship
- Other bridge related activities.

Only after the above are granted will the Trustees take a look at tournaments. Funding will not be given for cash prize events nor for events in which an individual is receiving pay or compensation (making it a professional arrangement).

Please submit all applications for funding to the CBF Office.



SYLVIA CALEY ASK CALEY

Bridge has been good to me. In the ACBL I was Senior Master of the Year in 1982. In 1983 I won my first NABC event, the North American Swiss. I remember as a young player I played a club game with my Venice Beach paddle tennis partner. He had a little pad and wrote down every little error I made. Dearest Eddie (Kantar) ... I was only a beginner. Over the years I've also had the opportunity to play with Bob Hamman, Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair, Mike Lawrence, Boris Baran, Dorothy Truscott and Charlie Coon to name a few. My National Titles include the North American Swiss twice and Canadian Women's Team Trials once. Possibly the nicest compliment I've ever received was from Mike Passell when he said, "If you could play on a team of Sylvia times 4 you would do very well."

Ask Caley is a regular column in Bridge Canada. We invite you to send your questions to Sylvia by email to editor@cbf.ca

Dear Caley. My partner and I have been having a number of problems on defense. There are lots of times when I play attitude and he takes it as count or visa versa. Are there any general rules to fix this problem?

Harriet Cooper

Montreal, Quebec

Dear Harriet

Martin would say, "Of course, the simple rule is to read EDDIE!" Martin would be referring to the defensive classics Modern Bridge Defense and Advanced Bridge Defense both by Edwin Kantar. It's a fabulous book and covers all phases of defense.

The shorter answer is that defensive carding is a matter of partnership agreement. In general this is what I like to play:

When partner lead a suit

Attitude

When declarer lead a suit

Count

1st discard in a suit

Attitude

Later discards of that suit

Count

Partner and I lead King from AKx or longer except at the 5 level or higher we lead the Ace. From AK tight (2 cards only) we lead the Ace and then the King so that partner knows that the opening leader is interested in a ruff.

There are a number of things that you may choose to play when declarer leads trump. One popular treatment is to play suit preference in trump. I simply play high low in trumps to show that I have another one and am interested in a ruff.

Dear Caley,

I never know which suit to bid first when partner makes a takeout double of one of a minor. If the auction begins 1♣, double by partner, pass by third hand, what do you bid first with 2 or 3 four card suits?

Jennifer O'Reilly

Kingston, Ontario

Dear Jennifer

Selecting a suit to bid over a takeout double is more dependent on your point count than it is on your suit quality.

A	♠	x x x x	♥	x x	♦	Q x x x	♣	x x x
B	♠	J x x x	♥	A x	♦	K T x x	♣	x x x
C	♠	K Q x x	♥	Q J x x	♦	A x	♣	x x x

With hand A I would definitely bid 1♦. With this hand you simply want to get out as cheaply as possible. With B I would bid 1♠ because the major suit fit is the most important. With C I would bid 2♣ to ask partner to choose the suit.

D	♠	x x x x	♥	x x x x	♦	Q x x x	♣	x
E	♠	J x x x	♥	Q x x x	♦	A x x x	♣	x
F	♠	K Q x x	♥	x x x x	♦	x	♣	A K x x

With hand D I would again bid 1♦, trying to get out (and leaving plenty of room for others to come in!)

With hand E bid 1♠. You may get to bid 2♥ on the next round if the auction comes back to you. With F go ahead and bid 2♣ to ask partner for future information. If he bids diamonds you will bid spades.

Dear Caley,

I've been playing bridge for a number of years. I'm far past the beginner stage but my game seems to have leveled off. Could you recommend any books for the advancing player?

Bill Chance,

Cornwall, Ontario



When we asked Caley to send us some images for our nice new magazine layout, she sent this picture titled 'Little Elle'.

My favorite authors are probably Kelsey and Reese.

I particularly enjoyed Countdown to Better Bridge, by Hugh Kelsey.

Other books you might look at include:

Positive Defence by Terence Reese & Julian Pottage

Positive Declarer's Play by Terence Reese & Julian Pottage

Contested Auction by Mike Lawrence

Opening Lead by Mike Lawrence

Test Your Bridge Play by Edwin Kantar

A New Approach to Play and Defense by Edwin Kantar

And now we have a final quote from Martin, "READ EDDIE AGAIN!"



