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President's message : Le mot du président

At this time of year you look back at all that has happened and evaluate the progress of your efforts. This has been a very good year for the CBF. Bridge Week has become the premiere Canadian bridge event. This year it expanded to include not only the CNTC, CWTC, and COPC events but also a Canadian Senior Teams Event and an IMP Pairs Event. As I write this message, the Canadian Open Team, the Canadian Women's Team, and the Canadian Senior Team are preparing to represent Canada at the World Team Olympiad in Istanbul.



Claire Jones

There have been other areas where the CBF has broken new ground. The CBF has been awarded an Ex-quota Regional specifically for raising funds to support our Olympiad representatives. Montreal was the first host and that was a huge success. We are looking forward to another success in Calgary in 2005. Our Junior Program has selected a very promising team for the 2005 World Youth Championship. In a new event the Canadian Schools Team was tops in Zone 2 for the World Schools Team Championship.

As I near the end of my 3-year term on the CBF Board I can see a bright future for bridge in Canada. I also know that there are challenges for those carrying on with the Board. One of those challenges is the continuing effort to maintain our membership. Each year as you renew your ACBL Membership it is important that you realize how vital it is to include the nine-dollar portion for CBF membership. Without your membership it is impossible for our organization to exist.

À cette période de l'année, on commence à regarder derrière soi pour tenter d'évaluer le résultat des efforts des mois précédents. Cette année a été très fructueuse pour la FCB. Bridge Week est devenu l'événement canadien de bridge par excellence. En plus des championnats canadiens par équipes (open et femmes) et du championnat par paires, il comprend maintenant le

championnat senior et le championnat de paires imps. Au moment où j'écris ces lignes, les gagnants du CNTC, du CWTC et des Seniors se préparent à représenter le Canada aux Olympiades par équipes à Istanbul.

Il y a d'autres secteurs où la FCB a fait d'intéressantes percées. Elle a obtenu la tenue d'un Régional additionnel afin de lever des fonds pour supporter nos représentants aux Olympiades. Montréal a été la première ville à être l'hôte de ce régional et elle a obtenu un très grand succès. Nous espérons un succès de la même envergure à Calgary en 2005.

Le programme Junior a permis de sélectionner une équipe très prometteuse pour les Championnats du monde Junior de 2005. Les jeunes Canadiens ont terminé en tête de la zone 2 dans les championnats scolaires mondiaux par équipes.

Alors que le terme de mon mandat de trois ans au sein de la FCB approche, je constate que l'avenir du bridge au Canada s'annonce très bien. Les défis pour les membres du conseil d'administration sont nombreux et l'un de leurs plus importants enjeux consiste à maintenir le nombre des membres. Quand vous renouvelez votre

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President's message : Le mot du président : *continued from page 3*

At this time I would like to thank everyone for his or her support over the last 3 years and encourage you to maintain that support in the future.

Best wishes to everyone in the upcoming holiday season and continued success in the new year.

Sincerely yours, Claire Jones

carte de membre de l'ACBL, assurez-vous d'ajouter les neuf dollars supplémentaires pour être membre en règle de la FCB. Sans votre soutien, notre organisation ne peut pas survivre. J'aimerais remercier tous ceux qui nous ont soutenus dans les trois dernières années et je vous encourage à continuer de nous offrir votre soutien.

Je vous offre mes meilleurs vœux pour la période des fêtes qui s'en vient et je vous souhaite beaucoup de succès au bridge.

Sincèrement vôtre, Claire Jones



A VOLUNTEER

Extra-ordinaire

The CBF would like to thank John Armstrong for all his years of working quietly behind the scenes.

John Armstrong became Associate Editor of the 'Canadian Bridge Digest', now 'Bridge Canada', in 1986. Editor, Allan Simon, wrote the following when he introduced his Associate Editor in the November 1986.

"John is of course a living legend in Ontario bridge circles. Whether you know him in his incarnation as Editor of the Kibitzer, as bridge historian, as partner or as opponent, you can't help but like and respect the man".

From that point on John has worked quietly in the background helping the CBF in any way he could. He continued as Associate Editor until 1990. After that he regularly contributed to the CBF publication. He also helped maintain a history of our organization and especially our trophies. When trophies went missing, John tracked them down and brought them up to date. John was instrumental in working with Barbara Seagram of Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio in Toronto to set up a permanent home for the CBF trophies. Each year John has looked after updating the trophies and making sure they were all in good repair.

John's excellent editing abilities and uncanny eye have been a great help to our current editor and magazine as well. John proofreads every issue of Bridge Canada and not much gets past him!

Thank you John for all you've done!
Janice Anderson

ZERO TOLERANCE AT BRIDGE WEEK

The CBF will inform the DIC of each Canadian Bridge Week that the CBF is serious about implementing Zero Tolerance. The CBF Conduct and Ethics committee at Bridge Week will consist of three members. The Chair of this committee will be the CBF Conduct & Ethics Committee Chair. The other two members will be CBF Board members or leading players attending Bridge Week. This Committee is empowered by the CBF Board of Directors to take action that could include anything from warning to barring of players.

CBF ELECTION REPORT

In Zone II, Jean Castonguay was re-elected by acclamation.

In Zone V no nominations were received so the position will become vacant on December 31, 2004. If any CBF member in Zone V is interested in filling this vacancy please contact CBF Executive Assistant Janice Anderson (see page 2).

CNTC ZONE FINALS

See page 24 for dates and contact information.

CWTC ZONE FINALS

See the CBF website for info



BRIDGE WEEK *Montreal* ♥

New Residence Hall : McGill University
3625 ave du Parc Montreal, QC
Accommodation rate:
\$95 plus tax : includes breakfast

CNTC-A: 28 May - 04 June 2005

Round Robin : Sat 28 May - Tues 31 May 2005
Quarter Final : Wednesday, 01 June 2005
Semi-Final : Thursday, 02 June 2005
Final : Friday 03 June 3 - Saturday 04 June 2005

CNTC-B: 29 May - 02 June 2005

Round Robin : Sun 29 May - Tues 31 May 2005
Semi-Final : Wednesday 01 June 2005
Final : Thursday 02 June 2005

CWTC: 29 May - 02 June 2005

Round Robin : Sun 29 May - Tues 31 May 2005
Semi-Final : Wednesday 01 June 2005
Final : Thursday 02 June 2005

NOTE: If more than 16 teams enter the CWTC, a Quarter Final will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 and the Semi-Final will move to Thursday, June 2 and Final would be on Friday, June 3, 2005

CSTC: 01 June - 04 June 2005

Day 1 Qualifier : Wednesday 01 June 2005
Day 2 Qualifier : Thursday 02 June 2005
Day 3 Friday 03 June 2005
Day 4 Final : Saturday 04 June 2005

CIPC: Thursday 02 June 2 2005

COPC: Friday 03 June - Saturday 04 June 2005

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MONDAY, MARCH 21

| | |
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| Emily Follensbee Charity 99'er/ Open Pairs | 7:00 pm |
| Kickoff Bracketed K.O. Teams (Rnd 1) | 7:00 pm |

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Kickoff Bracketed K.O. Teams (Rnd 2) | 9:00 am |
| Morning Side Game Series | 9:00 am |
| Lynn Douglas Stratified Open Pairs | 1:00 & 7:00 pm |
| Afternoon Side Game Series | 1:00 pm |
| Evening Side Game Series | 7:00 pm |

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

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| Midweek Bracketed K.O. Teams (Rnd 1) | 9:00 am |
| Morning Side Game Series (2nd Session) | 9:00 am |
| Mike Chomyn Stratified Open Swiss Teams (Win/Loss) | 1:00 & 7:00 pm |
| Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd Session) | 1:00 pm |
| Evening Side Game Series (2nd Session) | 7:00 pm |

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

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| Midweek Bracketed K.O. Teams (Rnd 2) | 9:00 am |
| Morning Side Game Series (3rd Session) | 9:00 am |
| Bob Clements Stratified Open Pairs | 1:00 & 7:00 pm |
| Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd Session) | 1:00 pm |
| Evening Side Game Series (3rd Session) | 7:00 pm |

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

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|--|----------------|
| Week-end Bracketed K.O. Teams (Rnd 1) | 9:00 am |
| Morning Side Game Series (4th Session) | 9:00 am |
| Stan Matheson Stratified Open Pairs | 1:00 & 7:00 pm |
| Afternoon Side Game Series (4th Session) | 1:00 pm |
| Evening Side Game Series (4th Session) | 7:00 pm |

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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|--|----------------|
| Prime Time Bracketed K.O. Teams (Rnd 1) | 1:00 pm |
| Morning Side Game Series (Final Session) | 9:00 am |
| Marg Andrukow Stratified Open Pairs | 1:00 & 7:00 pm |
| Afternoon Side Game Series (Final Session) | 1:00 pm |
| Evening Side Game Series (Final Session) | 7:00 pm |

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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| John Davison Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (Flight A – VP; Flight B/C - Win/Loss) | 10:30 & 3:15 pm |
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FUTURE MASTER EVENTS

Single session Stratified Pairs Games
FLIGHTS: D = 50 – 100 / E = 20 – 50 / F = 0 – 20

SIDE GAME SERIES - GOLD POINTS

Each game is a single session, regionally-rated game. Gold points are awarded for section firsts. Use your two best games with any partner for overall awards.

