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Canada says goodbye to some of bridge's brightest lights. See page 23.



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President's message : Le mot du président

If, like me, you've played bridge for many years without knowing much about the Canadian Bridge Federation, let me encourage you to take a more active role in Canadian Bridge events. It is only with your help and support that we can raise the profile of Canadian Bridge in World Events. It is only through promoting the CBF and encouraging your bridge playing friends to "join the club" that we can continue our ambitious program of support and sponsorship of Canadian Bridge at international events. We have an exciting program now for sending teams and pairs to world events including schools and university teams as well as Open, Women, Junior and Senior teams.

Every year your CBF Board reviews its mandate and mission to maintain the balance between our support of elite bridge, through the organization of events to select our representatives to international events, and our responsibilities to the regular club members.

I am starting my first term in this office by recognizing the work of previous Presidents and am grateful for all the advice I received by example. I hope that I can fulfill the trust you have placed in me and invite dialogue with you.

I learned long ago that we can't please all of the people all of the time but that is not a reason to not try please most of the people for most of the time.

Support Canadian Bridge. Join the CBF and participate in CBF events.

ENJOY YOUR BRIDGE



Mike Hartop, President

Vous avez peut-être joué au bridge pendant des années, comme moi, sans vraiment connaître le rôle de la Fédération canadienne de bridge. Je vous encourage à participer activement aux activités organisées par la fédération canadienne. Avec votre aide et votre soutien nous pourrions développer le bridge canadien dans les compétitions internationales.

Ce n'est qu'en faisant la promotion de la FCB et en encourageant vos amis bridgeurs à adhérer à la fédération que nous pourrions réaliser notre ambitieux programme de support et de commanditaire du bridge canadien international. Ce programme consiste à envoyer des équipes et des paires représenter le Canada au niveau international, que ce soit des équipes scolaires ou universitaires, des équipes d'hommes, de femmes, de juniors ou de seniors.

Chaque année, le c.a. de la FCB reconsidère son mandat et sa mission. Où est l'équilibre entre notre soutien à l'élite canadienne, qui se fait via l'organisation des épreuves de sélection des joueurs qui nous représenteront au niveau international, et notre responsabilité envers les membres réguliers?

Pour commencer ce premier mandat, j'aimerais exprimer toute ma reconnaissance à mes prédécesseurs dont je suis fier de suivre l'exemple. J'espère que je serai digne de la confiance que vous me témoignez et je vous invite à me faire part de vos commentaires.

Je sais qu'on ne peut pas plaire à tout le monde tout le temps, mais ce n'est pas une raison de ne pas essayer de le faire.

Encouragez le bridge canadien. Devenez membre de la FCB et participez à nos activités.

BON BRIDGE

CBF Board HIGHLIGHTS

from the meetings in Mississauga during Bridge Week, February 2006

MEMBERSHIP

Effective 1 July 2006, CBF membership will increase to \$12 a year (\$8 a year for students and first time members).

BRIDGE CANADA MAGAZINE

Four new pages will be added to our magazine - two English, two French - with articles designed to appeal to Intermediate/Newcomer players. CBF will pay up to \$100 a page for these articles.

STAC

Commencing with the 2007 CBF STaC, sanction fees will increase to \$9 per table to cover the increase in ACBL fees for STaCs. See page 22 for top masterpoint winners in the 2006 STaC.

CBF INTERNATIONAL FUND REGIONAL

Montreal has been selected as the site of the 2007 CBF Regional. (Feb 26 - Mar 4, 2007). The 2008 CBF Regional will be in Victoria, BC March 24 - 30, 2008. For 2009 we will explore possible sites in the Niagara area, St. Catharines, London or Hamilton. For 2010 we will explore possible sites in Zone V.

SCREENS

The CBF will proceed with the plan to have 60 new screens in place by Bridge Week 2007.

MISSION STATEMENT

The CBF Board of Directors has decided to create a Mission Statement for the Federation.

JUNIOR MATTERS

The CBF will send teams to the 2006 World Youth, 2006 World Schools and 2006 World University Team Championships (see page 19). The 2007 Canadian Junior Trials will be held in Montreal at the August Regional. Over the next year, the CBF hopes to set up Canadian Junior Mini-Tourneys on BBO which will be followed by a mini-lesson. The plan is to provide juniors from all over Canada with the opportunity to meet and play bridge and thus develop new friendships and partnerships.

CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK

The CBF Board confirmed that it will always try to have Bridge Week during the last week of May or first week of June no matter what the date of the WBF event. As well, future Bridge Weeks will be stand-alone events.

2007 Bridge Week - Winnipeg, MB, 26 May - 2 June 2007.

2008 Bridge Week - Quebec City, QC either 24-31 May or 31 May - 7 June. The CBF is investigating having Bridge Week in Penticton, BC in 2009 and in Moncton, NB in 2010.

Commencing with Bridge Week 2007 entry fees will be increased to: COPC & CIPC - \$20 per player per session. CSTC - \$220 per team per day (includes \$100 IF Surtax). CNTC-A, CNTC-B, and CWTC entry fees will be based on budgeted expenses but will not be less than \$80 per team per session. CNTC-A and CWTC will continue to have IF surtaxes added.

ELECTIONS

Mike Hartop - President
Francis Gaudino - Vice-President
Janice Anderson - Executive Secretary/Treasurer



the **cbf OFFICE** reports

Executive Assistant Jan Andersson

Mississauga Board Meetings, February 2006

CSTC

The CBF Board spent time reviewing the CSTC format and drop-in policy. Beginning with the 2007 CSTC National Final the following will apply:

- Drop-ins of new teams will be allowed only on the first two qualifying days - no new teams are allowed to drop into the Semi-Final or Final.
- 5th and 6th players who have pre-registered may join their Senior team at any point at which they have been eliminated from their other Bridge Week event.
- A Senior team that only has 3 available players on Day 1 (or Day 2 if a drop-in team) must play with a substitute until their other players have been eliminated from other Bridge Week events.
- A Senior pair awaiting a drop-in pair may not enter the CSTC as a drop-in team. They must find more players and enter the event from the start.
- At least 50% of the Day 1 field will qualify for Day 2.
- Conditions will be revised to reduce the length of the event to 3 days if 8 or fewer teams enter on Day 1 of the event.

CNTC

2007 Club Qualifying Round will take place Sept. 1, 2006 - Jan. 8, 2007. Commencing with 2007 CNTC-B, the upper masterpoint limit will be increased to 1,500 as of Sept. 1 of the year in which club level games begin.

CWTC

Zone team allotments in the CWTC have been reduced: Zone I - 2; Zone II - 4; Zone III - 4; Zone IV - 2; Zone V - 2; Zone VI - 2 for a total of 16. With a maximum of 16 teams there will no longer be the possibility of a Quarter Finals. National Final will always be a 5 day event.

COPC

2007 Club Qualifying Round will take place Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2006. The 2007 & 2008 winners will be offered opportunity to attend 2009 Open European Championship.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

The CBF Board reconfirmed their commitment to do as much as possible to promote Canadian Sectionals holding IF games. (1.4 times the masterpoints for only \$1 CDN per person per session) and to continue efforts to find sponsorship. In 2006 the CBF will not provide Coaching money. 2006 Teams will not be required to have NPCs and will not be required to augment to six players.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The CBF Board set up an investment committee to review CBF investments and investing strategy.

The 12th World Bridge Championships : Verona, Italy, June 9-24, 2006

The Championship is the biggest competition staged by the World Bridge Federation.

Held every four years, the Championships comprise events for pairs and teams in various categories (open, women, seniors, mixed). Open to bridge players from all over the world, the events are open to transnational entries. Follow our players at www.cbf.ca

CBF Charitable Foundation

At the recent Board meetings in Mississauga this past February, it was affirmed that each CBFCF Trustee plus the CBFCF Chairperson will have \$2,400 to allocate in their respective Zones. CBF members may approach their Zone Director with suggestions for allocations. The CBFCF supports charitable activities that are intended to benefit Canadians. Guidelines for CBF Charitable Fund Applications can be found on the CBF Website (choose CHARITY from the main menu).

2006 Focal Group remains organizations that deal with Child Poverty and Food Banks. The 2007 & 2008 Focal Group will be based on the theme *Our Future - Investing in Kids*. Organizations that would be considered for inclusion are:

- Literacy Groups
- Help Lines
- Shelters
- Children's Hospitals
- Youth Crime Deterrent Programs
- Programs for Pregnant Youngsters
- School Breakfast and Lunch programs