2012 CBF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The CBF Hall of Fame highlights the accomplishments of Canadians who, through their playing record or their contributions to the advancement of bridge in Canada and around the world, are deserving of this honour.

by John Carruthers, CBF Hall of Fame Committee Chair

This year, the Canadian Bridge Federation will induct four Canadians into the CBF Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Canadian Bridge Championships in Montreal.

William Anderson

Bill Anderson may be the least-known member of the CBF Hall of Fame, but he has been the most influential. It is no exaggeration to say that Bill has influenced every single bridge player in the world. He did this through his development of the distributional point count for Charles Goren. In the mid-Forties, Charlie came to Bill, a long-time friend and brilliant mathematician, and asked Anderson to undertake the mathematical research needed to prove whether a hand's trick-taking potential could be totally evaluated for suit bidding as well as no-trump bidding, on a point-count basis. The problem with the 4-3-2-1 Work point count was that it was fine for no-trump bidding with balanced hands, but was notoriously-inaccurate for suit evaluation. At the time, nearly all players still used the Culbertson honour-trick method of evaluating their hands for suit bidding.

Bill spent two years working on the problem. His first task was to verify whether the Work point count method was accurate – he discovered that, although it could be bettered slightly mathematically, the combination of its simplicity and accuracy could not be improved upon. He then set about resolving Goren’s main issue – how to evaluate hands for suit bidding. Bill thus developed the 3-2-1 point scheme for evaluating hands with voids, singletons and doubletons respectively.

Goren paid homage to Anderson in his book “Point Count Bidding in Contract Bridge” (Simon & Shuster, 1949). From the Introduction to that work:

“It required a great deal of study and experimentation. But, with the assistance of William M. Anderson of Toronto, head of one of Canada’s foremost life insurance companies and an actuary of great renown, I was able to develop a scale of values which will work effectively in an overwhelming majority of hands.”

*“It was he who devised the
distributional point-count
that is still the basis of what
most people teach and play”*

“It is appropriate to make acknowledgement, here, to all those who have contributed both directly and indirectly to this effort .. Above all, to William M. Anderson, who not only is the last word where mathematical problems are concerned, but whose broad understanding of the fundamental theories of the game I was able to put to very practical use.”

On Saturday, August 22, 1981, in “Goren on Bridge,” his newspaper column, Goren discussed the development of point-count bidding as follows:

“...I took my problem to a friend of mine who was an actuary – Bill Anderson of Toronto. It was he who devised the distributional point-count that, in conjunction with



the Milton Work count, is still the basis of what most people teach and play today...the only thing I am sorry about in the whole matter is that the great amount of work put into point-count bidding by Bill Anderson, and the accuracy and simplicity of his concepts, has not been fully recognized.”

Bill Anderson was an acknowledged genius: he graduated from the University of Toronto with honours in mathematics and physics, joined the North American Life Assurance Company upon graduation and soon become the youngest-ever actuary in Canada. He rose to president, then chairman, of North American Life and became president of both the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the U.S.-based Society of Actuaries. He was awarded a fellowship in the Faculty of Actuaries of Scotland in 1944, only 14 of which had been awarded since the Faculty’s inception more than 100 years before. Bill was responsible for developing and introducing the Code of Professional Conduct for actuaries, putting the profession on the same footing as the medical and legal professions.

Oswald Jacoby, at the time the youngest-ever American to become an actuary, once declared about Bill Anderson:

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"I used to claim I was the best actuary among bridge players but quickly abandoned that claim after meeting Bill Anderson, after which I claimed only to be the best bridge player among actuaries."