See the program website for more details
www.wasumi.org/D18Tournaments.htm

12TH WORLD OLYMPIAD TEAMS : TURKEY : 2004

This October Canada took part in a World Championship held in Istanbul Turkey. We sent three teams, chosen through national playdowns (CNTC, CWTC, CSTC).

Canadian Open Team :: Ray Jotcham, Lewis Richardson, Jim Priebe, Steve Mackay, David Lindop, Mike Cummings.
NPC : Paul Thurston.

Canada's Open Team was one of 72 total teams. The teams were divided into 4 groups of 18 teams. Each group played a full round robin over a period of six days. The Canadians needed to place in the top four of their group in order to move into the Round of 16. Our team seemed to struggle throughout the six days, actually winning only 6 of the 17 matches. However, their play was steady, their losses low, and they finished a dead center 12th, 84 VPs out of 1st, 82 VPs away from last. It might be fair to note that Group A, where we were placed, also held all three of the eventual Olympiad medalists - Italy, Netherlands and Russia - which had to have skewed things somewhat for everyone.

Canadian Women's Team :: Ina Demme, Hazel Wolpert, Irene Hodgson, Linda Lee, Katie Thorpe, Shelagh Paulsson.
NPC : John Rayner.

The women fared a bit better. There were 43 teams total in the event, divided into two groups. An 8th place finish at the end of the round robin would allow us to move into the Round of 16. By Round 10 on Day four we were sitting in 8th spot and had moved into 3rd by the end of the day. Small losses to Scotland and Hungary dropped us to 5th but then a big loss to Switzerland at the top of Day 6 dropped us into 9th. The team was unable to recover, losing all their remaining matches but one. A big win against Jordan finished the round robin on a high note, but we had to accept a 13th place finish.

Canadian Senior Team :: Jonathan Robinson (Captain), André Laliberté, Fred Hoffer, Don Piafsky, John Carruthers, Joseph Silver.

The International Senior Cup format was a bit different, with the 29 total teams playing a simple round robin and Gold, Silver and Bronze going to the top 3 teams. Canada placed 10th overall - a bit disappointing as this team was expected to medal. Looking at the match results in the Senior event, one can see a lot of big wins and big losses for all the teams. The Canadians settled down eventually, winning 14 of their last 16 matches. Watch our April magazine for an article on the Senior Teams by John Carruthers.

OLYMPIAD MEDALISTS

OPEN TEAMS

Italy
Netherlands
Russia

WOMEN

Russia
USA
England

SENIOR

USA
Netherlands
Germany

Web links to Olympiad bulletins and reports can be found on www.cbf.ca

See page 9 for Jim Priebe's personal reflections on the World Olympiad.

SAVE THOSE TRUMPS

from the World Olympiad Daily Bulletin No. 7 page 11

"Waste not want not" is a familiar maxim, and perhaps that sentiment was on North's mind as he participated - in a manner of speaking - in the play of board 12 from the round of 19 in the International Senior Cup. As reported by Canada's Jonathan Robinson, North's stingy approach to his trumps proved quite costly to the Irish team. The Canadian East-West were Fred Hoffer and Don Piafsky. Their opponents shall remain nameless for reasons that should be all too obvious.

Board 12

DLR: W

Vul: N/S

NORTH

♠ 8 5 2

♥ 5

♦ 5 3

♣ A K Q 10 8 7 5

WEST

♠ Q 9 4

♥ J 7 3

♦ K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 2

EAST

♠ A K J 7 6 3

♥ K Q 10 9 4 2

♦ 7

♣ void

SOUTH

♠ 10

♥ A 8 6

♦ A J 9 8 2

♣ J 6 4 3

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Piafsky | | Hoffer | |
| Pass | 3NT | 4♠ | 5♣ |
| 5♠ | Pass | 6♠ | Dbl |
| All Pass | | | |

South started with the ♥A, and he switched to a club at trick two. Declarer ruffed and played a trump. When he played a second trump, both opponents showed out. A third trump was cashed and again both opponents discarded. Then declarer played a low diamond, South taking the ace, and claimed 'down one'. Robinson reports that at that moment, North spoke up to say that he had a heart ruff coming. Indeed, South then gave his partner a heart ruff. Until North spoke up, Hoffer had apparently not noticed that although he had played trumps three times, the opponents had followed only once each. A tournament director was summoned and ruled that the established revoke and subsequent trick taken with a card that should have been played on the revoke trick would cost the offending side two tricks.

This was the auction in one room.

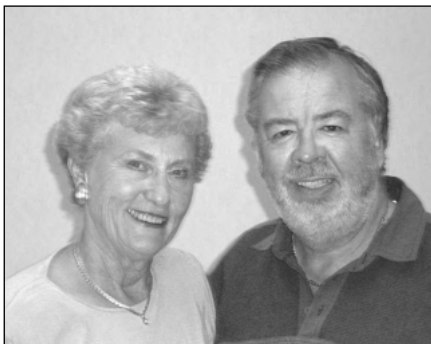
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| Pass | 3♣ | Dbl | 5♣ |
| Pass | Pass | 5♥ | All Pass |

That meant that the doubled slam had been made for plus 1210 to Canada, leaving North to reflect that perhaps silence is golden after all.

This contract made on the nose for + 450.

TREVOR WILLIS MEMORIAL

Pictured are the winners of the Trevor Willis Memorial Charity Game, Mark and Barb Siegrist. The event was held on Saturday September 18, 2004 at The Bridge Connection. The Charity Game raised \$3,450 for Habitat for Humanity.



REFLECTIONS ON ISTANBUL

by Jim Priebe

THANKS ARE DUE

First of all, thanks to everyone who supported our effort: The Canadian Bridge Federation, who made it all possible, Unit 166 of the ACBL for generous financial support, Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio, John Rayner's Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Center, Hazel Wolpert's Doubles Bridge Club Niagara Organizing Committee - Bridge Week 2004

ISTANBUL ITSELF

How often do we see a city that has existed for five thousand years, and has several of the world's greatest architectural sights, and friendly people all over? The tournament hotel, the Grand Cevahir, was an excellent choice - first class in all respects with a helpful and willing staff.

THE BRIDGE

Canada finished twelfth in our round robin group of eighteen countries. As it happened, all three open medallists were in our group (Italy - gold, Netherlands - silver, and Russia - bronze) so qualifying for the KO playoffs was a huge challenge. A secondary goal that we shared was to finish in the top half of our group and give Canada a berth in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl in accordance with the World Bridge Federation (silly) conditions of contest. We achieved neither goal. No pair on our team played as well as we had at St. Catharines.

In spite of our disappointing performance, I felt that a normal good night in one of our Toronto team leagues would suffice to win any of the matches we played. The teams, Italy included, were all "beatable". As it happened, I had my personal worst match of all of 2004 when we played against Italy - three game contracts made against us that could have been set, and a conservative bid by me caused a missed game. Our team mates for this match - Ray Jotcham and Lew

Richardson - came up with a great card, and we lost a close match instead of waltzing off with a sizeable win.

Playing under World Championship conditions is different than playing in ACBL land. Languages are different. Mannerisms are unusual. My screen mate in the Italian match was approachable and personable if you met him in the hall, but behind a screen, he had only one goal - winning. He loved to rocket the tray under the screen as soon as my bidding card touched the surface, and he showed impatience with every question I asked about the bidding. I could hardly read his handwriting and inquiries brought more expressions of impatience.

Playing against Russia, we had a comfortable thirty minutes to play the last three boards. The first of these was a one notrump contract and one of the Russians dragged the play out for 20 minutes. I was dummy and had a good picture of all the hands even though I could see only my own! We called the director part way through the hand and he stayed to observe, but what could he do? We had ten minutes to play the last two hands, and one happened to be a grand slam (missed at both tables) with two voids - difficult to bid under any circumstance. Of course the auction was rushed.