Zone V CBF Director

Joe Kerger has resigned as CBF Director for Zone V. The CBF is taking the names of anyone interested in filling this position. If you are a paid-up member of the CBF and live in Zone V (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba) and are interested, please contact Jan Anderson, CBF Executive Assistant. The expectations of a Zone Director are to represent your Zone on the CBF Board of Directors, ensure that your Zone's view is heard and that members of your Zone are informed, oversee the running of the CNTC and CWTC, act as a contact and liaison, sit as a trustee on the CBF Charitable Foundation, attend all meetings of the CBF Board of Directors, correspond, and serve on committees. *For more details, visit cbf.ca and choose Office from the main menu.*

Volunteers are Priceless

No CBF event could run without the tireless work of dedicated volunteers. The CBF would like to thank the following for all their work on 2006 Canadian Bridge Week and the 2006 CBF International Fund Regional:

Jim Priebe: Tournament Chair
 Barb Sims: Regional Chair & Partnerships
 Roman Klein: Vice-Chair and Bulletin
 Sally Rewbotham: Registration
 Louise McNeely: Prizes (as well as BBO broadcast)
 Gary Westfall: Treasurer
 Martin Hunter & Chuck Arthur: BBO broadcast
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INTERNATIONAL FUND GAMES AT SECTIONALS

Would you like to earn 1.4 times as many masterpoints (silver) at your next Sectional?

For \$1 CDN per person, your sectional can award silver points at Regional rating. Your Sectional organizers just need to decide to hold either a one or two session IF game or two single session IF games at your next sectional. The Tournament Director will know how to report the game and the extra \$1 per player per session is submitted to the CBF Executive Assistant. Easy as pie! Players win extra masterpoints and at the same time help teams that represent Canada in World Championship events. Talk to your Sectional organizers now!

ROOKIES CAN HAVE MORE POINTS

Beginning with the 2006 Fall Erin Berry Canadian Rookie-Master Game, the cut off for the "rookie" will be increased from 20 to 50 masterpoints.

Complete Results on Page 30

BY PETER MORSE The team captained by Bryan Maksymetz captured the 2006 Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) on a cold wintry February day in Mississauga, Ontario. MAKSYMETZ (Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Jacob, Michael Gamble, Doug Fraser, Sandra Fraser, and Robert Lebi) defeated L'ECUYER (Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmunt Marcinski, Jeff Smith and John Zaluski) by 365 – 299 in the 128 board final spread over two days.

Bridge Week is normally held in the May/June time period, but was advanced to February this year to accommodate the timing of the World Championships in Verona, Italy. The Maksymetz team, with the addition of Nader Hanna (to replace Sandra Fraser who becomes Non-Playing Captain), will participate in the World Championships commencing on June 9, 2006.

A BC/Ontario team captained by Rhonda Foster (Marcia Christie, Heather Peckett, and Pamela Nisbet) won the Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC), and will also attend the World Championships in Verona. In the 72 board final, FOSTER defeated FOURCADOT (Marc-André Fourcadot, NPC, Sylvia Caley, Julie Fajgelzon, H  l  ne Fournier, and Pascale Gaudreault), the leaders after the round-robin matches, 176 – 114. Foster jumped to a huge first quarter lead of 84 – 26. They extended the lead by 9 in the second quarter, and played virtually even over the last two quarters.



April 2006

The Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) was won by Brad Bart of Burnaby, BC and Rashid Khan of Toronto. The pair had a strong 62% game in the second session of the final and moved up from fifth place to take the gold medal by a little more than one board. Jerry Richardson, London ON, and William Koski, King City, ON, took the silver medal. Finishing third were Georgia Lay, Ottawa, ON, and Bob Zeller, Kanata, ON.



CNTC B: Zuwei Shan, Bing Le, Gary Youngs, David Quan, Eric Lee, Nick Wong



CSTC: Peter Clark, Richard Lesage, Carole Klein, Michael Schleifer

Richardson and Koski had led the first day's qualifying and held the lead after the first final session by more than a board over Lay – Zeller and Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC and Peter Morse, North Vancouver, BC. Bart and Khan were lurking more than two boards behind the leaders, before putting together their excellent game to take the title. They will be offered the opportunity to attend the Open Pairs at the 2007 European Championships. The CBF subsidy to attend this event will include entry fees and travel up to a maximum of \$4000. Should the winning pair decline this opportunity, they will be awarded a cash prize of \$2000.

The Canadian Senior Teams Championship was won by the Montreal – Ottawa team of Michael Schleifer, Carole Klein, Richard Lesage and Peter Clark. SCHLEIFER defeated SNOWLING (Roger Snowling, Gary Westfall, Roman Klein, Ronald Sutherland, Gary Bernstein, Serge Chevalier) 156 – 102 in the final, and will represent Canada in the Senior Teams event at the World Championships in Verona this June (see details page 5).