Anderson was a successful player, Life Master No. 357, partnering his wife Marjorie most of the time, and winning a North American Bridge Championship (NABC) with her. Here is Bill in action on a deal reported in Charlie Goren's bridge column:

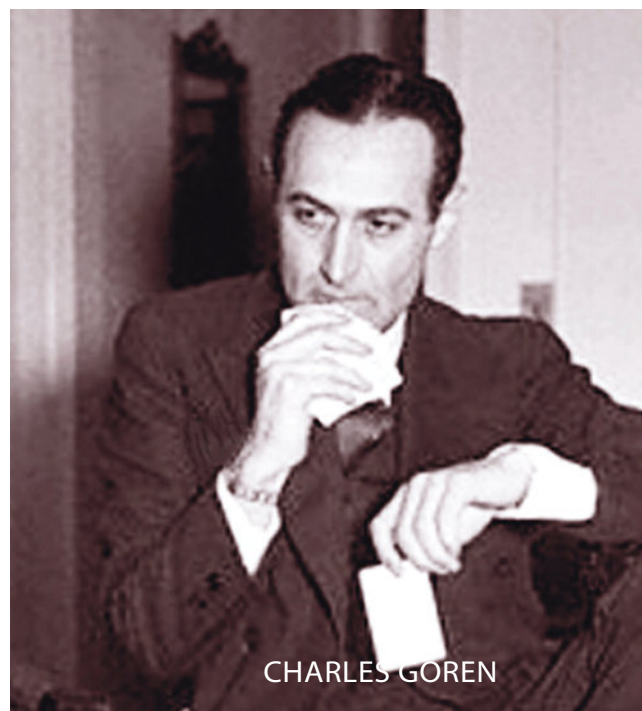
"The 4-3-2-1 point count was introduced by Bryant McCampbell in 1915 and publicized by Milton Work in his many writings. However, it was used almost only for no-trump bidding. It was not until a Toronto actuary, William Anderson, developed the distributional count in the 40's that point count swept the bridge world."

"Besides his fascination with the mathematical aspects of bridge, Anderson was an accomplished player. He held the West cards on today's hand..."

DLR East; E/W Vul.

♠ AK95 ♥ KQ10764 ♦ Q4 ♣ 7			
♠ QJ1064 ♥ A95 ♦ KJ ♣ AQ10		♠ 83 ♥ J832 ♦ 75 ♣ J9632	
♠ 72 ♥ void ♦ A1098632 ♣ K854			
West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Anderson led the spade queen, won in the dummy. Declarer led a club towards the King but ducked it to West's 10. Anderson found the only continuation to sink the contract: the king of diamonds. Declarer won the ace, but now a club ruff would bring West's trump jack back into play and no club ruff would result in two more club losers.



CHARLES GOREN



OSWALD JACOBY

Just as Milton Work popularized the 4-3-2-1 count developed by Bryant McCampbell, Charles Goren popularized Anderson's 3-2-1 count. "Point Count Bidding in Contract Bridge" was a runaway bestseller, eventually selling more than three million copies. There were 12 reprintings in its first five years and it was translated into many languages. William Anderson belongs with the most-influential figures in the game, alongside Work, Culbertson and Goren.

Boris Baran and Mark Molson

As the names of Romulus and Remus, Héloïse and Abélard and Lewis and Clark are forever linked in history, the names of "Mark and Boris" are forever entwined in Canadian bridge. Although many of their successes came as partners, they were both successful with others as well. Mark and Boris won six Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC), one Canadian Open Pairs Championship and four North American Bridge Championships together. They came second in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl, second in the 1992 Pan-American Games and tied for third in the 1990 Rosenblum, being denied a place in the final by a scoring error, the correction disallowed upon appeal, one of the most notorious incidents in World Bridge Federation history.