To compete successfully at the world level, our players have to play more in tough competition, where the importance of small mistakes is magnified. This means NABC participation. We may never see the team sponsors that abound in the USA, but Canadian players have done well in these events in the past. Some are doing it now (Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy). I see no other way for our players to strengthen their games adequately.

BOTTOM LINE: a great, unforgettable experience for all of us.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

By Ray Lee for the World Olympiad Daily Bulletin No. 9

In Round 20 of the 12th World Olympiad Women's Team event in a match against Russia, Canada's Linda Lee executed a neat piece of declarer play, involving very precise timing.

Board 11
DLR: S
Vul: None

NORTH

♠ J 4 3
♥ 3 2
♦ K 10 5
♣ A K 10 9 7

WEST

♠ K
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A J 9 8 7 4
♣ Q 5

EAST

♠ A 10 6
♥ J 6
♦ Q 3 2
♣ J 8 6 3 2

SOUTH

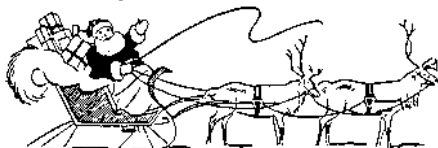
♠ Q 9 8 7 5 2
♥ A K 10 8 7
♦ 6
♣ 4

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | - | - | 1♠ |
| 2♦ | 3♦(1) | dbl | 4♠ |

All Pass

(1) Limit raise or better

The defense started with the ace of diamonds and switched to a low diamond at trick two. There are communication problems now, as well as issues relating to restricting the trump losers to two with that ♠10 lurking. However, Lee decided on the auction and defense so far to play West for a singleton trump honor. Winning the ace of clubs, she cashed two more minor-suit winners, shedding two hearts. Now she crossed to hand with the ♥A and played a low trump towards dummy. West won, perforce, and returned a second heart, but declarer was well in control. Winning the heart king, she ruffed a heart with the ♠J, and East was helpless. This was a well-earned 10 IMPs to Canada.



SECTIONALS SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL FUND

The CBF would like to thank the following units for hosting International Fund games at their Sectionals. Not only do these games pay master points at Regional rating but they also support Canadian players that represent our country at the World Events.

Unit 192 - Eastern Ontario & Outaouais Bridge Association

Unit 573 - South Saskatchewan Unit - two Sectionals

Unit 228 - Northwestern Ontario Unit

Unit 181 - Winnipeg Unit

Just think how great it would be if all Canadian Sectionals supported Canadian Bridge in this manner. For only \$1 per player per session you can support Canadian Bridge and award Regionally rated masterpoints at your Sectional.

CLUBS: HELP YOUR MEMBERS EARN MORE MASTERPOINTS WITH JUNIOR FUND GAMES

Clubs can hold Junior Fund Games during any sanctioned session in any month except April and September. Players pay an extra \$1.00 per session and can win sectionally rated black points. February continues to be Junior Month. Help build the future of duplicate bridge by participating in Junior Fund Games. If you have any questions, call or email Charlotte Blaiss, Director of Youth/Junior Programs, ACBL.

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2005-2006 ALERT !

BIG CHANGES TO CNTC TIMEFRAME COMING IN 2005

2006 BRIDGE WEEK IN FEBRUARY

The World Bridge Federation has set dates for the 2006 World Championships : Verona, Italy from June 10 - 24, 2006. This means that the CBF has had to totally re-vamp its playing schedule for the 2006 CNTC. Given the crowded calendar of events in March and April, and in order to give players that qualify lots of time to make arrangements to travel to Italy, the CBF has had to move Canadian Bridge Week back into February. The 2006 Canadian Bridge Week will be held in Mississauga, Ontario at the Delta Meadowvale Conference Centre from February 11 - 18, 2006.

THE 2006 CBF IF REGIONAL WILL BE HELD AT BRIDGE WEEK

The Regional will run from February 14 - 19, 2006. This will provide an excellent opportunity for players from all across Canada to enjoy lots of bridge. Whether or not you qualify to play in a National Championship event, you will be able to take part in all the fun and excitement.

QUALIFYING ROUND DATES DIFFERENT IN 2005 FOR CNTC AND CWTC

To accommodate this early Bridge Week the time frame for holding CNTC qualifying games has had to be adjusted. Club qualifying games in the CNTC – Flights A and B will be held from July 1 – October 15, 2005. Zone finals in both the CNTC Flights A and B and the CWTC will have to be completed by December 19, 2005.

The club qualifying period for the COPC will remain September 1 – December 31, 2005.

Club managers will receive their CBF sanction application package in late May 2005.

CANADA IS STILL ELIGIBLE

2005 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup

We have some good news regarding the WBF Rules and Regulations for competing in the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/Senior Bowl. Based on the old rules Canada would have been ineligible to play in the next two Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cups due to their finishes in the Olympiad.

At a press conference during the recent World Olympiad, WBF President Jose Damiani laid out new rules for Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/Senior Bowl competition. There will be 22 teams in each series comprising: 1 - Host; 6 - Europe; 3 - NA (2 USA + 1 Canada/Mexico); 2 - SA; 1 - CAC; 2 - Africa; 3 - Asia and Middle East; 2 - Pacific Asia; 2 - Oceania. Participation is no longer dependent on a high finish in the Olympiad. However, participation will be tied to participation in the Junior and the Schools World Championship in some way. Damiani stated that there will be a relationship between the number of teams allowed to come from various zones and those zones' participation in the World Junior Bridge Championship. It is not clear whether a country must participate in all three to get into the BB/VC/SB or not. We are waiting for clarification. Either way, however, we did participate in all three events this year so are good to go in 2005. Canada will be eligible to compete against Mexico for a berth in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup.

ALL EVENTS TRANSNATIONAL IN 2006

For the first time, all events at the World Bridge Championships in Verona Italy, 2006, will be transnational. All pairs and teams may be made up of players from any combinations of countries. The confirmation of the new conditions by WBF President Jose Damiani was part of a press conference during the World Olympiad this November.

CBF JUNIOR REPORT

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR FRONT

by Ed Antosz, Junior Manager

Junior bridge seems to exist in Canada on at least two levels. The competitive teams (Schools and Worlds) are preparing or have just participated in international competition. Our schools team (21 and under) was at the New York Summer Nationals which hosted the first World Schools Championship. The team of Erin Anderson, Anton Blagov, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, Samantha Nystrom and David Sabourin represented Canada and should be proud of their performance. They finished fourth in the world and first in Zone 2 winning over both USA teams head to head and finishing ahead of them in the standings. The NPC was Jonathan Steinberg and the team coach was Danny Miles, a former junior who not only represented Canada in his younger years but is becoming more involved in junior bridge with each passing year. For more about this event check the CBF website and read Jonathan Steinberg's report.

Canada's second competitive team is currently preparing for the World Youth Championship scheduled for August 2005 in Sydney, Australia. This year's team comprises Tim Capes, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, and Gavin Wolpert with Jonathan Steinberg serving as NPC. A valued addition to the team is Eric Kokish who will serve as coach.

In previous years the preparation for the world tournament consisted of a training weekend held under the direction of Kokish and then a follow-up week of training the month prior to the event. This year the CBF is trying a new design to prepare the team. The players are working as pairs and playing regularly. Kokish has set up an internet site for them to practice their game and he receives a complete record of the bidding and play. He can then analyze their bidding,

declarer play and defense and subsequently talk to each pair individually to discuss their reasoning and suggest strategies to improve their game. This year Kokish will accompany the team to Sydney as coach and will be in attendance at the world championship where he will be able to suggest tactics and strategies to better handle each of the opponents' bidding systems and provide moral support.

The other level of bridge is the newer player. Currently under development is a two-day bridge seminar which consists of bidding and play exercises with plenty of opportunity for play. New players, much like their older counterparts, often prefer to play the game rather than learn about it. These materials, once completed, will be available to all teachers. (The launch had been originally planned for October at the Ottawa Regional but has been delayed.) The seminar material will likely be available in early spring.

Also of interest to players across the country is the formalization of our Code of Conduct. Each junior participating in a junior event or representing Canada at a tournament or championship is required to sign the Code of Conduct. Although the Code specifies expected behaviour, it is also a guideline for all participants – players, coaches and captains. Many of the items in the Code have been assumed but are now detailed, making expectations clear for everyone. This Code of Conduct can be found on the CBF website (www.cbf.ca) in the Office.

