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Jonathan Steinberg, Junior Team Coach

Ian Boyd wins the 2004 Richmond Trophy race with 3 other Canadian Juniors close behind. Story and interview inside.

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President's message : Le mot du président

One of the purposes of the CBF is to provide an opportunity for players from across the country to compete for the right to represent our country internationally. Bridge Week successfully provides this venue and although the CNTC, COPC, and the CWTC are qualifying events, the CIPC and CSTC are open to everyone. Rarely do the same teams repeat winning performances as the competition appears more balanced every year!



Douglas Fraser, President

We have changed the format of the Canadian Senior Team Championship from three to four days. The CSTC has become an important event and future changes are still possible.

We have now had two CBF International Fund Regionals which were highly successful. The next one is slated for Mississauga, Ontario 14-19 Feb 2006 and will be part of our 2006 Bridge Week. Another event that helps the CBF is International fund games at Sectionals which pay silver points and are Regionally rated for the cost of only one additional Canadian dollar per person.

The WBF has finally changed the rules of eligibility for participation in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. For now, assuming our membership can be increased, regardless of our success, or that of Mexico's, at the World Bridge Olympiad we will have the opportunity to play against Mexico, with the winner earning the right to compete in odd years in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

Lastly please remember the CBF requires its annual membership of \$9.00 per year to

One des principales raisons d'être de la FCB est l'organisation des championnats canadiens pour sélectionner les équipes qui représenteront le Canada dans les compétitions internationales. Bridge Week est est l'occasion idéale pour tous les joueurs à travers le pays de participer à cette sélection. Même si vous devez vous qualifier au préalable pour participer au CNTC (équipes),

au COPC (paires libres) et au CWTC (équipes féminines), il n'en reste pas moins que le CIPC (paires imps) et le CSTC (équipes seniors) sont ouverts à tous. Il est rare que ce soit les mêmes équipes qui gagnent d'une année à l'autre puisque la compétition est de plus en plus serrée.

Le format des Championnats canadiens par équipes seniors est passé de trois à quatre jours. Cette compétition est devenue très importante et d'autres changements sont envisagés.

La FCB a tenu à ce jour deux régionaux pour lever des fonds au profit des équipes internationales. Les deux tournois se sont avérés un franc succès. Le prochain se tiendra à Mississauga, Ontario, du 14 au 19 février 2006. Une autre façon pour la FCB de ramasser des fonds est l'augmentation des points argent des sectionnels selon l'échelle des tournois régionaux au coût additionnel d'un dollar par personne.

La Fédération mondiale a finalement changé le règlement d'admissibilité pour participer à la Bermuda Bowl et à la Venice Cup. À partir de maintenant, en autant que le nombre de membres augmente, peu importe la performance du Canada ou du Mexique aux Olympiades mondiales de bridge, nous aurons le droit à une qualifica-

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function and support our players! When paying your ACBL and CBF dues please read the insert, which summarizes what your CBF membership pays. Remember that we are a non-profit organization, all volunteering our services to make bridge more fun and successful in Canada.

bridge, nous aurons le droit à une qualification avec le Mexique pour sélectionner une équipe pour nous représenter à tous les deux ans à la Bermuda Bowl et à la Venice Cup.

Enfin, un dernier mot, rappelez-vous que la FCB a besoin de votre soutien annuel de 9 \$ pour fonctionner et supporter ses joueurs! Quand vous renouvelez votre carte de membre de l'ACBL et de la FCB, prenez soin de lire sur le formulaire le rôle de la fédération. Notre organisation sans but lucratif est presque entièrement composée de bénévoles qui travaillent sans relâche à la réussite du bridge canadien.

2005 COPC SUBSIDIES

Am I on the list?

The complete listing of those eligible for subsidy to the 2005 COPC National Final can be found on the CBF website.



CBF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, June 4, 2005 :: 9:00am

New Residence Hall: McGill University
Montreal, QC

During 2005 Canadian Bridge Week.

This meeting is open to all paid up members of the Canadian Bridge Federation.

The Agenda of the meeting will cover

- Adoption of 2004 AGM minutes
- Appointment of CBF Auditors
- Confirmation of New Zone Directors
- 2004 Audited Financial Statements
- Proposed By-Law change
- Highlights of the 2005 CBF Board of Director Meetings
- Highlights of the 2005 CBF Charity Foundation Trustees Meetings
- Any other new business.

CURRENT BY-LAW:

BY-LAW #10 - DUTIES OF THE TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or owing the Federation and shall pay all proper accounts thereof. S/he may endorse for deposit all cheques payable to the Federation and shall deposit all ordinary funds of the Federation in an account with a chartered Bank or trust company provided by the Board of Directors in the name of the CBF and all cheques on the same shall be drawn and signed by any two individuals holding one of the following offices: Treasurer, President, or Executive Secretary.

Suggested By-Law change (changes in BOLD):

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New **Zone V** Director

The CBF welcomes Joe Kerger, of Saskatoon, SK, to the CBF Board of Directors as the representative for Zone V. Joe has been kind enough to step up and volunteer to take over this position which became vacant on 01 January 2005 when no one submitted their name for nomination during the fall CBF election.

Joe is very well known to players in Western Canada and across the country. He is no stranger in Zone V having lived in Calgary and now residing in Saskatoon. On the National front Joe has often been a participant in the CNTC-A National Final. In Saskatchewan, Joe, and his wife Sandi, have often been winners of the Saskatchewan Sectional Masterpoint Race.

ATTENTION CLUB MANAGERS

Whenever your club is planning to hold CNTC, COPC, Canadian Rookie-Master games or the CBF STaC you should ensure that you submit the CBF Sanction Applications for each game. These sanctions are mailed to you prior to the start of the fall bridge season. Emailed applications are accepted as long as they contain all information asked for on the paper form.

REMINDER: The 2006 CNTC season begins early this year. Club games may be held from 1 July - 15 October 2005. Watch your mail for the sanction applications forms in late May to early June. The 2006 COPC season will remain 1 Sept - 31 Dec 2005.

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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 the Final will 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

2005 CANADIAN SENIOR Team Championship

Wednesday, June 1 – Saturday, June 4, 2005

2005 Canadian Bridge Week

New Residence Hall: McGill University

Montreal, QC

www.cbf.ca/BWeek

Game time is 1:00pm on Wednesday.

\$200 per team per day.

ENTRIES No advance registration or qualification required. *Teams playing in the CNTC-A, CNTC-B or CWTC MAY drop into the CSTC if eliminated from their respective event BUT must notify the CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson, of this intent prior to the start of the respective event.* Entries are purchased prior to game time on Day 1

ELIGIBILITY The CSTC is open to teams of four, five or six persons. All members of the team must be paid up members of the CBF and at least 56 years of age.

FORMAT The complete format of the event will depend on the number of teams entered. Days 1, 2 and 3 will involve either swiss or round robin play and the field will be cut at the end of each day. Day 4 will be a 64 board head-to-head match between the top two teams at the end of Day 3.

WINNERS The Team winning the 2005 CSTC will represent Canada at the 2005 Senior Bowl to be held at the 2005 World Team Championships in Estoril, Portugal. (22 October - 5 November 2005)

SUBSIDY The winning team will be eligible for a \$10,000 subsidy from the CBF towards the cost (including entry fees) of competing in the 2005 World Senior Bowl, 23 October - 5 November, in Estoria, Portugal.