Flight B of the CNTC event, limited to players having less than 1,000 masterpoints on 1 July 2005 (the start of the competition), was won by QUAN (David Quan, Gary Youngs, Eric Lee, Nick Wong, Zuwei Shan and Bing Le). They defeated COHEN (David Cohen, Max Vaight, Michael Lancashire, Frank Pataky, Daniel Bernstein, Alex Vujic) 180 – 123 in the 72-board final. Quan had finished a close second to STANKIEWICZ (Zbigniew Stankiewicz, Marek Podhorski, Andrzej Kolinski, Taky Bohossian, Adam Kohut, Jozef Jarosz) in the round-robin phase before handily winning both the semi-final and final matches.

In the Open Flight of the CNTC, the 22-team round-robin was very competitive. Although they led at the end of the round-robin, MAKSYMETZ had won only 14 of their 21 matches. With two rounds to go they trailed TODD (Bob Todd, Doug Fisher, K.W. Gohl, Neil Kimelman, Bill Treble, Dave McLellan) by 15 VP. When TODD lost their last two matches they fell into a tie for second with RAYNER (John Rayner, Michael Roche, Eric Shepherd, John Duquette, Jordan Cohen, Steve Cooper) who themselves managed to secure two big wins in their last two matches.

On the other end of the top eight teams, BART (Brad Bart, Rashid Khan, Ben Takemori, Chris Diamond) climbed into the quarter-finals with a last-round win to overtake ANDERSON (Dick Anderson, Jan Anderson, Peter Worby, Kevin Young, Jean Castonguay, André Chartrand). Anderson's last round loss knocked them out of the playoff picture after being in the top eight throughout the round-robin.

As the first place finisher, MAKSYMETZ chose BART as their knockout round opponent and won easily. TODD chose CHAGNON (Martial Chagnon, André Laliberté, René Pelletier, Hervé Chatagnier, Marc-André Fourcadot, Jean-Francois Boucher), the fifth place finisher, and parlayed a 51 – 10 margin in the second quarter into a 112 – 91 win. RAYNER selected sixth place THURSTON (Paul Thurston, Rick Delogu, Waldemar Frukacz, David Willis) as their quarter-final opponent only to fall when THURSTON won the last quarter 56 – 23 to win by 14 IMPS, 130 – 116. That left fourth place GARTAGANIS (Judith Gartaganis, Nicholas Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell, Piotr Klimowicz, Dave Colbert, Keith Balcombe) to battle it out with seventh place L'ECUYER for the remaining place in the semi-finals. L'ECUYER trailed by 20 IMPS going into the last quarter, but dominated that quarter 88 – 10, to win handily, 191 – 133.

Neither semi-final was close with MAKSYMETZ defeating TODD 174 – 69 and L'ECUYER defeating THURSTON 195 – 136. So it was on to the two-day final for these two teams. MAKSYMETZ started



CIPC : David Hamer, Robert Hanley



COPC : Brad Bart, Rashid Khan

quickly, jumping out to a 40 – 22 lead in the first sixteen boards. But L'ECUYER achieved a 54 – 35 win in the third set and trailed by only 11, 166 – 155, as the first day ended. On the second day, MAKSYMETZ put some distance between the two teams in that day's first two sets winning 63 – 52 and 42 – 9 to lead by 55 with 32 boards remaining. After the comeback that L'ECUYER had fashioned against GARTAGANIS in the quarter-finals, nothing was taken for granted, but this time there were no surprises. MAKSYMETZ added to their lead to win 365 – 299.

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The hand below led to a double digit gain for MAKSYMETZ after Michael Gamble exposed a 1NT psychic overcall by Nick L'Ecyer over Doug Fraser's opening bid of 1♠, and paved the way to a good spade slam.

NORTH (Gamble)		EAST (Marcinski)	
♠ 943		♠ K76	
♥ A62		♥ K873	
♦ AKQ94		♦ J76	
♣ Q5		♣ J82	
WEST (L'Ecyer)		SOUTH (Fraser)	
♠ 8		♠ AQJT52	
♥ Q54		♥ JT9	
♦ 83		♦ T52	
♣ KT97643		♣ A	

West	North	East	South
-	-	P	1♠
1NT!	Dbl	P*	P
2♣	3♣	P	4♠
P	5♠	P	6♠
All Pass			

* Forces partner to redouble

With the spade king in the East hand and diamonds breaking, there was little to the play. For some reason the auction at the other table did not facilitate slam. John Zaluski opened 2♠ (full opening bid), and after Bryan Maksymetz (playing with Dan Jacob) judged well to bid 3♣, Jeff Smith settled for 4♠.