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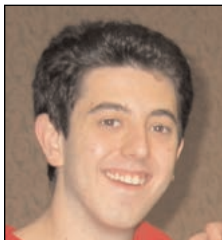
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AUSTRALIA BOUND

by Jonathan Steinberg

Canada will be competing in the 10th World Youth Team Championships (WYTC) in Sydney, Australia, August 8-17, 2005 with an all star line-up of young bridge stars. The World Junior Championships are awesome. It is an opportunity for young bridge players from around the world to meet and form lifetime friendships.



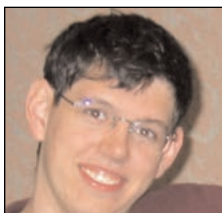
But at the bridge table, the competition is fierce. Junior bridge is not for the faint of heart! Optimistic bidding requires skilful declarer play and/or tough defense in order to succeed. The 2005 Canadian team is loaded with talent and experience.



Vincent Demuy & Gavin Wolpert. These two are expected to provide leadership and skill. Vince and Gavin, barely in their twenties, are both full-time bridge professionals who placed second in Spingold (Summer, 2004), won the CNTC (2003), and have multiple Regional victories. Gavin just became a Diamond Life Master (5000 masterpoints). Both of them have previous WYTC experience and have one goal in mind – a medal for Canada.



David Grainger & Daniel Lavee. David has a Materials Engineering degree from the University of Toronto. He is the oldest member of the team and this will be his last opportunity to represent Canada as a Junior. He plans to make the best of it. Daniel Lavee, 20, the youngest player on the team, is brimming with enthusiasm and bridge acumen. At press time, Daniel had won more than 600 masterpoints in 2004! David and Daniel are working closely with Eric Kokish on a new bidding system they will unleash on the world next summer.



Tim Capes & Charles Halasi are both full time students at the University of Toronto. Charles is in his junior year working towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Tim will graduate in Spring, 2005 as a Pure Math Specialist. He plans to continue on to post-graduate studies working towards a doctorate. Charles played in the Paris 2003 WYTC. This will be Tim's first experience at the world level.



Eric Kokish, Coach: Eric has excelled as a player, writer, and bridge coach. He coaches the world famous Nickell team and can now add the 2005 Canadian Junior team to his résumé. He was the 2002 ACBL Honorary Member Of The Year. We are thrilled to have him on board.

Jonathan Steinberg, NPC: Jonathan was NPC of the 1999 Canadian Junior Team in Ft. Lauderdale and the 1999 and 2000

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JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS 2005

The WBF has changed the schedule of the World Youth Team Championships from odd numbered year to even numbered years. As a result a Canadian Junior Team Trials will be held in 2005. These trials will also be used to name a Canadian World Schools team. The trials will be held in Toronto, September 2 - 5, 2005, at the Toronto Labour Day Sectional. Please watch the April 2005 Bridge Canada for complete conditions of contest and details on how to enter.

HANDS FROM THE 2004 JUNIOR TRIALS

One of the most popular characteristics of junior bridge is excitement. Juniors are reputed to bid to spots other bridge players have difficulty imagining. They are known to make plays which separate them from other bridge players. The junior team trials held in May provided many interesting hands. Here are three hands where juniors bid to good spots.

One of the pairs who performed very well at the trials was that of Tim Capes and Charles Halasi, sitting North/South on this board.

They were the only pair to reach the six level holding the following cards. Every other pair signed off in game, making 13 tricks. Try this hand with your favourite partner. Will you get to seven?

Dealer South **NORTH**

Vul: Both ♠ A 8
♥ A 10 6 5 4
♦ A J 5 2
♣ A J

WEST

♠ Q 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ K 10 8 5 4

EAST

♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 7
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ Q 7 6 2

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 6 4 3
♥ K J 9 3
♦ K
♣ 9 3

The 4♦ Splinter set the stage for North to drive to a slam. Interestingly, on the lay of the cards, 13 tricks are available in hearts, spades, and no trump. It matters not whether the hand is played by North or South. The opening lead was of course the ♠2.

Two newcomers to the junior bridge scene are Mike Evans and Anton Blagov, both from the Toronto area. Here is a hand on which they picked up 12 IMPs by bidding and successfully bringing home a tricky contract. East can win 9 tricks on careful play with help from their opponents. Both players deserve kudos for their actions on this board. Blagov was declarer as East in 3NT.

Dealer North **NORTH**

Vul: Both ♠ K J 10 8
♥ A K J
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 8 5

WEST

♠ 9
♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ A J 10 8 2
♣ J 6

EAST

♠ A Q 7 5 2
♥ Q 2
♦ void
♣ K Q 9 7 3 2

SOUTH

♠ 6 4 3
♥ 9 7 3
♦ K 9 7 5 4
♣ 10 4

The Ottawa twosome of David Sabourin and Isabel Smith sitting East/West bid to nice 6♦ on the board below.

At the table, the auction was:

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | - | - | 1♠ |
| P | 2♥ | P | 4♦! |
| P | 4NT | P | 5♣ |
| X | 5♦ | P | 6♥ |
| P | P | P | |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1♣ | P |
| 2♦ | P | 2NT | P |
| 4♦ | P | 4♥ | P |
| 6♦ | P | P | P |

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Dealer East **NORTH**

Vul: None ♠ J 8 6
 ♡ J 7 4
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ 6 5 4 3

WEST

♠ K 7 2
 ♡ K Q 2
 ♦ A K 10 9 4 2
 ♣ K

EAST

♠ A 10 9
 ♡ A 10 6 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A 10 8 7 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 5 4 3
 ♡ 9 8 5
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ Q J 9

North lead the ♡4 to West's king. Smith then cashed the ace and king of diamonds, unblocked the ♣ K and exited with the ♦ 9. When the diamonds split 3 – 3 she was home with 12 tricks.

This is a truly interesting hand. As difficult as it is to reach either 6♣ or 6♦, both contracts are cold. The more difficult contract to reach is 6NT to which there is no successful defense but the most difficult spot to arrive at is 7♥. On the lay of the cards, careful play by declarer will bring home 13 tricks.



JUNIORS DO MENTV

Generator Films of Toronto is producing a 13 part series on card games. The series will touch on such interesting games as euchre, cribbage, and bridge with two episodes devoted to bridge.

The producers of the series will visit a tournament in Niagara Falls and the first episode will focus on what a bridge tournament is like. There will also be a segment on how to play bridge. Readers of Bridge Canada might find appeal in both aspects of this program for interest only as we all know how to play the game!

There will be interviews with several bridge professionals, coaches and personalities.

The second program on bridge will take a look at junior players. We all know bridge is perceived as a game that your uncle played but not really a game of interest to young people. There is a difference between impression and reality. Several of the juniors in the Toronto area will appear on the program and you can see them play the game as well as hear their thoughts and impressions about bridge, competition and what it's like to be a younger person in a population of bridge players.

These programs will be broadcast in the spring 2005 on MENTV. Air dates have not yet been set so check the CBF website for exact broadcast times.

JUNIOR MASTERPOINT RACE

YOUTH MASTERPOINT RACE

Updated 11 06 2004

| | | | |
|----|------------------|--------------|------|
| 1 | Ian Boyd | Calgary AB | 1176 |
| 2 | Vincent Demuy | Laval QC | 1021 |
| 3 | Gavin Wolpert | Thornhill ON | 1004 |
| 10 | Daniel Lavee | Thornhill ON | 688 |
| 20 | Daniel Korbel | Waterloo ON | 287 |
| 23 | Matthew Mason | Toronto ON | 256 |
| 34 | David Grainger | Etobicoke ON | 201 |
| 37 | Samantha Nystrom | Burnaby BC | 189 |
| 40 | Mark Donovan | Kingston ON | 188 |

| | | | |
|----|------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1 | Daniel Lavee | Thornhill ON | 688 |
| 5 | Samantha Nystrom | Burnaby BC | 189 |
| 16 | David Sabourin | Ottawa ON | 112 |
| 25 | Anton Blagov | Toronto ON | 68 |
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| 46 | Jeffery Yu | North York ON | 39 |

AUSTRALIA BOUND *Continued from page 13*

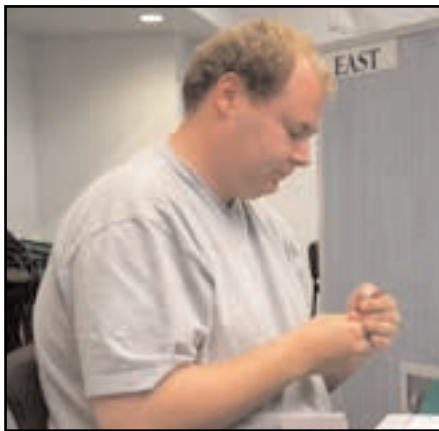
Canadian teams at the International Youth Bridge Festival in the Netherlands. He represents District 2 on the ACBL Board of Directors and is a trustee on the ACBL Educational Foundation.