CBF STAC FEBRUARY 2005

Over 90 clubs took part in this year's Sectional Tournament at Clubs, with 2549.5 total tables in play. This was down 25.5 tables from the 2004 STaC but it is expected that the 2005 CBF STaC profit should be comparable with the 2004 profit since some costs were cut in 2005. Thank you to all the clubs that held these games and to all the Canadian players that supported the CBF STaC. Over 3,000 people visited the STaC webpage to follow results.

2005 STAC TOP 30 Masterpoint Winners

- 1 34.58 Shirleyanne Webster, St.Thomas ON
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- 3 28.62 Tom Buttle, Toronto ON
- 4 26.83 Roy Landry, Halifax NS
- 5 25.52 Daniel Landry, Hubley NS
- 6 24.23 Joe Currie, Halifax NS
- 7 24.12 Stephen Bodi, Willowdale ON
- 8 23.31 Duncan Smith, Victoria BC
- 9 22.07 Daphne Stevens, Belleville ON
- 10 22.04 Claire Pitre, Woodstock ON
- 11 21.01 Sylvia Allen, New Waterford NS
- 12 20.80 Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON
- 13 20.62 Patricia Briggs, Kingston ON
- 14 20.41 Douglas Markovic, Thornhill ON
- 15 20.04 Reg Pitre, Woodstock ON
- 16 19.84 Elizabeth Brawn, London ON
- 17 18.43 Colin Brodie, Ottawa ON
- 18 18.38 Dwight Bender, London ON
- 19 18.04 Lynne Holderness, Saskatoon SK
- 20 18.04 Ursula Jugnauth, Saskatoon SK
- 21 17.92 Debbie Mineault, Victoria BC
- 22 17.16 Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON
- 23 17.08 Abe Paul, Mississauga ON
- 24 16.54 Gail McIntyre, Stirling ON
- 25 16.40 Balon Buckley, Halifax NS
- 26 14.78 Natalie Thieu-Gallant, Summerside PE
- 27 14.37 Beryl Higgs, Halifax NS
- 28 14.30 Roman Dubinski, London ON
- 29 14.27 Adrienne Marriott, Toronto ON
- 30 14.21 Deen Hergott, Ottawa ON

ADVENTURES WITH THE CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM

by John Carruthers

The week before the Olympiad, Joey Silver, André Laliberté, Jon Robinson and I had travelled to London to compete in the 58th Lederer Memorial. The Lederer is an annual eight-team invitational event which, this year, included all three pairs in the English Olympiad Open Team, albeit all on different teams, the Irish Olympiad Open Team, the Gold Cup winners, and as usual, an All-Star team led by Zia. We had an undistinguished performance, highlighted by Joey and me being the victims of the “Best Defence” and the “Best Bid Hand” of the tournament. I’m sure that, had I submitted a three no trump contract Tom Hanlon of the Irish Team played against us, we’d have completed the treble by being victims of the “Best Played Hand” as well!



Inner courtyard of Four Seasons Istanbul

After a week in London it was off to Istanbul, where we were joined by Fred Hoffer and Don Piafsky to complete our lineup for the Olympiad Senior Bowl. Our first night in Istanbul we were fêted at the Four Seasons Hotel, courtesy of Izzy Sharp. The Istanbul Four Seasons used to be a prison (rather nicer than the one in “Midnight Express”), but is now a magnificent hotel with spectacular views of the city and, as you might expect, great food.

We had a day to be tourists before play began – the Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace were the popular choices. Then it was time for bridge.



Topkapi Palace

The Olympiad Senior Teams was a complete Round Robin of the 29 entrants. France, with their stable of champions led by the indomitable Paul Chemla, started on pole position; the other leading European nations (Denmark, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden) and the always-strong USA rated to be there or thereabouts when the music stopped. A medallist from outside Europe or North America was thought to be unlikely, especially since Indonesia did not compete. Canada was considered a long shot but still a possibility, for a medal.

After a Round 1 win over Portugal, we faced a tough German team. How would you play this one?

Rnd 2: Bd 14

Dir: E

Vul: None

♠ 10 4 3
♥ 6 3 2
♦ Q J 10 4 3 2
♣ 7

♠ K 7
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ K
♣ A Q J 5 4

West	North	East	South
Uhlmann	Silver	Schneider	Carruthers
—	—	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♥ ¹	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1: Weak – fast arrival			

West leads the ten of clubs to the king and ace. You play the diamond king to West's ace (East following with the nine) and he switches to the spade two for East's ace. East continues with the six of spades to your king and West's nine. Plan the play. (East-West play third from even, low from odd, standard honour leads and remainder count, and upside down count and attitude.)

The club lead was very suspicious, but I needed to dispose of my two small clubs regardless, suspicious lead or not. I ruffed a club to get to dummy, threw my remaining low club on a high diamond and played ace and queen of hearts in an attempt to cut down the chances of a ruff. Not nearly good enough. West won the heart king and gave East a club ruff for one down. The full deal:

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

I had mistimed the play. After winning the spade king, I should play the heart queen or jack from hand. The defence would have been helpless – they could lead a second heart or a second club, but not the fatal third round of either. If West continues trumps, I win and ruff my club, take a pitch and have a safe spade ruff back to hand to draw the last trump. Conversely, if they play a second club, I can ruff that safely and draw trumps. This play loses only to a singleton king of hearts compared to the actual play, but

gains in the dangerous 5-2 club situation when a club ruff is available. I can't handle 6-1 clubs in any case.

Rnd 8. Bd 23

Dlr: S	♠ 10 9
Vul: Both	♥ K 2
	♦ 2
	♣ K Q J 9 8 7 6 5

Imagine you hold this hand playing the Olympiad Senior Teams for Canada against Japan. You are the dealer, both vulnerable, and have to decide how many clubs to bid, if you choose to bid at all. Suppose you make the (you think) down-the-middle call of four clubs. The auction proceeds:

West	North	East	South
Hirata	Silver	Ohno	Carruthers
—	—	—	4 ♣
Double	5 ♣	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Well, it's your lead. What's it to be? Decide before reading on.

Can a club really be the killing lead? You think not. A trump seems to you to be giving up, and since you have a fondness for aggressive leads from kings in unbid suits versus slams, you decide to lead a heart. Theoretically, the deuce is better than the king against a slam because it removes the ambiguity possible if the king can be from king doubleton, singleton king or king-queen combinations. If you lead low from doubleton king, it means that Partner can always overtake if he has the ace when you lead the king – you will either have the queen or no more of the suit – after all, you only need two tricks to beat a slam. (True, you could potentially be thrust on lead at a disadvantageous moment with your king doubleton.)

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So, you lead the heart two and dummy tumbles down with:

♠ K J 4 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ —

Declarer wins the ace of hearts, Partner encouraging, plays a diamond to the queen, the ace of clubs throwing a heart, and a spade to the jack. Partner wins the ace of spades and continues with a heart to your king. One down, plus 100. Well done. You found the only lead to beat it. The full deal:

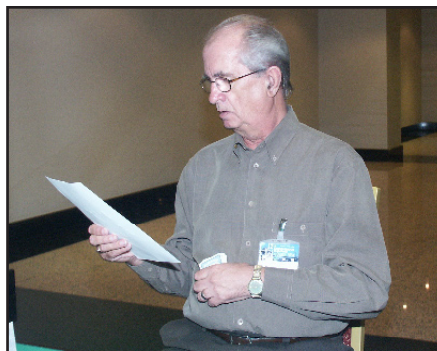
♠ K J 4 3 2	♠ A 7 5	♠ Q 8 6
♥ A 8 4	♥ Q J 9 6 3	♥ 10 7 5
♦ A K J 7 3	♦ 5	♦ Q 10 9 8 6 4
♣ —	♣ 10 4 3 2	♣ A
	♠ 10 9	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ 2	
	♣ K Q J 9 8 7 6 5	

If your teammates bid to five diamonds, you'll win 12 IMPs, and if they venture six diamonds, they will likely make it, for a gain of 16 IMPs. The worst that can happen is six diamonds by West, down one on the heart queen lead. Agreed?