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Extraordinaire

On behalf of Bridge Canada, its editors and the CBF we'd like to thank our tireless proofreaders John Armstrong, and Nicholas and Judith Gartaganis and Ron Bishop.

TWO HANDS

FROM THE CNTC AT BRIDGE WEEK 2006

by Nicolas L'Ecyer

This first hand is from our quarter-final match against GARTAGANIS.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ Jx		♠ 10xx	
♥ Q109		♥ Jxxx	
♦ AQ109xx		♦ xxx	
♣ xx		♣ AJx	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Kxx		♠ AQxxx	
♥ Axx		♥ Kxx	
♦ Kxx		♦ J	
♣ xxxx		♣ KQ109	

As West, defending against 3NT, I led a small heart. Dummy and partner played low! Now put yourself in declarer's (Judy) shoes. Wouldn't you try for 5 diamond tricks by overtaking the heart ♥9 with the king, hoping for a "sure entry" in hearts? That is what Judy did. She won the ♥K and finessed in diamonds (overtaking with the Q). When I won the 3rd diamond, I played another heart, Judy played low and then ♥J, heart to the ace and down went 3NT when the ♣A was with the long heart ... Tough hand!

Here is a hand from the finals against Maksymetz.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ xxx		♠ Jxx	
♥ KQ10x		♥ Jx	
♦ A98x		♦ Qx	
♣ Ax		♣ KQxxxx	
WEST		NORTH	
♠ K10x		♠ AQxx	
♥ Ax		♥ xxxxx	
♦ J107x		♦ Kxx	
♣ J109x		♣ x	

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After a bidding auction that's best to remain untold, we arrived at 4 ♥. Great contract - right? Well, look at the defense I got from Jacob and Maks. ♣J lead, won with the ace then ruff a club. Heart up won by Jacob with the ♥A and heart back. Now to strip the hand, I need either diamonds 3-3 or some sort of endplay because ideally I don't want to have to rely on the spade finesse. I therefore played the ♦9 running it to Jacob's ♦J. Dan fired back the ♦7 (nice falsecard), low from dummy and ♦Q from Maks. I won the king and played another diamond up. The situation is now as shown below and I need to take 6 of the last seven tricks:

		NORTH	
		♠	xxx
		♥	K10
		♦	A8
		♣	--
WEST		EAST	
♠	K10x	♠	Jxx
♥	--	♥	--
♦	10x	♦	--
♣	9x	♣	Kxxx
		SOUTH	
		♠	AQxx
		♥	xx
		♦	x
		♣	--

Call it fatigue or something else but now I thought I was faced with a 2-way "restricted choice situation". The first one, I thought, came from the fact that Jacob led from ♣J10xx rather than ♦J10xx in diamonds

(I was pretty sure from the carding that Dan had 4 clubs - if he had identical clubs and diamonds he had equal chance to lead a club or a diamond, therefore first 'restricted choice').

The second one, maybe more obvious, came from Maks's second diamond play (the Q), he could have played the Q or the 10 if he held both. You will note that I needed to guess diamonds to make the hand (can you believe it?) because when stripping the hand to play a spade I would be in the wrong hand to do so (unless Jacob held KJ10 specifically). Now what are the odds against a 2-way restricted choice situation? I thought I would make the hand by rising with the ♦A if diamonds were 3-3, the ♠K was onside, and/or I could guess to play Dan for doubleton king. But I forgot something! I did not think of the ♣9! If Dan had that card then the club lead becomes much more attractive and then there is no restricted choice situation for the lead. Silly me, I guess fatigue or lack of concentration made me miss this one and I played with the odds - ♦A! Down I went like a fish. It is worth noting in this hand that you have to guess diamonds, throw a winner (the 13th spade on a potential loser in diamonds) to set up a strip-endplay situation on West! How often does that happen?

Bridge: GREAT GAME...



CNTC Silver: Zygmunt Marcinski, Nicolas L'Ecuier, John Zaluski, Jeff Smith

HANDS from the 2006 CNTC

by Roy Hughes

Here are three of the many interesting deals from the finals of the recent CNTC A. From Segment 5, comes Board 7 (rotated for convenience):

WEST
 ♠ K 9 3
 ♥ K 10 3
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 3

EAST
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ A J 8 2
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ A Q J 10

Dealer South
 Both vul.