As I write this, the team is hard at work practicing, writing up their bridge systems, and starting to formulate their WBF convention cards. I would like to thank Chuck Arthur for his invaluable help with team training, espe-

cially for preparing the boards and working through the defensive assignments with us.

It is too early to have prepared a budget for Australia, but the CBF, Unit 166, and Toronto area bridge players have an outstanding history of generosity when it comes to funding Canadian Junior Teams. So I shall thank all of you in advance for your support in 2005!

Happy Holidays to all!

**BOYD IN THE LEAD**

Ian Boyd of Calgary (although we see a lot of him in BC) is leading the Richmond Trophy race, with Vincent Demuy in 2nd and Gavin Wolpert not much further behind in 3rd. The three Canadian Juniors have been changing places in this race all year. All three were members of the 2001 Junior Team that represented Canada at the World Championships in Brazil as well as the 2003 Junior Team that represented Canada at the World's in Paris France. Demuy and Wolpert are a partnership preparing for the 2005 World Juniors in Australia (see page 13).

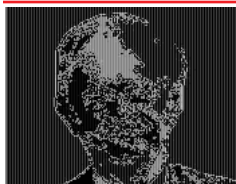
RICHMOND TROPHY LEADERS

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Note: Restricted to paid members of the CBF

| | | | |
|----|---------------------|------------------|------|
| 1 | Ian Boyd | Calgary AB | 1176 |
| 2 | Vincent Demuy | Laval QC | 1021 |
| 3 | Gavin Wolpert | Thornhill ON | 1004 |
| 4 | Barry Harper | Regina SK | 828 |
| 5 | Shi Yan | Delta BC | 727 |
| 6 | Cameron Doner | Richmond BC | 710 |
| 7 | Daniel Lavee | Thornhill ON | 688 |
| 8 | Martin Caley | Montreal QC | 643 |
| 9 | Jonathan Steinberg | Toronto ON | 568 |
| 10 | Heather Peckett | Nepean ON | 527 |
| 11 | Robert Hollow | Madoc ON | 526 |
| 12 | Norm Gordon | Dol-D-Ormeaux QC | 483 |
| 13 | Michael Yuen | Vancouver BC | 473 |
| 14 | Richard Anderson | Regina SK | 458 |
| 15 | William Koski | King City ON | 424 |
| 16 | Piotr Klimowicz | Edmonton AB | 424 |
| 17 | Andre Chartrand | Chateauguay QC | 423 |
| 18 | Paul Janicki | Markham ON | 419 |
| 19 | Gerald La Flamme | Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB | 417 |
| 20 | James Priebe | Mississauga ON | 407 |
| 21 | Nicholas Gartaganis | Calgary AB | 399 |
| 22 | Jean Castonguay | Lery QC | 395 |

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 23 | Boris Baran | Cote Saint-Luc QC | 384 |
| 24 | Duncan Smith | Victoria BC | 382 |
| 25 | Judith Gartaganis | Calgary AB | 379 |
| 26 | Martin Hunter | Mississauga ON | 376 |
| 27 | John Rayner | Oakville ON | 375 |
| 28 | Sylvia Fay Caley | Montreal QC | 373 |
| 29 | Patrice Roy | Sherbrooke QC | 371 |
| 30 | Thomas Gandolfo | Edmonton AB | 368 |
| 31 | Lewis Richardson | Toronto ON | 363 |
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| 38 | Andrew Tylman | Toronto ON | 343 |
| 39 | Helene Beaulieu | Sherbrooke QC | 342 |
| 40 | Helen Colter | Fredericton NB | 342 |
| 41 | Alice Anderson | Tillsonburg ON | 341 |
| 42 | Anna Boivin | Victoria BC | 340 |
| 43 | Louise Zicat | Gatineau QC | 339 |
| 44 | William Ge | Vancouver BC | 329 |
| 45 | Malcolm Ewashkiw | Belleville ON | 329 |
| 46 | Barry Pritchard | Edmonton AB | 327 |
| 47 | Steven Lawrence | Calgary AB | 326 |
| 48 | Edward Zaluski | Ottawa ON | 321 |
| 49 | Ronald Sutherland | Mississauga ON | 319 |
| 50 | Michael Cummings | Toronto ON | 315 |



THINKING ON DEFENSE

by Jim Priebe

Leading Aces against No Trump.

DLR: N

Vul: Both

NORTH

♠ 6 4

♥ 10 6

♦ A J 4

♣ K 10 7 6 4 2

WEST

♠ A Q 10 9 8

♥ A Q 8 7

♦ 7 6

♣ A J

EAST

♠ 7 5

♥ J 9 3 2

♦ 10 9 5 3 2

♣ 5 3

SOUTH

♠ K J 3 2

♥ K 5 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ Q 9 8

WEST

-

1♠

Pass

NORTH

Pass

2♠

3NT

EAST

Pass

Pass

All Pass

SOUTH

1♣

2NT

Many players would debate whether to lead the queen or ten of spades, and after making their choice would be quickly minus 400. My partner, Steve Mackay, found a neat solution on this hand. He led the ace of spades, which we play as a request to unblock an honor, or to show count. If the king or jack appeared from his partner or declarer, Steve would know how to continue. When neither appeared, Steve could be sure that a spade continuation was hopeless and shifted to a heart. Declarer was now quickly down one.

The agreement on ace leads against notrump is a useful one. Players would do well to discuss this situation with their partners. When you hold suits such as

AKJ10 (+)

AKQ10 (+)

AQ109 (+)

You might think that North-South were dreaming when they bid this hand, but switch your thoughts to the defenders' problem. How do you set it? There is no problem if you can see all four hands, but we do not have that luxury at the table.

consider leading the ace. Players do bid notrump with an unstopped suit, and if you know whether partner has a missing honor, or how many cards she holds in the suit, you can often take full advantage. As you see here, it took the guesswork out of the defense.

New Clauses for Junior Section of CBF Code of Conduct

- Junior representatives will be supplied with team shirts or uniforms. The representatives are expected to wear these while representing the CBF in their chosen events.
- Junior representatives are encouraged to represent the CBF in all events while in attendance at their chosen venue. This includes participation in consolation pair or team events that are offered for individuals who have been eliminated from the primary event.
- While in attendance at CBF sponsored events, Junior representatives are expected to maintain regular hours. This will include curfews set by their coach or NPC during their participation in the event.

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HECHT CUP 2004 Sept 24-26, Copenhagen

by Eric Kokish, Toronto

The 5th Hecht Cup, an invitational Barometer Pairs

event scored at Matchpoints, was held at Blakets Bridgecenter in Copenhagen in late September. The Hecht is the creation of Denmark's generous and supremely enthusiastic Peter Hecht-Johansen and this year's field of 52 pairs, which included 20 foreign entries, was reputedly the strongest ever.

Starting with the Calcutta auction and Pro-Am on Friday evening, there was wall-to-wall activity for the participants and the keenly interested local bridge crowd. The Hecht Cup was covered on the Internet by both Swan Games and Bridge Base Online and with 117 deals to be played on Saturday and Sunday there was no time to be wasted. Blakets Bridgecenter is a magnificent club located by the sea with a wraparound terrace that provides not only some spectacular vistas but also an attractive setting for the smokers to indulge themselves between rounds. It goes without saying that those who needed a nicotine fix tended to play at breakneck speed, and the staff had its hands full luring the participants back to the table to start the new round.

Complete standings, deal records and frequencies were circulated minutes after each round was completed and the organization was simply magnificent.

Events like this one are sadly unavailable in North America, where the focus seems too often to be on the distribution of masterpoints in two-day flighted or stratified knockouts and two-session pairs events. Despite the brisk pace of play, the Hecht Cup is a very social tournament; it's difficult to imagine anyone not enjoying the event.

The Austrians, Doris Fischer/Bernd Saurer, won the 5th Hecht Cup with a stellar performance and were followed by Andrew McIntosh/David Bakhshi, England; and Bettina Kalkerup/Ulla Koch, Denmark. The closing party was held at a special restaurant in the middle of a forest. Those of us who walked the last few thousand metres were pleased to cross paths with several elk in full antler. The elk did not join us for dinner, or for dancing, which went on until the wee hours. The Danes sure know how to party. Peter brought his own jukebox, which earns him my undying disrespect.