Is it possible to keep a straight face and maintain discipline in the comparison, when you proudly call out, "Plus 100," and teammates respond, "Lose 12"? No, of course it isn't. You would say, "You must have plus 600 on the wrong side (knowing that would be 11 IMPs away anyway, not 12). "Sorry," teammates say, "12 away is correct, we're minus 700." Are you professional enough to go on to the next board with no further discussion? We sure weren't!

Here's what happened at the other table...

West	North	East	South
Labiberté		Robinson	
—	—	—	Pass(!)
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass(!)
3 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
Pass(!)	Pass		



"Are you sure we're in five clubs?"

Down seven! Jon remarked that it was the worst trump split he'd ever encountered – 8-4! Oh, well, at least the heart lead saved 7 IMPs.

Post Mortem: How is it possible to pass an eight-card semi-solid suit missing only the ace, first as dealer, and second, when only at the two-level? That guy may never pre-empt again. Not to mention that he will be dining out on this story for the rest of his life.

This was not the first time since leaving Montréal that Jon and André had had a mishap in five clubs. In London, they had played five clubs on singleton king opposite ace-jack-fourth. They didn't make that one either. It was rapidly becoming their partner-skip theme.

A few rounds later, after Jon had bravely reported the five-clubs-down-seven hand to the Daily Bulletin, had it published, and they had become (in)famous, he and André found themselves in a cue bidding sequence on the way to slam. After checking with his Australian screenmate, who had seen the

on the bidding tray, but was allowed by his screenmate to place an additional message on the tray before passing it under the screen to André. The message said, "Don't pass!"



"Trumps broke poorly – 8-4!"

The following deal helped us to a big win over New Zealand.

Rnd 14. Bd 18. (Rotated for convenience)

Dir: N ♠ A K 4 3
Vul: E/W ♥ A Q 4 3
 ♦ K J 6 3
 ♣ A

♠ Q 6 5 2
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ Q 10 4
 ♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
Silver	Gibson	Carruthers	Woodfield
—	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West starts the diamond ace and continues with the diamond two, East playing nine-five (standard count and attitude). How would you play?

Having escaped without a diamond ruff, you breathe a sigh of relief. It looks too easy now, doesn't it? Our declarer won the diamond with the ten and played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king.

Look what he discovered:

♠ A K 4 3
 ♥ A Q 4 3
 ♦ K J 6 3
 ♣ A

♠ 8
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A 8 7 2
 ♣ K Q 8 7 5 3 2

♠ J 10 9 7
 ♥ 10 9 6 5
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ J 10 6

♠ Q 6 5 2
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ Q 10 4
 ♣ 9 4

What he discovered was that he couldn't make his slam any more. He could cash the club ace and the heart queen, come to the spade queen and ruff his losing club, but now had no way back to draw the last trump. He tried a diamond which I ruffed for one off.

After winning the diamond ten, it should really not be too tough to cross to the ace of clubs before starting trumps, or even after starting trumps, so long as you keep the high ones in your hand.

The opponents had given Joey too much information here. On their bidding, he brilliantly diagnosed diamond shortage in my hand! Left to his own devices, he'd have led a club, leaving declarer no chance as long as Joey ducks the first diamond.



"Can you believe that guy raised me with an unsuited Jack-ten? Oh, wrong game!"

How about a lead problem? As West, you hold:

Rnd 18. Bd 20**Dir: W****V: Both**

♠ K
♥ AK 6 5 3
♦ AK 4 3
♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
Möller	Silver	Lund	Carruthers
1 ♥	Double	2 ♠	3 ♦
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

What is your choice? Steen Möller, an otherwise terrific player, led a high heart, and earned a blanch from partner Peter Lund.

This is what we all saw:

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

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 8 4 2
♦ J 10 9 7 5
♣ A 9

It went heart ace, seven, nine, two. Steen was quick to shift to ace, king, and another diamond, but it was too late. I won the diamond in hand and played the queen of hearts, pinning Peter's jack. Steen ducked, to no avail. I could ruff out the king of hearts and lose just two in each red suit for plus 670. How many times have we heard, "Lead trumps against low-level doubled contracts?"

'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 Round 19. That approach was to prove costly to the Irish Seniors, who shall remain nameless for reasons that will soon become apparent.

Rnd 19. Bd 12**Dir: W****Vul: N/S**

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

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

This was the auction in one room.

West	North	East	South
	Labiberté		Robinson
Pass	3 ♣	Double	5 ♣ ¹
Pass	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- Following by-now well-established partnership principles

This contract made on the nose for plus 450. At the other table...

West	North	East	South
Piafsky		Hoffer	
Pass	3 NT	4 ♣	5 ♣
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South started with the heart ace and, not visualizing the actual layout, 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.

Now declarer played a low diamond, South taking the ace, whereupon Fred claimed down one. "Not so fast, Paddy" said North, "O'ive a feckin' 'artruff coomin'!" Indeed, South then gave his partner a heart ruff.

Until North spoke up, Fred had not noticed that although he had played trumps three times, the opponents had followed only once each!

A Tournament Director was summoned and ruled, quite correctly, that the established revoke and subsequent trick taken with a

card that should have been played to the revoke trick would cost the offending side two tricks. 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. Imprecations about 'feckin' eejits' could be heard as the Irish team compared scores.



"Where's André?" "He decided to pass."

In the event, the Senior Teams Olympiad quickly became a two-horse race, the USA eventually nosing out the Netherlands for the Win and Germany outlasting France for Show. The first two were a match ahead of third, and everyone else was a further match or more behind.

After a nightmarish start to our campaign where we managed only one win (and a bye) in our first two days (eight matches), we recovered nicely and began a steady climb up the standings from a low-water mark of 26th place to eventually finish in a tie for 10th position. After the horrible beginning, it was the best that could be expected.