NORTH
 ♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ Q 9 5 4
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ K 4 2

WEST
 ♠ K 9 3
 ♥ K 10 3
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 10 7 4
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ K 10 7 5 4
 ♣ 8

EAST
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ A J 8 2
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ A Q J 10



You play in 3NT after the dealer on your left opened a multi 2♦, showing a weak two in a major, and his partner responded 2♠, pass or correct. The opening lead is the queen of spades. You elect to win that in dummy and play a club to the queen, which holds. What do you do now?

The declarer at the table played the ♣A. The king did not fall, but declarer found a ninth trick elsewhere. On the assumption, when the ♣Q holds, that the king is onside, there is an interesting play that guarantees the contract. Run the ♥J at trick three! If it loses to the queen, there will be two heart entries left in dummy to untangle the clubs. The hearts themselves will be blocked, but there will be nine tricks in the form of five clubs, two hearts, and two spades. If the jack of hearts holds, declarer reverts nimbly to clubs, and similarly if the jack of hearts is covered. Here is the full deal (top right):

Roy Hughes is the author of a new book, Card by Card, published through Masterpoint Press. See page 31 for more info.

This is Board 15 from the same set:

Dealer South
 N-S vul.

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

WEST
 ♠ 10 8 7
 ♥ -
 ♦ Q 7 6
 ♣ K J 8 5 4 3 2

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

EAST
 ♠ K Q 2
 ♥ A 9 6 5 3
 ♦ 9 4 3 2
 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
L'Ecuyer	Fraser	Marcinski	Gamble
-	-	-	1NT*
pass	2♣	pass	2♥
3♣	all pass		

* 12-14

Opening lead: ♥8 (third and fifth)

Nick L'Ecuyer threw a diamond on the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. A club to the ace was followed by another heart ruff. He now played a spade to the king and ace, leaving South on play in the following position:

NORTH		EAST	
♠	J 5 4	♠	Q 2
♥	Q	♥	9 6
♦	A J 10	♦	9 4 3 2
♣	9	♣	-
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	10 8	♠	9 6
♥	-	♥	K
♦	Q 7	♦	K 8 5
♣	K J 8 5	♣	Q 10

The defense is helpless; in fact, they played two rounds of diamonds and then led a spade from the North hand, which ran around to the ten. But nothing helps. They can't play trumps safely, and if they play either a third round of diamonds or a fourth round of hearts, it establishes a winner in dummy, which declarer can get to after cashing the ♣K.

Another variation is for South to hold up the ♠A. Now declarer ruffs the fourth round of hearts and exits with a diamond, leaving the defense in a slightly different quandary. They can't play spades or trumps, but if they play three rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffs and endplays South with king and another trump.

This next tricky deal came from Segment 6, Board 29:

You hold, with both vulnerable:

♠ K J 9 7 5 ♥ A J 4 ♦ K J 10 ♣ A J

The dealer, on your left, opens with a weak 2♦. Partner passes, and the hand on your right bids 2♠. What to do here isn't clear; suppose you pass for the moment. Dealer bids 3♦, which comes back to you, and you take a shot at 3NT.

The opening lead is the ♣7. Cover the North-South hands and plan your play.

Dealer North
Both vul.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	-	♠	3 2
♥	9 7 2	♥	K 10 8 6 5
♦	A Q 8 7 6 5 2	♦	4 3
♣	7 6 2	♣	Q 10 8 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	K J 9 7 5	♠	A Q 10 8 6 4
♥	A J 4	♥	Q 3
♦	K J 10	♦	9
♣	A J	♣	K 9 5 4

Declarer played the ♣Q from dummy, on which third hand played the four, and followed with a heart to the jack, also winning. The ♥A brought down the queen. What would you do now?

North presumably would have led a spade if he had one, and from the play so far, it would seem likely that his pattern is 0-3-7-3. If you run the hearts at this stage and then lead a spade from dummy, South will be able to jump up with the ace and play a club. Then when North makes the ace and queen of diamonds, a third club through the ten will give the defense five tricks.

The way to overcome this is to play a diamond yourself, before the third round of hearts. This does three things. Foremost, it gives North the lead before the ♣A has been dislodged. It also starts to build a diamond trick, and it snips the communication between the opposing hands, allowing declarer to take on South in the black suits without having to guard diamonds. Suppose North takes the ♦K with the ace and plays another club. After winning the ace, declarer runs the rest of the hearts. No matter how South discards, he cannot prevent declarer from coming to nine tricks.