(Editor's note: Eric Kokish participated in this year's Hecht Cup partnering George Mittelman. Following are 4 hands selected from a longer account of the event.)

A couple of early lead problems to see whether this is going to be "your" event .

| 1) West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------|------|-------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1NT(11-14) | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | All Pass | | |

You, North, hold:

♠ K103 ♥ K7 ♦ J862 ♣ KQ53

| 2) West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1♦ | 2♣ | Dble* | 3♣ |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

You, North, hold:

♠ J52 ♥ A ♦ Q106 ♣ KQ10732

Solutions on next page.

Solutions:

(1) In general it's a good idea to clear trumps against a low-level part-score when you suspect that your side has at least its share of the high cards and the opponents hold no more than eight trumps. Even if you blow a trump trick you often do no worse than break even when declarer loses some of his ruffing tricks. And so I have nothing but sympathy for Knut Blakset for his lead of the ♥K on Board A3. Unfortunately, this was the complete layout:

Bd: A3

Dlr: S

Vul: E/W

| | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------|
| | North | |
| | ♠ K 10 3 | |
| | ♥ K 7 | |
| | ♦ J 8 6 2 | |
| | ♣ K Q 5 3 | |
| West | | East |
| ♠ Q J 2 | | ♠ A 6 5 |
| ♥ A Q J 5 | | ♥ 8 6 4 2 |
| ♦ K 10 | | ♦ Q 9 7 5 4 |
| ♣ J 10 8 4 | | ♣ 6 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ 9 8 7 4 | |
| | ♥ 10 9 3 | |
| | ♦ A 3 | |
| | ♣ A 9 7 2 | |

Declarer won the ♥A and tried the ♦K. Peter Hecht-Johansen won the ace and continued trumps. Declarer won and led the ♦10, intending to pass it. Knut covered and West could establish diamonds, losing only a club and a spade in addition for +170 and +21 matchpoints (top=+25).

The play was also interesting at the table where Michel Bessis declared 2♥ from the East seat against Nadia Bekkouche-Trine Binderkrantz. Trine led the ♦A and switched to the ♠4, dummy's queen winning. Declarer called for the ♣J, a good shot on this layout as Nadia covered, making it particularly difficult for Trine to overtake to continue spades. When the ♣Q held, North continued with a low club. Bessis ruffed,

crossed to the ♦K, ruffed another club, and advanced the ♦Q, ruffed low and over-ruffed. Dummy's last club was ruffed in the closed hand and South ruffed the continuation of the ♦9, over-ruffed again. Declarer crossed to the ♠A and could have endplayed North in trumps by exiting with a spade. Instead, he led the thirteenth diamond and when South failed to ruff, he discarded dummy's spade loser. North ruffed behind dummy but the ace-queen of trumps took he last two tricks. Plus 170 the hard way.

(2) "Ace of hearts, what else?" That would be the reflex answer, I guess, North hoping to find his partner's entry to obtain a heart ruff. Or two. The danger in starting hearts is that this will usually be dummy's source of tricks and the defenders will often relinquish a tempo and obtain insufficient compensation for their ruff . . . if they can arrange one. This was the full deal:

Bd: A4

Dlr: W Nor

th

Vul: Both

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | ♠ J 5 2 | |
| | ♥ A | |
| | ♦ Q 10 6 | |
| | ♣ K Q 10 7 3 2 | |
| West | | East |
| ♠ A K 7 3 | | ♠ Q 10 9 8 6 |
| ♥ J 3 | | ♥ K Q 10 8 7 2 |
| ♦ K 8 3 2 | | ♦ 5 |
| ♣ A 8 5 | | ♣ 6 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ 4 | |
| | ♥ 9 6 5 4 | |
| | ♦ A J 9 7 4 | |
| | ♣ J 9 4 | |

Here South would follow to the lead of the ♥A with the nine, suit preference for diamonds, and the defenders would take three tricks. Remarkably, that would earn them +22 as only four of 26 N/S pairs found this defense. Two declarers managed 12 tricks, presumably when

South contributed an illegible heart to trick one and North switched to clubs; now all the diamonds disappeared on dummy's hearts. Although N/S have a paying save at 5♣ it's difficult to see how they should find it. Indeed, if you're not going to get your three tricks against spades you can save at 6♣ and show a profit. George Mittelman, North, led well on this hand:

Bd: B2

Dir: E

Vul: N/S

North

♠ K 7

♥ K Q 6 5 4 3

♦ 9

♣ 10 8 7 3

West

♠ A 6 2

♥ A J 8

♦ A K 4 3

♣ A 6 2

East

♠ Q J 9

♥ 9 7

♦ J 10 8 6 2

♣ J 9 5

South

♠ 10 8 5 4 3

♥ 10 2

♦ Q 7 5

♣ K Q 4

endgame as North comes under pressure on the run of the diamonds.

Bd: B30

Dir: E

Vul: None

North

♠ Q 9

♥ 10 8 6 5 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ A J

West

♠ K 6 4

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ 10 6

♣ K 8 6 4

East

♠ 10 7 3

♥ J 9

♦ A J

♣ Q 10 7 5 3 2

South

♠ A J 8 5 2

♥ A 2

♦ 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 9

Kokish

West

1♥

Pass

4♣

Sorensen

North

Pass

2♦

4♦

Mittelman

East

Pass

1NT

3♣

All Pass

Henriksen

South

Pass

Dble

3♦

This was nearly everyone's 3NT, E/W, the exceptions being Lindkvist/Ebenius and Michal Kwiecien/Piotr Bizon, who stopped in notrump partscores for +120 and lost a few points, and Peter Lund/Thomas Berg, who bought the contract at 2♥, N/S, for +110 and a top. 3NT produced anywhere from 7-10 tricks, with +400 the popular result. At our table, Mittelman defended well by leading the ♥Q (a weak king-queen combination) and switching to the ♣8 when he won the first trick, South discouraging with the deuce. Declarer tried the ♣9 from dummy, queen, ace. He cashed a high diamond, then reverted to clubs, hoping North held the king. The jack lost to the king and the defenders cleared hearts. Declarer conceded a diamond and could take only seven tricks for -100 and +20 to N/S. On a low heart lead around to the jack declarer would clear diamonds to establish an eighth trick and might manage a ninth in the

This is the sort of deal I love – a competitive partscore involving at least one "last guess." In this case Denmark blinked last. Mittelman led the ♥J and Sorenson felt it was too dangerous to duck his ♥K after the 1♥ opening, which was a pity for him as playing low would have secured the contract. He won the ♥A and led a trump to the queen and ace. A second heart went to the queen, and now a third heart would have promoted the setting trick in trumps (to go with the ♠K). Not very difficult, you would think.

The fact that East was most unlikely to have a second trump, let alone the jack, hardly begins to justify trying to cash the ♣K first, as East would surely have cashed the ♣A had he held it, before leading the second heart. I have attempted to console myself by reflecting that we all make plays as bad as that one a few times a year. I am failing miserably at this self-consolation business.

2004 ERIN BERRY

CANADIAN ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

Seventeen clubs and 485 pairs took part in our annual Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game, which is named in memory of Erin Berry. Erin was developing into one of Canada's best Junior players when she tragically died in an automobile accident in January 1998. The North Bay DBC had the largest turnout with 28 tables (56 pairs). The Vancouver Bridge Centre had the second largest turnout with 52 pairs taking part. The Nanaimo Bridge Club had 51 pairs and the Simcoe DBC both had 44 pairs. The CBF would like to express its appreciation to Bruce McIntyre of Vancouver for doing the analysis for this event.

NATIONAL WINNERS

(485 PAIRS)

1. A. Berlanguet & Sheila Carnegie
Red Deer DBC 75.91%
2. Celia Frederick & Joan Vainio
North Bay DBC 71.94%
3. Ken Connell & Lorna Anderson
Saskatoon DBC 69.13%
4. Roy Landry & Goldie Trager
Halifax Bridge World 68.45%
5. Grant Weston & Liz Van Niekerk
Barrie Bridge Club 66.09%
6. John Demeulemeester & Rolf Zaar
Vancouver Bridge Centre 65.85%
7. Penny Braaten & Clayton Sjoberg
Moose Jaw DBC 65.26%
8. Dinay & Poonam Sarin
Mississauga-Oakville BC 65.15%
9. Sima Ghorashyadeh &
Mehdi Sadeghi
Mississauga-Oakville BC 65.13%
10. Tom Pendergast & Bill Hughes
North Bay DBC 65.00%

Winners in each zone and each club can be found on the CBF website.