YOUTH MP RACE 2004

Canadian Leaders

1 Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	817
2 Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	212
3 David Sabourin, Ottawa ON	128
4 James Dulmage, Regina SK	81
5 Anton Blagov, Toronto ON	79

2004 RICHMOND TROPHY

Final standings

1 Ian Boyd, Calgary AB	1492
2 Vincent Demuy, Montreal QC	1360
3 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	1321
4 Shi Yan, Delta, BC	1055
5 Barry Harper, Regina SK	1015
6 Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	817
7 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	797
8 Martin Caley, Montreal QC	749
9 Robert Hollow, Madoc ON	680
10 Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	648
11 Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC	638
12 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	637
13 Norm Gordon, Montreal QC	593
14 Richard Anderson, Regina SK	577
15 Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB	570
16 Andre Chartrand, Chateauguay QC	561
17 William Koski, King City ON	538
18 Gerald La Flamme, Grnd-Bay-Wild NB	531
19 Gerald McCully, New Westminster BC	529
20 Paul Janicki, Markham ON	526
21 Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	520
22 Jean Castonguay, Lery QC	497
23 Thomas Gandolfo, Edmonton AB	479
24 Karl Hicks, Dominion NS	473
25 Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke QC	471
26 Sylvia Fay Caley, Montreal QC	458
27 Duncan Smith, Victoria BC	444
28 Andrew Tylman, Toronto ON	439
29 Helene Beaulieu, Sherbrooke QC	439
30 Tom Buttle, Toronto ON	430
31 Louise Zicat, Gatineau QC	429
32 William Treble, Winnipeg MB	429
33 James Priebe, Mississauga ON	427
34 Alice Anderson, Tillsonburg ON	426
35 John Rayner, Oakville ON	420
36 Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	420
37 Allan Graves, Vancouver BC	417
38 Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC	416
39 Danny Schamehorn, Washago ON	412
40 Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON	407
41 Judith Gartaganis, Calgary AB	407
42 Anna Boivin, Victoria BC	406
43 Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	404
44 Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON	402
45 Lewis Richardson, Toronto ON	392
46 Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON	392
47 Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON	392
48 Faith Pritchard, Edmonton AB	389
49 George Colter, Fredericton NB	387
50 Peter Petruzzellis, Toronto ON	382
51 David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	379
52 Steven Lawrence, Calgary AB	376
53 Helen Colter, Fredericton NB	376
54 Claude Laberge, Longueuil QC	373
55 William Ge, Vancouver BC	370
56 Serge Chevalier, Montreal QC	367
57 John Moser, St Agatha ON	366
58 David Lindop, Toronto ON	365
59 Linda Wynston, Toronto ON	365
60 Peter Clark, Ottawa ON	364



2004 RICHMOND TROPHY

by Jonathan Steinberg

With the retirement of perennial winner Ken Gee from contention, it was a wide-open and talented field that competed for the 2004

Richmond Trophy. Surprisingly, the top three finishers (and 4 of the top 10) are all young players in their twenties. Perhaps that is a good omen for the future of Canadian bridge.

Congratulations to Calgary's Ian Boyd, the 2004 Richmond trophy winner with just under 1,500 masterpoints! Ian has represented Canada as a junior player in several World Youth Team Championships. Clearly, he can play with the adults as well.

Wherever I have seen Ian play in 2004 (which is pretty much everywhere I have been), he is invariably smiling and happy. Which is not always easy when you set yourself a goal as difficult as winning the Richmond Trophy. It is a tribute not only to his bridge play, but also to his perseverance, hard work, and exemplary attitude and behaviour at the bridge table. Ian is returning to school in 2005 so we will all see less of him at the bridge table as he works on his studies. (Ed note: See page 14 for an interview with Ian)

Runner-up Vincent Demuy from Montreal with 1,360 points had future super-star talent written all over him as a teenaged bridge prodigy from Laval, QC. Many of the top

Montreal players helped him develop during his teen years. I remember him from 2000 as a member of the Canadian junior team that participated in the "Hero" Festival in Holland. Then, he was a shy 16 year old struggling to master his command of English as his second language, while making amazing plays at the bridge table. It was in Amsterdam where Vincent first met Gavin Wolpert. Now, just 21, Vincent has a brilliant future ahead of him.

Just 39 points behind in third place is his partner, Gavin Wolpert from Toronto. Gavin is the youngest in his famous bridge playing family. Just 22, he and Vincent have formed what is arguably the premier Canadian partnership in 2005. In 2004, they placed second in the Spingold and won the North American Swiss Teams event. Now a full time bridge professional, there is no limit to what Gavin may accomplish -- don't be surprised to see him win the Richmond trophy sometime this decade.

Congratulations are also in order to Shi Yan, Delta BC and Barry Harper, Regina SK who round out the top 5, all of whom broke the thousand point barrier in 2004. Returning to my youth theme, honourable mention should be made to Daniel Lavee, Thornhill, ON who turns 21 this June. With 817 points, he placed sixth overall in Canada. All three eligible junior stars, Vince, Gavin, and Daniel, will be part of the Canadian Junior Team going to Sydney, Australia in August for the World Youth Team Championship.

JUNIOR MP RACE 2004

Canadian Leaders

1 Ian Boyd, Calgary AB	1492	6 Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	300
2 Vincent Demuy, Montreal QC	1360	7 Matthew Mason, Toronto ON	280
3 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	1321	8 Mark Donovan, Kingston ON	238
4 Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	817	9 Shona Crausen, Kingston ON	218
5 David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	379	10 Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	212

Interview with Ian Boyd

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Ian Boyd, a mainstay of Canada's junior teams, is the 27-year old winner of the 2004 Richmond Trophy. Bridge became a passion for Ian at an early age and his home town of Calgary, Alberta is proud to count him as one of its citizens.

How long have you been playing? Where and how often?

I have been playing for 14 years. My father (Hamish) taught me the game and I would play at the local club (the Martinique) as many nights as possible, sometimes every night of the week. During 2004, including club games, I played nearly 300 sessions of bridge with between 60 and 80 different partners. I wanted to learn the game at an even younger age, but my father wouldn't teach me. He believed that it would be difficult for me to develop balance in my life if I did so.

What do you enjoy most about bridge?

No matter how many hands I play, every hand is new and different. Bridge is never routine and the outcomes are often unpredictable. The sessions of bridge that I enjoy the least are the ones where the hands are mostly dull with little scope to make a difference through experience and skill.

What is your main strength at bridge?

I really have no idea...perhaps being a disciplined and reliable partner. When I do show lack of discipline, it is usually because I'm mad at myself and frustration has set in.

Do you have a favourite hand?

Yes, I clearly remember about 10 years ago being doubled by you (Nicholas) and making the contract on a squeeze when you failed to cash the setting trick (ugh! – NG).

What do you do when not playing bridge?

I enjoy going to hockey games.

What is your favourite system? Favourite convention?

Standard American with a two-over-one approach is my preferred system. If I had a serious partner it would be fun to experiment with other systems. I have no favourite convention, but the strong NT structure appeals to me.

What was your greatest success prior to the Richmond Trophy win?

Representing Canada in the World Junior Championships held in Brazil (2001) and France (2003).

What is your next challenge?

I am considering going back to school if no suitable job comes my way. I want to explore opportunities beyond playing bridge full time.

What sticks most in your mind about the past year?

Dirty laundry! During the past year I traveled extensively to various bridge tournaments and the part I hated most was never having enough clean clothes. I was constantly looking for time to do my laundry.

What do you think about professionalism in bridge?

There is room in the game for professionalism. If someone wants to improve his/her game by hiring a teacher, it makes sense to add expert players to the team in order to be competitive while learning.

What is your favourite bridge book?

"The Bridge Bum" by Alan Sontag.

If you could play with anyone in the world, who would it be?

Jeff Meckstroth. I have been lucky enough to play with Jeff three times in the past and I would pick him again over anyone else.

JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS 2005

SEPTEMBER 3 - 5, 2005

Toronto Games Sectional : Toronto, ON

Holiday Inn : 370 King Street West

416-599-4000

WINNING TEAM

The team winning the 2005 Trials will form the core of the 2006 Canadian World Youth Team. However, members of that winning team will be asked to relinquish their position if they do not participate in the junior training program. The full composition of the team will be determined by November 1st, 2005. The decision will be made by the CBF Board of Directors in consultation with the Junior Manager, the Junior NPC and the winning team. Criteria for selection will include: performance in the junior trials, past performance in CBF Junior events, performance in other bridge events, willingness to participate in the junior training program, attitude and maturity at and away from the table, general bridge ethics, and ability to work effectively in a team environment.

ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

Age: Players must be born in 1980 or later to be members of the CBF World Youth Team. Players must be born in 1985 or later to be members of the CBF World Schools Team.

All participants must be paid up members of the Canadian Bridge Federation. All participants must be a Canadian citizen OR a resident of Canada. (A "Resident of Canada" is defined as a landed immigrant who has an ID card issued for that purpose by the Government of Canada and has a valid permanent Provincial Health Card issued in his/her name.) All participants may not be under suspension by any other Bridge organization and may not have represented any other country in International competition in the last three years.

WORLD SCHOOLS TEAM

The WBF will be holding the 2006 World Schools Team Championship in conjunction with the 2006 World Youth Championship (same location and time frame). The CBF will use the results of the Canadian 2005 Junior Trials as a major factor in naming a team to represent Canada in the 2006 World Schools Team Championship. All junior players eligible to participate in the World Schools Team Championship are urged to enter the 2005 Canadian Junior Trials if they are interested in being considered for the 2006 World Schools Championship. Players must be born in 1985 or later.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Teams must submit an official entry notification along with a \$100 non-refundable deposit to the CBF Executive Assistant (Janice Anderson) **by August 20, 2005**. The official entry notification must include the name, ACBL number, contact information and date of birth for each of the four players on the team. Teams not submitting their entry and deposit by August 20, 2005 will not be allowed to take part in the trials.

For full conditions of contest and event details, see website at www.cbf.ca

Follow Canada's Junior team this summer at the
10th WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Sydney, Australia : August 8-17, 2005 : www.cbf.ca

ERIN BERRY **MEMORIAL FUND**

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

For the first four years, 2000 - 2004, only the interest income on the Fund was available for disbursement. This year, a schedule has been drawn up to ensure that the fund remains in place for several years.

To apply for an award from the Erin Berry Youth Memorial Fund, an application for funding will need to be submitted to the CBF Executive Assistant, Jan Anderson, by 10 May 2005. This application must include the following:

- Candidate's name, address and ACBL number, telephone number and email.
- Candidate's birth date and a copy of their birth certificate.
- Description of the event for which they wish subsidy, with particulars on dates, cost, etc.
- Budget of their expenses for each event.

The types of events that might be covered for funding are: Bridge Camps, World Scholar Games, Bridge Training Sessions, Canadian Junior Trials, World Youth Team Championship, World Schools Team Championship, and other bridge related activities.

Only after the above are granted will the Trustees consider applications for tournament expenses. Funding will not be given for cash prize events or for events in which an individual is receiving pay or compensation, thus making it a professional arrangement.

Canadian Bridge Federation **Junior Manager**

The CBF is currently accepting applications for the voluntary position of CBF Junior Manager. Applications should be sent to the CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson. Deadline for submitting applications is 15 May 2005. This is strictly a voluntary position. All applications will be reviewed by the CBF Board of Directors at their Annual Meetings 25-27 May 2005. The Board will announce the successful candidate after their meetings.

Position Description

The Junior Manager is appointed for the period 01 September 2005 through 31 December 2007. The duration of the appointment is subject to the provision that the incumbent works in a cooperative spirit with the CBF Board of Directors, and specifically with his/her appointed liaison board member who may change from time to time. He/she is required to implement the policies and decisions of the board. All actions taken by the junior manager shall be proposed to the board and agreed upon by the board prior to implementation.

The Junior Manager is responsible for:

- 1) Providing input and proposals to the board on the specific activities encompassed in the junior program.
- 2) Liaison with prominent members of the Canadian bridge community on options to be pursued in the junior program
- 3) Providing input and proposals to the board on the fund raising activities in support of the junior program, with a long term goal of making the program eventually 100% self-financing.

See page 19 for specific activities encompassed in the CBF Junior Program.



THINKING ON DEFENSE

by Jim Priebe

Opening Leads Against Slams

DLR: N
Vul: Both

NORTH

♠ K 4
♥ J 10 9 5
♦ Q 7
♣ K Q J 4 3

WEST

♠ A J 9 8 6
♥ 4 3
♦ 6 4
♣ A 7 6 5

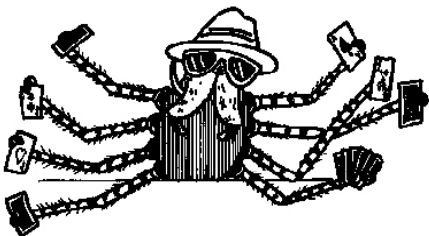
EAST

♠ 10 7 2
♥ 6
♦ K J 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 5 2
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ ---

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	-	1♥
1♠	2♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



When opponents bid a slam against you and bypass Blackwood, you have a clue to help you with your opening lead. They usually have a void somewhere, and are gambling on good fitting cards or a favorable opening lead (or both). Here is a hand from a match in a Toronto Team League the other night.

North-South were capable players and would not undertake a slam effort lightly. I was on lead with the West hand, and made the unfortunate, ill-judged lead of the club ace. After this, declarer had no trouble making twelve tricks. Note that the ace of spades yields the same result. Declarer can win any continuation, pitch dummy's losing diamond on the queen of spades, and ruff three diamonds in dummy.

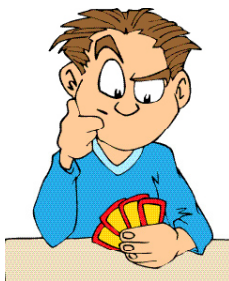
Had I hung onto my two aces and led any of the other eleven cards in my hand, the slam would go down. The result was we lost eleven imps on this hand, lost the match by nine, and could have won by thirteen imps had I made a better lead.

The moral of the story: when good players bypass Blackwood on their way to a slam, you can be sure they have a void somewhere. Think twice before leading an ace.

TOP 3H CLUB



Barbara Seagram, owner and manager of the **Kate Buckman Bridge Studio**, poses with Carol Robertson, director of Club and Member Services for the ACBL. The club Seagram and her husband, Alex Kornel, run in Toronto, was selected as the top three-star ACBL club in the annual Jane Johnson Star Clubs of the Year competition. Robertson hosted a reception during the Spring NABC for club owners, managers and directors to show the ACBL's appreciation for their contributions to the organization. There are about 3200 bridge clubs affiliated with the ACBL.



Run outs after Balancing Double of NT

by Doug Fraser

Most players have a run out system when doubled by the opponents in the

direct seat but this does not work when doubled in the balancing seat. Often partners have not even discussed this possibility! Here is a system that I recommend.

After you have opened 1NT and your partner has passed he will not have 5 or more hearts or spades.

1NT	P	P	Dbl
P	P	?	

Rdbl = Minors or Diamonds. Opener bids his better minor which can be corrected to Diamonds

2♣ = ♣s or ♣s and a Major

2♦ = ♦s and a Major

2♥ = Majors as you can't have 5 or more Hearts. Could have 3-4-3-3 distribution on a bad day.

2♠ = 4 card suit it implies 4-3-3-3 distribution

1NT	P	P	Dbl
RDBL*	P	?	