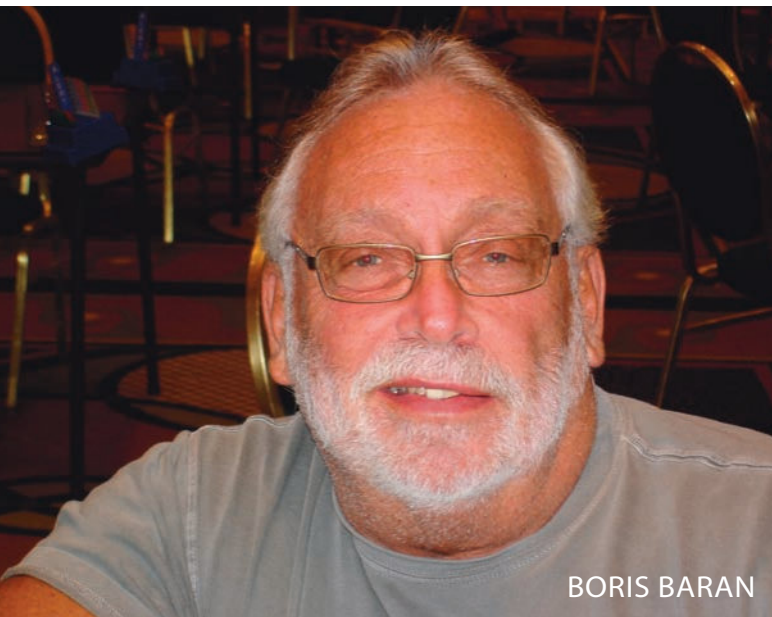
Mark won two more NABCs with other partners, the Reisinger and the Blue Ribbon Pairs, and Boris has won a Senior World Team Championship, a fifth NABC, a seventh CNTC and four Canadian Senior Team Championships with other partners. Mark won the Richmond Trophy as top Canadian masterpoint winner five times. It is entirely appropriate that Mark and Boris be inducted into the CBF Hall of Fame together. Mark died in 2006 of complications during heart surgery following a massive heart attack while playing the other game he loved, golf.

During their run at the 1995 Bermuda Bowl in Beijing, Mark and Boris became known as "The Thugs", so-called, affectionately, by their teammates for their style of bludgeoning the opposition into submission. The following deal, from their quarterfinal match against South Africa, illustrates that style:



MARK MOLSON

"The Thugs", so-called affectionately by their teammates for their style of bludgeoning the opposition into submission.



BORIS BARAN



TOP: Boris Baran

BOTTOM: John Gowdy, Eric Murray, Michael Schoenborn, Boris Baran, Joey Silver, John Carruthers, Canadian Senior Team, Gold Medal 2010 Canadian Championships

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BOARD 3. DLR South; E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Baran	Mansell	Molson	Cope
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	1NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

That was a lot of bidding for two balanced hands with half the high cards! At the other table, Gitelman and Mittelman ("The Men") had declared 2NT untroubled and had gone one off on a diamond lead, for minus 50. Here, with more to go on, Molson started the spade jack, won in dummy. Cope had no convenient entry to hand to lead a heart up, so started with the heart king; Molson won the ace and continued spades.

Cope won that and played a second heart, achieving the unluckiest of results, low from Baran. After much consideration, declarer went with the odds and inserted the heart nine. Molson won the ten and shifted to the jack of clubs, won by the queen in dummy. A third heart, won by the queen, let Baran cash three spades and lead a club through the king for plus 500 and 12 IMPs to Canada. The correct heart guess would have meant minus 180 and 6 IMPs to South Africa.

Peter Nagy

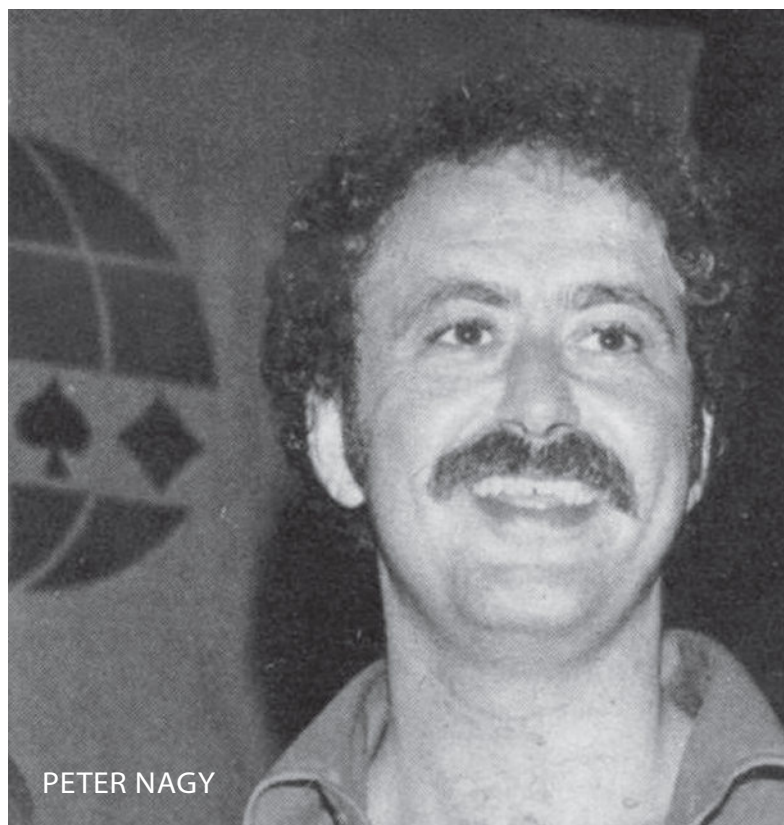
Peter Nagy was part of the young group of Montréal players mentored by Sam Gold. He performed the unique feat of coming second twice in the World Open Pairs, each time with a different partner, and both times losing to the same player, Marcelo Branco of Brazil. Each time, Branco also played with a different partner. Peter won four NABCs, two CNTCs and a bronze medal in the Rosenblum Teams.