ALAN BERLANGUET AND SHEILA CARNEGIE : NATIONAL WINNERS

Alan is a retired IBM accountant who moved to Red Deer from Toronto when he retired in 2004. Born in Edmonton, his wife was born in Calgary so "what better place than to end up in the middle". Alan started playing bridge as a kid watching his parents play and learning from them. In 1974, after returning to Canada from England, he took up the game seriously, taking lessons from Ted Horning in Toronto. He joined the ACBL shortly after. He is a Bronze Life Master with just under 1000 master points. Alan plays an average of four games a week at the Red Deer Bridge Club.

Sheila is retired from Hotel Management. She moved to Red Deer two years ago from Chatham, Ontario. Sheila has been playing bridge for some 35 years, but is new to duplicate. She started by taking Easy Bridge lessons from Crystal Mann this September.

Alan and Sheila were playing together for the first time.

JACK HELPS WITH HAND ANALYSIS

This year's analysis of the annual Erin Berry Rookie Master Pairs was created by Vancouver's Bruce McIntyre with the help of the computer program JACK. A PDF of the booklet with all hands can be found on the CBF website.



Haute voltige

par Martine Lacroix

Quand je suis à la recherche de données pour ma chronique quotidienne dans La Presse, je consulte souvent les résultats des tournois journaliers qui se déroulent sur OkBridge. L'intérêt de ces tournois réside dans le fait que je peux voir d'un seul coup d'œil tous les résultats d'une donne, une sorte d'équivalent électronique de la feuille de route des clubs où les joueurs inscrivent le résultat de leur table et qu'ils insèrent ensuite dans l'étui. Sur le site, non seulement le contrat est-il indiqué, mais on y indique aussi le déclarant, l'entame, le résultat, la marque et le score final (imps ou matchpoints) attribué à la paire. On peut aussi consulter le déroulement du coup joué à chacune des tables.

J'ai trouvé cette donne amusante qui a, semble-t-il, causé des maux de tête à bien des participants. Il faut dire que la grande majorité des joueurs ne sont pas des experts, mais des gens qui prennent plaisir à jouer au bridge, souvent avec un partenaire inconnu sélectionné au hasard. En imps, cette donne a généré un écart de près de 30 imps.

Prenez place en Sud pour un problème d'enchères :

♠ — ♥ARD1096 ♦ARD95 ♣52

À vulnérabilité favorable, Ouest ouvre les enchères à 3♠. Votre partenaire passe et Est poursuit le barrage à 4♠. À vous.

Si vous contretez, comme plusieurs l'ont fait, les enchères s'arrêteront là. Même chose si vous annoncez 5♥ ou 6♥. Vous devez donc commencer avec 4SA, enchère qui, lorsqu'elle est faite sur un barrage au palier de quatre, est traitée un peu comme un contre d'appel. Elle montre en général un bicolore. Lorsque votre partenaire annoncera 5♣, vous poursuivrez avec une enchère à carreau confirmant la possession d'un bicolore cœur-carreau. Mais à quel niveau devrez-vous la faire : 5♦ ou 6♦ ?

Donneur : Ouest

Vul. : N/S

Nord

♠ A D 6

♥ 5

♦ V 7 6 4

♣ A 8 7 6 4

Ouest

♠ R V 10 7 4 3 2

♥ V

♦ 8 2

♣ R 9 3

Est

♠ 9 8 5

♥ 8 7 4 3 2

♦ 10 3

♣ D V 10

Sud

♠ —

♥ A R D 10 9 6

♦ A R D 9 5

♣ 5 2

Ouest

3♠

Passe

Nord

Passe

5♣

Est

4♠

Passe

Sud

4 SA

?

Vous ne pouvez décemment pas sauter à 6♦. Vous ne savez pas qui a la balance des points. C'est peut-être Est qui détient le reste des points. Si vous poursuivez à 5♦, peut-être que Nord daignera vous soutenir jusqu'au petit chelem. Ce qui ne vous avance guère. Devrez-vous poursuivre ou pas ?

En fait, votre partenaire a raté son enchère. Vous l'avez forcé à parler; s'il a un jeu nul et une longue à trèfle, il n'a pas le choix et doit annoncer 5♣. Votre enchère à 4SA promet

du jeu. Il détient lui aussi un bicolore alors, peu importe quelles sont vos deux couleurs, il est assuré d'un fit et il a deux As. Il aurait dû annoncer 6♣ sur votre appel à 4SA. Vous n'auriez ainsi aucune peine à montrer votre bicolore au palier de... 7♦ !

Peu de paires ont atteint le grand chelem que ce soit à carreau ou à cœur. Une paire y est arrivé sans difficulté lorsque Nord a interprété le 4SA de Sud comme une demande d'As et a répondu 5♥ (deux As).

La séquence d'enchères la plus insolite est sans doute celle où Ouest a passé d'emblée laissant à Sud le plaisir d'ouvrir les enchères. À sa place, qu'auriez-vous ouvert ? Une enchère d'ouverture impérative à la manche vient tout naturellement à l'esprit. Le problème quand on ouvre 2♣ avec un bicolore 6-5, c'est qu'on gaspille beaucoup d'espace et qu'il devient quasi impossible de décrire adéquatement sa distribution. Le risque n'est pas très grand si vous ouvrez à 1♥, après tout, vous n'avez que 18 points d'honneur et pas de pique. Soyez sans crainte, les enchères ne s'arrêteront pas là.

À la table, l'esprit retors de Sud lui a suggéré d'ouvrir 1♦ afin de pouvoir faire une inversée à son deuxième tour. Il faut croire que l'ordinateur avait négligé d'insérer les trèfles entre ses cœurs et ses carreaux, rendant ainsi plus difficile le compte exact des cartes dans chaque couleur... —la première couleur d'une inversée n'est-elle pas toujours plus longue que la seconde ? Ouest n'a pas fait plus de bruit à son deuxième tour de parole, se contentant de surenchérir à 1♠. Cette fois, Nord, réévaluant sa teneur à pique, a sauté directement à la manche à sans-atout. Sud, convaincu maintenant qu'il peut faire un chelem à poursuivi son idée et enchaîné avec une inversée au niveau de... 6♥ ! Comme Nord préfère les carreaux, il doit lui donner une préférence au niveau de 7♦. C'est ainsi que cette paire a atteint le grand chelem

| Ouest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Passe | Passe | Passe | 1 ♦ |
| 1 ♠ | 3 SA | Passe | 6 ♥ |
| Passe | 7 ♦ | Passe | Passe |
| Passe | | | |

Le jeu ne présente guère de problème et vous récolterez des imps selon l'échelle suivante :

| | | |
|------------|---|------------|
| 7♥, +2210 | = | 13.93 imps |
| 7♦, +1460 | = | 13.09 imps |
| 6♥, +1460 | = | 5.78 imps |
| 6♦, +1390 | = | 4.53 imps |
| 4♠x, +800 | = | -4.36 imps |
| 4♥, +710 | = | -6.00 imps |
| 5♦, +640 | = | -7.13 imps |
| 3♠x, + 500 | = | -9.04 imps |

Je vous ai dit au début qu'une donne pouvait générer 30 imps d'écart. Pourtant, dans le classement ci-dessus il n'y a que 23 imps de différence entre la plus grosse marque et la plus petite. Le déclarant à l'une des tables a connu un accrochage catastrophique. Le petit chelem à cœur a été atteint en un seul tour d'enchères : 3♠-Passe-4♠-6♥.

L'entame à pique est prise par l'As et le déclarant s'empresse de jouer cœur du mort. Considérant le barrage d'Ouest, il craint un mauvais partage des atouts et insère le 9 de cœur, qui se rend au Valet sec. Ouest change à trèfle, pour l'As du mort. Le déclarant revient dans sa main en coupant un pique, encaisse l'As de cœur et défile les carreaux qu'Est finit éventuellement par couper. Le déclarant concède ensuite une chute de trois levées (!) sans doute due au fait qu'il a réclamé 11 levées en négligeant de dire « je retire les atouts » et qu'il s'est vu retirer le droit de rejouer atout, -15.89 imps.