* Doubleton Spade

2C = ♣s or ♣s and a higher suit

2D = ♦s or ♦s and a higher suit

2H = Majors (partner must pass)

It may seem silly that redouble shows a doubleton spade but it is a powerful tool for partner. In the CNTC Zone VI Finals held in Victoria I opened a Weak NT (11-14) and my partner held this hand:

♠ 10 9 8 X ♥ 10 9 ♦ J 10 X X ♣ A X X

The auction proceeded (all vulnerable)

1NT	P	P	Dbl
Rdbl	P	?	

Once I redoubled he knew not to run to spades. If he ran to clubs it was at best a 4-3 fit and if he ran to diamonds it was at worst a 4-3 fit. How many times have you run to diamonds and then after the opponents double correct to spades? My hand was:

♠ Q X ♥ K X X ♦ A Q X X ♣ 10 X X X

With good defence he went down one in 2♦. It ended up being a good save as our partners were in 4♥ making 4.

This system works whether you play weak or strong NT and I love the redouble showing a doubleton spade.

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2004 CBF Charitable Foundation Report 2004 Donations

Canadian Feed the Children

Domestic Project \$ 5,500

Campaign 2000 Report Cards \$ 2,000

Zonal Donations:

Chairperson (\$ 2,500)

Daily Bread Food Bank \$ 1,500

Growing Up Healthy -

Downtown Toronto \$ 500

Progress Centre for Early Intervention \$ 300

PAWS \$ 200

Zone One (\$ 2,500)

Miramichi Community Food Bank \$ 900

Metro Halifax Food Bank \$ 900

Moncton Headstart Inc. \$ 700

Zone Two (\$ 2,500)

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Zone Three (\$ 2,500)

Daily Bread Food Bank \$ 2,500

Zone Four (\$ 2,500)

Winnipeg Harvest Inc. \$ 900

Thunder Bay Food Bank \$ 400

Shelter House - Thunder Bay \$ 400

North Bay Soup Kitchen Inc. \$ 300

Banque d'aliments Sudbury

Food Bank \$ 300

Saulte Ste. Marie Salvation

Army Food Bank \$ 200

Zone Five (\$ 2,500)

REACH \$ 1,000

Aboriginal Head Start Program \$ 500

Early Learning Centre \$ 500

Canadian Mental Health Association \$ 500

Zone Six (\$ 2,500)

Greater Vancouver Food Bank \$ 1,000

Loaves & fishes Community Food Bank

\$ 1,000

Canuck Place Children's Hospital \$ 500

Total 2004 Donations \$ 25,000

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN THE CBF JUNIOR

Expectations of the CBF Junior Manager

Developing an updated vision of the junior program which covers three years (at least) of activities, and includes a calendar of events. The incumbent will be responsible for implementing the first two years of the vision.

Developing a budget in support of the vision, including funds to be spent and proposed sources of funds.

Identifying and assessing talented junior bridge players from across Canada.

Recommending to the board an NPC for the board to approve from a number of candidates.

Managing team selection in accordance with CBF policy as communicated by the Board of Directors.

Under the leadership of the NPC, working on the development and training of the team in preparation for International Competition.

Administering and organizing Team participation in international competitions.

Communicating regularly with all members of the Junior Team.

Providing monthly electronic updates to the CBF Board of Directors.

Abiding by the Code of Conduct and by the related policy on expected behaviour of adult officials towards CBF juniors at all times.

Administering the Junior budget and funds as allocated by the CBF Board of Directors and reporting regularly on expenditures.



Les Olympiades de bridge

par Martine Lacroix

La 12e édition des Olympiades mondiales de bridge s'est tenue à Istanbul du 23 octobre au 6 novembre derniers. Dans l'open, l'Italie et les USA se sont qualifiés respectivement dans leur section, mais ils ont commencé la ronde des 16 l'un contre l'autre au lieu de se rencontrer en finale comme on a l'habitude de les voir. L'Italie est sortie victorieuse de cet affrontement et ce n'a été ensuite qu'un jeu d'enfant pour elle de remporter la médaille d'or. Elle a disputé la finale contre la Hollande et a gagné le match par un écart important, 310 à 251. Chez les femmes, le titre est allé à

la Russie qui affrontait en finale les USA.

La performance de la Russie a surpris plus d'un observateur. L'équipe féminine, des joueuses peu connues sur la scène internationale, a connu une très belle performance. Pour remporter la médaille d'or, il a fallu qu'elle batte la Hollande, détentrice de la Venice Cup de 1999, l'Allemagne, Venice Cup de 2001, et les USA, Venice Cup de 2003. Cette médaille n'est pas la seule que la Russie a gagné dans ces championnats. Dans l'open, elle a aussi récolté la médaille de bronze.

Voici quelques donnes que j'ai sélectionnées dans le bulletin quotidien des Olympiades.

Le tournoi à la ronde

Lors du premier match du tournoi à la ronde, la coutume veut que le match du pays hôte soit diffusé au vu-graph. Open, Turquie contre USA.

En Ouest, vous relevez la main suivante :
♠ A R 9 5 2 ♥ D 9 8 ♦ R 4 ♣ 10 5 4

Vous ouvrez 1♠. Votre partenaire annonce 2♥ impératif à la manche. Quelle est votre enchère ? Quelle est la différence entre annoncer 3♥ et sauter à la manche à 4♥ ? Si vous optez pour 3♥, votre partenaire vous donne maintenant un soutien à 3♠. Votre jeu vaut peut-être plus qu'un minimum avec un bon soutien à cœur, un double fit et des contrôles dans deux couleurs. Mais a-t-il pris suffisamment de valeur pour un cue-bid

à carreau ?

Donneur : Ouest
Vul. : Personne

	Nord	
	♠ 6 4	
	♥ 5 3	
	♦ D 9 6 3	
	♣ R 9 8 6 3	
Ouest		Est
♠ A R 9 5 2		♠ D 7 3
♥ D 9 8		♥ A R V 4 2
♦ R 4		♦ A 8 5 2
♣ 10 5 4		♣ 2
	Sud	
	♠ V 10 8	
	♥ 10 7 6	
	♦ V 10 7	
	♣ A D V 7	

Salle ouverte :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
1♠	Passe	2♥*	Passe
3♥	Passe	3♠	Passe
4♥	Passe	Passe	Passe

Les Américains ont trouvé leur double fit, mais, pas plus que les Turques, ils n'ont annoncé ce petit chelem, qui est pourtant dans les cartes.

Salle fermée :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
1♠	Passe	2♥*	Passe
4♥	Passe	Passe	Passe

Une séquence encore plus courte que la

précédente ! En tout cas, nos représentantes, Linda Lee et Katie Thorpe, se sont rendues au chelem en deux temps trois mouvements dans le match qui les opposaient à la Finlande. Ces joueurs devraient peut-être étudier leur séquence d'enchères....

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Lee		Thorpe	
1♠	Passe	2♥*	Passe
3♥	Passe	3♠	Passe
4♠	Passe	4SA	Passe
5♥	Passe	6♠	Passe
Passe	Passe		

Dans un match diffusé sur le vu-graph de Bridge Base pendant le tournoi à la ronde, j'ai été témoin d'une ruse utilisée par un déclarant désespéré.