Peter immigrated to Canada in 1957 in a hair-raising escape from Budapest during the Hungarian Revolution; he mastered English so quickly that he became his high school class valedictorian in Montréal in 1961. After graduating from Princeton University he entered the options market in New York, then Chicago, before retiring to Las Vegas to play the other game he loved, poker. Like Mark Molson, he died in 2003 after suffering a heart attack playing poker, his second-favourite game, at the Bellagio in Las Vegas.

Peter was renowned for his conservatism in the bidding, preferring to win his points with terrific card play. He once agreed that he needed a hand that most players would open with a strong two bid in order for him to jump shift. Despite that, Peter won the 1978 Romex Award for the Best Bid Hand of the Year with one of his favourite partners, Eric Kokish. On that hand, they got to a solid, making slam despite an opening bid and response being made before they entered the auction. Their effort on the following deal, from the 1978 World Pair Olympiad in New Orleans was equally as brilliant...

BOARD 22. DLR East; E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Nagy		Kokish	
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠ ²	Pass	2NT ³	Pass
3♦ ⁴	Pass	3♥ ⁵	Pass
4♣ ⁶	Pass	5♣ ⁷	Pass
5♦ ⁸	Pass	5NT ⁹	Pass
6♠ ¹⁰	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Game forcing, natural
2. Real spade support
3. Relay
4. First-round control
5. Heart control
6. Second-round control (3♦ denied first-round club control)
7. Club void
8. Second-round diamond control as well as first-round control
9. Grand slam force
10. Spade ace or king with extra length

Getting to the grand slam was worth a 74% score.



NEIL KIMELMAN

THE ART OF SLAM BIDDING THE FINAL TEST

Many IMPs (and matchpoints) can be generated by being consistently right in bidding and making slams.

Both vulnerable at matchpoints you hold

♠ A K Q 10 5 ♥ 4 ♦ Q J 9 7 6 ♣ K 5

The bidding starts:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♠
pass	2♦	pass	3♥*
pass	3NT	pass	?

* Splinter raise with four + diamonds, does not promise extra values.

Do you make another slam move, or give up and pass?

Slam bidding is an art. Many IMPs (and matchpoints) can be generated by being consistently right in bidding and making slams. But it's hard! A tiny slip will cause an 11 or 13 IMP loss. And Grand Slams are similar to what high-rise construction workers have been known to say 'It is very scary at the top!' It has even happened to me where we have bid a grand for -50 and our partners are defending against game! Once we lost 6 IMPs when we were in 7♦ down one and our opponents bid all the way up to 3♦!!

Besides fortitude and sound partnership agreements there is a tremendous amount of judgment required to be a successful slam bidder. Some of the indicators to help you make the right judgments:

- A strong trump holding
- Source of tricks, either with extra trumps (5-5 fit or better) or a strong side suit.
- Controls
- No indication of bad splits, as with preemptive or two suited bidding by the opponents.
- Strength of holdings consistent with partner's expectations.

However once you have gone through this analysis, there is one other factor to consider, and this is the number of key cards you hold. Despite a plethora of high cards if you are holding insufficient aces and trump honours you should be cautious in your invitations. This might not sound like an earth shaking tip. However there is a corollary that is less well known (In fact I don't recall seeing it in other bridge literature I have read):

On a slam invitational auction, partner will take another call after a sign-off when he is rich in key cards, no matter what his strength.