MORE THAN THE CONTRACTS WERE COLD!!

There is no one more frustrated and angry, about the playing conditions at the 2006 CBF International Fund Regional in Mississauga, than the CBF and the Mississauga Organizing Committee. That conditions on the Friday and Saturday were unacceptable is agreed to by all.

A NOTE OF EXPLANATION

In June 2004, we had a signed contract with the Delta Meadowdale Resort and Convention Centre for rooms within the hotel proper for the 2006 CBF Bridge Week and International Fund Regional. A year later, the Delta sales person contacted us to tell us that because of a computer glitch, the space was double booked for that time period and that the room we had reserved for the Regional was unavailable. The Delta proposed various alternatives to overcome the problem, one of which was to use their tennis facility. Our first reaction to the offer was "Absolutely no way." They also offered to help us find space at another hotel or facility in the area. We looked at a couple of other sites and no alternative was satisfactory. Previously the Organizing Committee had scoured the whole district from Burlington to Don Valley along the Highway 401 area, and found that there were no other hotels around that were suitable. We were faced with the possibility of cancelling the event entirely, and finally decided that the tennis bubble was the least of evils since we were only five months away from the scheduled (and advertised) events.

At every meeting held with our Delta contacts over the next few months, we questioned them closely on the subject of temperature control in the bubble. The answer always came back that "We have checked with our engineering people and they assure us that conditions will be suitable." Based on these repeated assurances, we decided to go ahead with

the planned tournament.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the Regional, outside temperatures were warm and the conditions in the bubble were acceptable (if borderline). In fact, on the Wednesday we had people complain the 'Bubble' was too warm. Many players expressed their delight in the roominess of the facility. On Friday and Saturday the outside temperature dropped dramatically and the bubble was uncomfortable during the day. During the evenings, it was very bad indeed. On Sunday, the wind died down and the bubble temperature was acceptable for most (but not all) of the players.

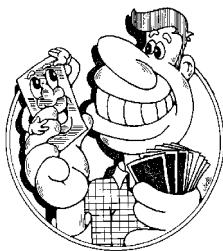
The CBF and the Mississauga Organizing Committee could not have predicted the weather nor could we have known, in advance, that the Delta 'assurances of suitable conditions' were false. On the Friday when it became obvious that the Delta's assurances of 'suitable conditions' were unfounded, we had no avenue of recourse open to us. Cancelling a tournament in progress, with many out-of-town players, was impossible.

Several steps were taken to compensate those that played: the Delta provided free coffee at the 'Bubble', the Delta provided free sandwiches on the Sunday, the CBF provided free 'soft drinks' on the Sunday. A fund with money from the Delta and the CBF was set up to give anyone that played in the Mississauga Regional a \$10 coupon that was redeemable at the Toronto Easter Regional.

We deeply regret that the weather turned so cold and that playing conditions became so unacceptable.

Red Ribbon Winners

Congratulation to B.J. Trelford and Chris Buchanan of Edmonton AB who won the Red Ribbon at the Spring NABC. They also placed 2nd in the NAP Flight B.



"THE AWARD FOR BEST OPENING LEAD DOESN'T GO TO . . ."

By Paul Thurston

During a recent lesson session at our club, the Bridge Centre of Niagara, one of the attendees commented that she thought it a very common occurrence for the opening leader to lead something other than the suit her partner had bid so didn't that make it a "good thing" ?

Just as the thousands of those furry little creatures known as lemmings think it's a good plan to take a suicidal plunge over the Cliffs of Dover into the English Channel, perhaps it is a good idea to not lead partner's suit – just not usually very good for the leader's side!

In the absence of any really compelling contraindication, experienced (and successful) players tend to virtually always put their faith in an opening lead in the suit their partner has bid.

Compelling reasons not to do so do not include:

❖ *"They bid notrump over my partner's suit – they must have it stopped so why bother leading it?"*

THE POINT: Not leading partner's suit won't change the fact they have it stopped but may very well do something about setting up secondary and/or length tricks in the suit once the opponents' stopper(s) have been driven out.

❖ *"Partner bid clubs, maybe he's got a short club."*

THE POINT: Maybe so but surely bidding a suit doesn't deny the possibility of having useful strength and/or length in it. Even in systems where opening one club on two or three cards in the suit is allowed, statistics reveal that such openers will have four-plus clubs on average.