Donneur : Est
Vul. : E/O

	Nord		Est
	♠ 6 5 4		♠ R D 8 7 3
	♥ A 4		♥ V 10 3
	♦ 9 7 3		♦ V 10 6 2
	♣ R D V 4 3		♣ A
Ouest			
♠ 2			
♥ D 8 7 2			
♦ A R 8 5			
♣ 9 6 5 2			
	Sud		
	♠ A V 10 9		
	♥ R 9 6 5		
	♦ D 4		
	♣ 10 8 7		

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	—	1♠	Passe
1 SA	2♣	Passe	2 SA
Passe	Passe	Passe	

Le Brésilien Diego Brenner joue 2SA en Sud, dans le match qui l'oppose à l'Indonésie. L'entame du 2 de cœur est couverte par le 10 et le Roi. Le déclarant n'a que sept levées : un pique, deux cœurs et quatre trèfles. Après avoir concédé l'As de trèfle, le flanc fera sauter le dernier arrêt de cœur du déclarant et, lorsqu'il tentera d'affranchir un pique, la défense prévaudra. Pour réussir son contrat, Brenner a utilisé une astuce qui consiste à créer une illusion,

un trompe-l'œil en quelque sorte, sur le contenu de son jeu. Il donne l'As de trèfle, gagne le retour à cœur au mort et... joue un petit carreau vers la Dame de la main cachée. À ce moment, le commentateur du vu-graph (qui voit les quatre jeux) dit : « Eh, bien ! Au lieu d'aller moins un, il va chuter de trois. » Que non ! Ouest prend du Roi et revient d'un petit cœur, pour le Valet d'Est (un pique est défaussé au mort). Mettez-vous à la place du pauvre Est. Cette façon de jouer les carreaux indique clairement la possession de l'As dans le jeu du déclarant. Avec le Roi de cœur et As-Dame de carreau, le déclarant ne peut avoir l'As de pique. Il revient donc dûment d'un petit pique, Brenner insère le 10 et réclame son contrat.

La finale Russie-USA

FCB ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Samedi 4 juin 2005 : 9 h
New Residence Hall, Université McGill
Montréal, QC
Pendant Bridge Week Canada 2005
www.cbf.ca/BWeek

Cette assemblée est ouverte à tous les membres en règle de la Fédération canadienne de bridge.

Ordre du jour de l'assemblée

- Adoption du procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle 2004
- Nomination des vérificateurs de la FCB
- Confirmation des nouveaux directeurs de zone
- Présentation des états financiers 2004
- Changement aux règlements généraux (voir page 4 dans cette édition de Bridge Canada)
- Points majeurs de l'assemblée 2005 du conseil d'administration de la FCB
- Points majeurs de l'assemblée 2005 des fiduciaires de la fondation de charité de la FCB Varia.

La Russie et les USA se sont affrontés dans la finale des équipes féminines. Après les deux premiers segments, USA menait 101 à 54. Les observateurs ne s'attendaient pas à un revirement de la situation. Au troisième segment, la Russie a connu un excellent match (77 à 22), ce qui lui a permis de devancer les USA par 4 imps (131 à 127). L'équipe américaine n'a repris son avance qu'au sixième et dernier segment, mais le match a été très mouvementé et l'issue est restée incertaine jusqu'à la fin.

Cette donne est typique de la remontée des Américaines.

Donneur : Sud
Vul. : E/O

	Nord		
	♠ A R 8 3 2		
	♥ D 5 4 2		
	♦ R 5 2		
	♣ 6		
Ouest		Est	
♠ 10 7 4		♠ 6 5	
♥ 6		♥ R V 8 7	
♦ D V 10 7 6 3		♦ 9	
♣ R 7 4		♣ D V 10 9 8 5	
	Sud		
	♠ D V 9		
	♥ A 10 9 3		
	♦ A 8 4		
	♣ A 3 2		

Salle ouverte :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
—	—	—	1 SA
Passe	2♣	Contre	2♥
Passe	3♠	Passe	3 SA
Passe	4♣	Passe	4♦
Passe	4 SA	Passe	5♣
Passe	6♥	Passe	Passe

Malgré le contre de sa partenaire qui demande l'entame à trèfle, Ponomareva sélectionne l'entame à carreau. L'entame à trèfle n'aurait pas été fatale, mais elle aurait causé un sérieux problème à la déclarante, Tobi Sokolow, qui ne doit surtout pas couper un trèfle avant d'avoir réussi à capturer les atouts.

Sokolow gagne l'entame à carreau au mort

et joue immédiatement un cœur vers son 10, qui tient. Elle joue ensuite un petit cœur pour la Dame du mort et le Roi d'Est, qui revient pique, gagné par la Dame de Sud. Tobi encaisse l'As de trèfle, coupe un trèfle, prend l'impasse au Valet de cœur, enlève le dernier atout et réclame son contrat, +980.

À l'autre table, les Russes ont stoppé à 4♥, par Nord.

Salle fermée.

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
—	—	—	1 SA
Passe	2♥*	Passe	2♠
Passe	3♥	Passe	4♥
Passe	Passe	Passe	

La déclarante gagne l'entame au mort, coupe un trèfle et joue cœur, passant le 10 qui tient. Un petit cœur pour la Dame et le Roi. Le retour trèfle épuise le dernier atout du mort et la déclarante ne peut plus prendre l'impasse au Valet de cœur. +450 et 11 imps aux USA.

Les USA ont repris l'avance, il ne reste que quelques étuis à jouer. Soudain, arrive cette donne qui propulse la Russie en tête.

Donneur : Est
Vul. : E/O

	Nord		
	♠ R 9 5		
	♥ 5 2		
	♦ 10 8 6		
	♣ R 7 5 4 2		
Ouest		Est	
♠ A 10 6 3 2		♠ D 7	
♥ R D 7		♥ A V 8 6 3	
♦ 4		♦ A 9 7	
♣ D V 10 6		♣ A 9 8	
	Sud		
	♠ V 8 4		
	♥ 10 9 4		
	♦ R D V 5 3 2		
	♣ 3		

Salle ouverte

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
—	—	1♥	3♦
4♦	Passe	4 SA	Passe
5♠	Passe	6♥	Passe
Passe	Passe		

Les deux équipes atteignent le petit chelem à cœur en Est-Ouest. La déclarante Russe, Victoria Gromova, reçoit l'entame du singleton trèfle, seule entame qui peut défaire le contrat. Elle appelle un petit trèfle du mort et fait la levée avec le 9. Elle donne ensuite deux tours d'atout, finissant dans sa main, et présente la Dame de pique, qui se rend au Roi de Nord. Janice Molson en Nord est sous le feu du projecteur. Si elle revient trèfle, Sud coupe et les Etats-Unis récoltent la médaille d'or. Mais sa partenaire a fourni le 4 et le 10 de cœur, alors qu'un écho à l'atout — une haute carte suivie d'une plus petite — aurait montré la possession de trois atouts. Molson change au 10 de carreau, espérant trouver l'As chez sa partenaire. Gromova gagne, prend l'impasse au Valet de pique, coupe un pique, retire le dernier atout et inscrit +1430.

Salle fermée :

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
—	—	1♥	3♦
4♦	Passe	4♠	Passe
5♥	Passe	5♠	Passe
6♥	Passe	Passe	Passe

À l'autre table, même contrat, même entame. La déclarante, Randi Montin, gagne l'entame avec la Dame de trèfle. Elle poursuit avec un carreau à l'As, coupe un carreau et tente de rentrer en main en prenant l'impasse à trèfle, mais Sud coupe et revient cœur. Est prend au mort et persiste à trèfle, pour une seconde coupe en Sud. Le flanc fera une levée de pique un peu plus tard. Deux levées de chute, -200. La Russie récolte 17 imps.

L'écart final n'est que de 12 imps. Cette donne valait certainement à elle seule son pesant d'or...