So let's go back to the original problem. You have:

- A very nice 15 HCPs
- Ruffing values
- Five card trump support, with a guaranteed 10+ card fit.



ZIA MAHMOOD

Fortitude, sound partnership agreements and a tremendous amount of judgment is required to be a successful slam bidder.

But you have only two of the six key cards. Another way of looking at it: *Do you think partner will sign off in 3NT with three aces? Or two aces with the trump king? No.*

A local expert on the hand given, bid 4♦. And partner, who could not have held a better hand, simply bid the slam with ♠4 ♥KQJ ♦K10842 ♣AQJ5. Down one.

Here is another example, from the Bridge World Challenge the Champs, October, 1993.

Neither Vul., at matchpoints, the East-West hands were:

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

Becker – Rubin effortlessly relayed to the best spot, 3NT.
Zia – Rosenberg had this auction:

Rosenberg	Zia
1♥	1♠
2♠ ¹	2NT ²
3♥ ³	4♣ ^{4/8}
4♦ ⁴	4NT ⁵
5♥ ⁶	5♠ ⁷
All Pass	

1 Reasonable choice, especially in their system

2 Relay, asking for shape.

3 3-6 shape in the majors, non forcing

4 Cue bid

5 Key Card

6 Two, no trump queen

7 In Challenge the Champs this will not be a good score

8 Here Zia got enamoured by his 15 HCPs. He neglected to ask himself two “Final Test” questions:

‘Can partner have what I need for his non-forcing 3♥ call?’

‘If partner actually held the ♠Q, ♥A K and the ♦A do I think he would actually pass had I signed off in 4♥ or 4♠, instead of bidding 4NT?’

One final example, with Jimmy Cayne successfully applying “The Final Test”:

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

Burger

1♥
3♣
4♥

Cayne

2♣
3♥¹
Pass²

1 At least somewhat slammish

2 Cayne looked at his 17 HCPs, with a known double fit, and asked himself:

‘Would my partner simply sign off with a hand that can make slam such as:

♠ K x ♥ A K Q x x ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 10 9 3 or
♠ x x ♥ A K Q 5 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ Q 10 9 3

He discovered the obvious correct answer “no”, and made the right decision and passed 4♥.

Lessons to Learn

When deciding whether or not to bid above the game level in a slam investigation auction, visualize the controls partner needs for slam to make, and ask yourself,

If he held those cards would he have signed off in game on the actual auction?’

High cards are good, but you need sufficient controls to investigate and bid slams.

In a game forcing auction a raise below game (such as the 3♥ bid in Example #3) is at least somewhat slammish.

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MICHAEL YUEN

HOUDINI WOULD BE PROUD

Harry Houdini was a famous Hungarian-born American magician and escape artist, escaping often from dangerous situations.

SOS is the distress signal sent when impending disaster is about to strike.

In Bridge, the SOS Redouble is a rescue bid asking partner to find another suit in order to avoid a costly penalty.

The other day in a team match Susan Culham (West) playing with Maurice de la Salle (East) used just such a bid to escape from an impending disaster.

Playing Teams.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both sides vulnerable.

Susan Culham as West held :

♠ Q 10 9 6 ♥ J 9 6 3 ♦ void ♣ A J 10 8 7

The auction :

West	North	East	South
-	-	2♦*	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	pass
Rdbl**	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

* 2♦ Weak.

**** Redouble: The SOS Redouble is a rescue bid, asking partner to bid another suit in order to avoid a costly penalty.**

Looking at her diamond void, Susan knew she had to run from two diamonds doubled. By using the SOS redouble she asked Maurice to bid his second best suit.

Like a good partner, Maurice bid three clubs, that too was doubled for penalty.