Changements majeurs dans la programmation du CNTC en 2005

La Fédération mondiale de bridge a choisi la date des championnats du monde de 2006. Ceux-ci auront lieu à Vérone, Italie, du 10 au 24 juin 2006. Cela veut dire que la FCB a dû complètement revoir la cédule de Bridge Week. Le calendrier des compétitions est surchargé en mars et en avril et, afin de donner suffisamment de temps aux joueurs qui se qualifieront pour prendre leurs dispositions pour se rendre en Italie, la FCB doit déplacer Bridge Week en février. La semaine canadienne de bridge se tiendra donc à Mississauga, Ontario, au Delta Meadowvale Conference Centre du 11 au 18 février 2006. Le Régional du Fonds international de la FCB aura lieu en même temps au même endroit, soit du 14 au 19 février 2006. Cela donnera l'occasion aux joueurs provenant

des quatre coins du pays de s'adonner à leur activité favorite. Qu'ils soient qualifiés ou non pour participer à une des compétitions nationales, tous les joueurs pourront prendre part au plus prestigieux événement canadien de l'année.

La programmation des séances de qualification du CNTC a été révisée afin de pouvoir s'adapter au nouveau délai requis par ces dates précoces. Les qualifications de club du CNTC, catégories A et B, se tiendront du 1^{er} juillet au 15 octobre 2005. Les finales de zone du CNTC A et B ainsi que celles du CWTC devront avoir été complétées au plus tard le 19 décembre 2005. La période de qualification dans les clubs pour le COPC demeurera comprise entre le 1^{er} septembre et le 31 décembre 2005.

Les gérants de clubs recevront les demandes de sanction de la FCB vers la fin mai 2005.

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April 2 & 3, 2005

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Format: Stratified Round Robin

Pre-registration with \$200 entry fee is required by March 15, 2005.

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February 26 & 27, 2005

Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre

Format: Round Robin. Each Flight Separate.

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GLORIA BORTOLUSSI : (807) 577-2119

April 2 & 3, 2005

Masonic Hall, 1600 Dease St., Thunder Bay, ON

Pre-registration with \$100 team deposit is required by March 15, 2005. Make cheque to Unit 228.

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April 2 & 3, 2005

Red Deer, Alberta

Format: Round Robin, Each Flight Separate

Pre-registration with \$100 team deposit is required by February 14, 2005

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February 19 & 20, 2005

Victoria Bridge Centre

Format: Flight A Round Robin. Flight B Double

Round Robin. Preduplicated hands. Captains

Meeting 11:30, game time 12:00 noon.

Pre-registration required by Feb 12

BERMUDA BOWL ET VENICE CUP

Le Canada aura-t-il une place en 2005 ?

La 12^e édition des Olympiades mondiales de bridge a eu lieu du 23 octobre au 6 novembre derniers. À la fin du tournoi à la ronde, les représentants du Canada, autant dans l'open que chez les femmes, n'ont pas réussi à se classer dans la portion supérieure à 50% de leur section. Ce qui enlève au Canada, selon le règlement de la fédération mondiale de bridge, le droit d'être représenté à la Bermuda Bowl et à la Venice Cup de 2005.

Le nombre de participants aux championnats de zone (Bermuda Bowl et Venice Cup) est déterminé au pro-rata du nombre de membres par zone. La zone 2 (Canada, États-Unis, Mexique) a droit à trois équipes. Deux places sont automatiquement attribuées aux USA et l'autre est attribuée au Canada ou au Mexique selon un processus de sélection rigoureux. Lorsque le Canada fait mauvaise figure aux Olympiades mondiales, il perd le privilège d'envoyer une équipe aux championnats du monde de zone. La place ainsi libérée revient aux États-Unis. Du moins en était-il ainsi par le passé.

Dans le passé, le Canada a déjà perdu le privilège d'être représenté à la Bermuda Bowl. C'est arrivé aux Olympiades de 2000 et, à cette époque, la FCB avait fait des pressions considérables pour obtenir de la fédération mondiale que le Canada récupère sa place si une des équipes canadiennes inscrites aux championnats du monde de 2002 faisait preuve d'une performance honorable. L'équipe de Kamel Fergani s'était qualifiée et avait atteint la ronde des 16, récupérant du même coup la place du Canada à la Bermuda Bowl de 2003.

Le Canada semble dans le même bouillon cette année, perdant à la fois sa place à la Bermuda Bowl et à la Venice Cup. Mais est-ce vraiment le cas ?

Lors d'une conférence de presse donnée à la fin des Olympiades de 2004, José Damiani, président de la fédération mondiale de bridge, a annoncé un changement dans les règlements régissant la participation aux championnats de zone. Il y aura 22 équipes dans chaque série, Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup et Senior Bowl (cette dernière ayant été ajoutée en 2001), dont trois places attribuées à l'Amérique du Nord (deux aux USA et une au Canada/Mexique). La bonne nouvelle est que la participation du Canada ne dépend plus de sa performance aux Olympiades mondiales, mais bien de sa capacité à être représenté aux Olympiades mondiales, au Championnat du monde junior et aux Championnats scolaires mondiaux. Au moment d'aller sous presse, les conditions exactes de la participation requise du Canada dans ces compétitions n'étaient pas confirmées et la FCB tentait d'obtenir une compréhension claire du nouveau règlement. Le point important à retenir est que les prochains championnats canadiens conduiront les gagnants à une compétition contre le Mexique en vue de l'obtention d'une place aux championnats de zone.

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GRANT PUBLISHES NEW BOOK.

Bridge Basics II, Bidding in Competition by Audrey Grant, reached the book tables this

October. BB2 is the 2nd in a planned series of 5 books presenting a modern approach to teaching and learning bridge. See

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NO "STAY IN SCHOOL" JUNIOR POLICY FOR CANADA

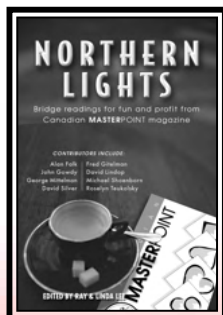
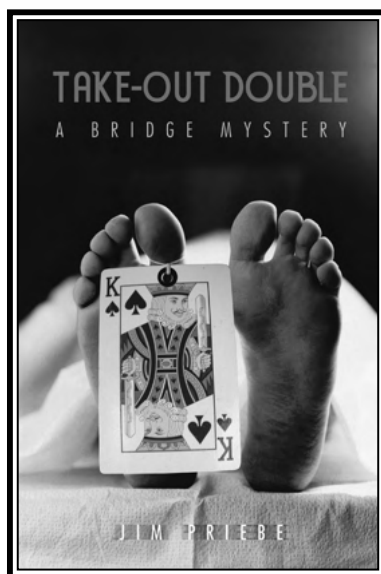
The AGM participants had expressed a desire for the CBF Board of Directors to consider adopting a policy similar to ACBL Junior Policy that states "Any Junior receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation."

A motion was made to this effect at the last CBF Board meeting but was not carried. The Board felt that such a policy would be a discriminatory policy and that it would add bureaucratic pressure.

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2005

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| ACBL IF Week | Jan. 31 - Feb. 6 | Week long |
| ACBL-Wide IF Game #1 | February 5 | Aft: Hand Records |
| CBF STaC | Feb 21-27 | Canada-wide |
| ACBL Charity Week | March 14 - 20 | Week long |
| ACBL-Wide Charity #1 | March 15 | Eve: Hand Records |
| CBF International Fund Regional | March 21 - 27 | Calgary, AB |
| <i>See page 6 for program</i> | | |
| Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #1 | March 31 | Eve: Hand Records |
| Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game | April 25 | Eve: Hand Records |
| CNTC Zone Finals Deadline | April 3 | must be completed |
| CWTC Zone Representatives | April 3 | must be submitted |
| Erin Berry Fund Application | May 1 | Deadline |
| ACBL IF Week | May 9 - 15 | Week long |
| ACBL-Wide IF Game #2 | May 11 | Aft: Hand Records |
| CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK | May 28 - June 4 | Montreal, QC |
| NATIONAL FINALS CNTC : COPC : CWTC : CSTC <i>See page 5 for program</i> | | |
| ACBL-Wide IF Game #3 | July 22 | Eve: Hand Records |
| ACBL IF Week | July 18 - 24 | Week long |
| 10th World Youth Team Championships | Aug 7-17 | Sydney, Australia |
| Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2 | October 3 | Eve: Hand Records |
| 37th World Team Championships | Oct 22 - Nov 5 | Estorial Portugal |
| Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game | October 25 | Eve: Hand Records |
| ACBL-Wide Charity #2 | November 21 | Eve: Hand Records |
| ACBL Charity Week | Nov. 21 - 27 | Week long |



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