2005 Championnat canadien senior par équipes (CSTC)

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Les inscriptions se feront avant le début de la compétition le mercredi 1er juin.

Conditions d'admission : La compétition est ouverte aux équipes de quatre, cinq ou six joueurs. Tous les membres de l'équipe doivent être membres en règle de la FCB et âgés de 56 ans et plus.

Format : Le format dépend du nombre d'équipes qui s'inscriront. L'étape de qualification de trois jours se fera en équipes suisses ou en tournoi à la ronde. Le quatrième jour, il y aura une finale de 64 étuis disputées entre les deux équipes qui sortiront victorieuses de la première étape.

Gagnants : Les gagnants du CSTC 2005 représenteront le Canada à la Senior Bowl 2005 qui se tiendra aux Championnats du monde par équipes à Estoril, Portugal (du 22 octobre au 5 novembre).

Subvention : L'équipe victorieuse sera éligible à une subvention de 10 000 \$ de la FCB (incluant les droits d'entrée) pour participer à la Senior Bowl 2005.

Sélection de l'équipe canadienne Junior

2005 Règlements du tournoi

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Inscription : pré-inscription obligatoire.

Les équipes doivent faire parvenir leur inscription officielle à l'assistante exécutive de la FCB (Janice Anderson) accompagnée d'un dépôt de 100 \$ non remboursable **au plus tard le 20 août 2005**. L'inscription officielle doit inclure les renseignements suivants : nom, numéro d'ACBL, adresse et numéro de téléphone du responsable et la date de naissance de chaque membre de l'équipe. Les équipes qui n'auront pas envoyé leur inscription et leur dépôt au 20 août 2005 ne pourront pas prendre part à la compétition. Postez l'inscription et le dépôt (chèque à l'ordre de la FCB) à la FCB.

Équipe gagnante

L'équipe qui aura remporté l'épreuve de sélection 2005 formera le cœur de l'équipe canadienne jeunesse mondiale. Cependant, les membres de l'équipe gagnante devront céder leur place s'ils ne participent pas au programme d'entraînement junior.

La composition finale de l'équipe sera faite au plus tard le 1^{er} novembre 2005. La décision sera prise par le conseil d'administration de la FCB en accord avec le gérant des juniors, le capitaine non-joueur et l'équipe gagnante. La sélection se fera en tenant compte des critères suivants : la performance dans les épreuves de sélection junior, la performance passée dans les compétitions juniors de la FCB, la performance dans les autres compétitions de bridge, la volonté de participer au programme d'entraînement junior, l'attitude et la maturité des joueurs en dehors de la table, l'éthique au bridge et la capacité à travailler en équipe.

Équipes scolaires mondiales

La FMB tiendra les Championnats mondiaux scolaires par équipes 2006 en conjonction avec le Championnat du monde jeunesse 2006 (au même endroit et au même moment). La FCB prendra les résultats des épreuves de sélection junior canadiennes 2005 comme critère pour sélectionner une équipe pour représenter le Canada aux Championnats mondiaux scolaires par équipes 2006. Tous les joueurs juniors qui veulent participer aux Championnats scolaires mondiaux sont priés de s'inscrire à la sélection canadienne junior 2005 pour être retenus dans cette compétition. Conditions d'admission : Les joueurs doivent être nés en 1985 ou après.

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Erin Berry

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Adresse civique, numéro de téléphone et courriel.

Preuve d'âge (une photocopie du certificat de naissance du candidat).

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Budget des dépenses pour cette activité.

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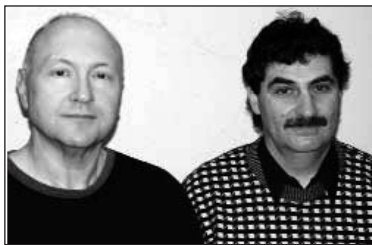
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RAPPEL : Les qualifications du CNTC 2006 commenceront plus tôt cette année. Les clubs devront tenir les séances de qualifications entre le 1^{er} juillet et le 15 octobre 2005. Vous recevrez les formulaires de demandes de sanction par la poste entre la fin mai et la mi-juin. La période de qualification du COPC 2006 sera comprise entre le 1^{er} septembre et le 31 décembre 2005.

STaC de la FCB : du 21 au 27 février 2005 : Au début de l'année, environ 90 clubs ont pris part au Tournoi sectionnel dans les clubs, soit 2549.5 tables, 25.5 tables de moins par rapport à celui de 2004. Le résultat financier de ce tournoi n'est malheureusement pas encore disponible. On s'attend à ce que le profit soit similaire à celui de l'an dernier puisque certaines dépenses ont été coupées en 2005. Merci à tous les clubs qui ont tenu ces séances et à tous les joueurs qui ont participé au STaC de la FCB.

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inthe news



Well known Canadian players, **Bryan Maksymetz and Dan Jacob** (see left), both of BC and representing District 19, placed 2nd overall in the North American Pairs this March in Pittsburgh at the NABCs.

Darren Wolpert and Jurek Czyzowicz, winners of the 2004 COPC will be attending the Open Pairs event at the Open European Championships 18 Jun - 2 Jul in Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. You can follow their progress on the website at <http://www.eurobridge.org/>

Canada is one of eight teams that have qualified to compete in the **North American College Bridge Teams Championship** during the Summer 2005 NABC in Atlanta. The qualifying rounds were held on Bridge Base Online Saturday, Feb. 19, drawing 25 teams from 18 universities. Leading the pack with 90 VPs was MIT, winner of the 2004 event. Qualifying team members will have their expenses paid to compete in the July 22-23 event at the NABC. The final four team members will receive \$500 scholarships from the ACBL Educational Foundation. Canada's team, from University of Toronto, are **Charles Halasi, Tim Capes, Mike Vainchtein and Anton Blagov.**

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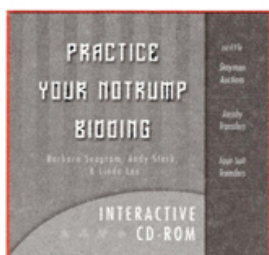


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2005/2006 SPECIAL EVENTS AND DEADLINES

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Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game

CNTC Zone Finals Deadline

CWTC Zone Representatives

Erin Berry Fund Application

ACBL-Wide IF Game #2

Junior Manager Application

CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK

CNTC Club Level

ACBL-Wide IF Game #3

10th World Youth Team Championships

COPC Club Level Rounds

CBF Junior Team Trials

Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2

37th World Team Championships

Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game

ACBL-Wide Charity #2

CNTC Zone Finals

CWTC Zone Finals

April 25

April 3

April 3

May 10

May 11

May 15

May 28 - June 4

July 1 - Oct 15

July 22

Aug 7-17

Sept 1 - Dec 31

Sept 3-5

October 3

Oct 22 - Nov 5

October 25

November 21

December 19

December 19

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must be completed
must be submitted

Deadline

Aft: Hand Records

Deadline

Montreal, QC

Club Level Rounds

Eve: Hand Records

Sydney, Australia

Club Level Rounds

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Eve: Hand Records

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must be completed

must be submitted

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CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK

Canadian International Fund Regional

STAC

Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game #1

ACBL Wide Charity #1

Helen Shields RM Game

ACBL Wide IF Game #2

ACBL Wide IF Game #3

Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2

Erin Berry RM Game

January 28

Feb 11 -18

Feb 14-19

February 20 - 26

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April 5

April 27

May 11

July 14

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