DLR: East Vul: Both

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

South found the best lead, the ♣4, ten, queen and two. North switched to the ♥K, four from East. South facing a problem, chose to follow with an 'upside-down' two. North switched to ♦5, ace, three and dummy tossed the six of hearts. Maurice (East) now played the five of hearts from his hand, South jumped up with his ace in order to continue with the club attack. Three of clubs, won by the ace in dummy, nine and five. Maurice played the jack of hearts, covered by the king and ruffed with the six of clubs. He then rode the eight of spade, two, six, around to the ace. North cashed the ♣Q, Maurice discarded the two of diamonds, four of diamonds and seven of clubs. Queen of diamond, seven, six and dummy ruffed with the eight of clubs. Maurice played the nine of spades, seven, king dropped the doubleton jack, made the rest of the dummy's spades good.

Maurice was able to claim eight tricks, down one for -200. While at the other table.

West	North	East	South
-	-	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

East's enterprising three diamond opening bid was doubled by North for takeout and converted by South for penalty. He was punished for a three-trick set, -800.



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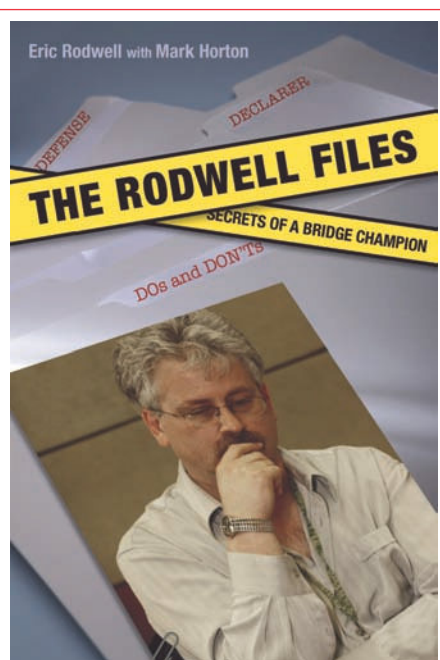
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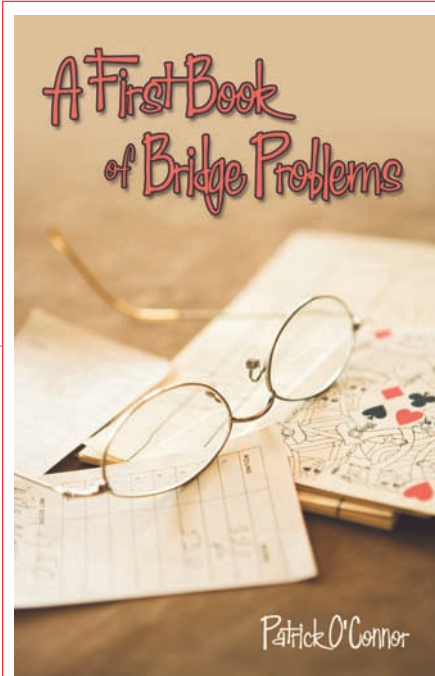
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April	Charity Fund Month
April 10	Deadline for applying for grants from Erin Berry Memorial Fund
April 23	(Mon. Eve.) Helen Shields RM Game (\$6/table)
April 28 - May 5	Canadian Bridge Championships – Sheraton Airport Hotel, Montreal QC
May 5	(Sat. Morn.) CBF Annual General Membership Meeting – Montreal, QC
May 10	(Thurs. Aft.) ACBL International Fund Game #2 (\$8.35/table)
July 13	(Fri. Eve.) ACBL Wide International Fund Game #3 (\$8.35/table)
July 24 - Aug 4	World Youth Championships, Tai Cang City, China
August 9-23	World Bridge Games (Formerly World Team Olympiad)
September	International Fund Month
September	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
September	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
October	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
October	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Oct. 22	(Mon. Eve.) Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game (\$8.35/table)
Oct. 24	(Wed. Eve.) Erin Berry RM Game (\$6/table)
November	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
November	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Nov. 26	(Mon. Eve.) ACBL Wide Charity Game #2 (\$6.35/table)
December	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
December	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)

14th World Bridge Games to be held in Lille, France

The 14th World Bridge Games (former World Team Olympiad), comprising Open, Women and Senior (national) team series, and the 8th World Transnational Mixed Teams competition are likely to be held in Lille, France, August 9-23, 2012. A formal announcement is expected to be made soon. Lille was the venue of the 1998 World Bridge Series Championships, which was played at the Lille Grand Palais. The same venue will be used for this year's competitions.

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