❖ *"My hand is so useless I thought I'd lead something other than partner's suit hoping for something good to happen."*

THE POINT: This is Gold Rush mentality – things look so bleak maybe I'll trudge up the Chilcoat Pass in the dead of winter and strike it rich. History tells us that far more perished than struck it rich and zoology notes that lemmings are not very good swimmers.

Yes, there are some circumstances when you might detour from the paths of righteousness and not lead partner's suit – we'll even look at some of those ideas when next we get together. In the meantime, try always leading what your partner has bid and I'll make you three promises:

1. Your defensive results will improve.
2. You will expend fewer brain cells trying to conjure up magic opening leads and have more left for getting the defense right after trick one.
3. Your partner(s) will at the very least be impressed that you've paid enough attention to the auction to know what they've bid.

famous quotations:

Years ago there were only two acceptable reasons for not leading partner's suit: (1) having no cards in the suit; (2) sudden death. ... *Alfred Sheinwold*

In addition you won't endure the miserable results occasioned by unfortunate leads on deals like:

♠ J9632	♠ Q75	♠ A
♥ Q754	♥ K3	♥ J1092
♦ 92	♦ KJ1053	♦ 874
♣ 43	♣ 1082	♣ AQJ96
	♠ K1084	
	♥ A86	
	♦ AQ6	
	♣ K75	

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	1♣	1NT
Pass		All Pass	

Opening lead: ♠3 "Partner might not really have clubs and South has them stopped anyway so what good will it do to lead them?" Leading partner's opening bid suit here would have set up the suit for partner while he still has a spade entry and before declarer has nine tricks. *(It's also not a good idea to lead your long suit if you don't have entries ... ed)*

Or like this:

	♠ AJ83	♠ K1064
	♥ KJ62	♥ 103
	♦ 105	♦ AK9
	♣ K85	♣ QJ103
♠ 95	♠ Q72	
♥ 74	♥ AQ985	
♦ J87632	♦ Q4	
♣ 972	♣ A64	

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♥	1♣	1♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

South accepted North's invitation and against the game that looks doomed with the loss of one spade, two diamonds and a club, West led . . . the ♠ 9. "My hand looks hopeless. Maybe I can find partner with really good spades and get a ruff to contribute to the defense." Maybe not!

South won the ace, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and led a second spade towards the closed hand (knowing full well East had the ten after West's revealing lead) to set up an extra (and otherwise unobtainable) spade trick on which he discarded a club.

And so, until next time, beware the cold and deep waters of not leading your partner's suit; not to mention the chilly post mortem comments like "Should I have bid hearts to get you to lead a club?"



TIPS FROM EDDIE KANTAR: #29. If partner leads a low card in one suit, gets in and shifts to a low card (showing strength) in another suit, partner wants a return in the second suit. If partner shifts to a high card in the second suit (top of nothing perhaps), he is asking for a return in the first suit. *Eddie offers 52 Tips on the ACBL's Celebrity Lesson webpage:* www.acbl.org/teachers/celebritylessons.html

LA MEILLEURE ENTAME

par Paul Thurston

Lors d'un cours de bridge au Centre de bridge de Niagara, une des participantes a émis le commentaire suivant : « Comme il arrive fréquemment que les joueurs entament d'une couleur autre que celle annoncée par leur partenaire, n'est-ce pas là une bonne chose à faire ? »

Tout comme des milliers de petites créatures appelées lemmings courent droit à leur perte en se jetant dans la Manche du haut des falaises de Douvres, l'idée de ne pas entamer dans la couleur du partenaire est tout aussi valable que celle des lemmings !

À moins de contre-indication, les joueurs d'expérience (ceux qui ont du succès) entament toujours dans la couleur nommée par leur partenaire.

Les raisons suivantes ne sont pas une contre-indication :

❖ « Ils ont annoncé le sans-atout par-dessus la couleur de mon partenaire, ils arrêtent sa couleur, alors pourquoi l'entamer ? »

LES FAITS : Ne pas entamer la couleur du partenaire ne change rien au fait que l'adversaire y possède un arrêt alors que si vous délogez cet arrêt rapidement, vous pourriez affranchir des honneurs ou des levées de longueur.

❖ « Mon partenaire a ouvert d'un trèfle, il est peut-être court à trèfle. »

LES FAITS : Peut-être que c'est le cas, mais le fait d'annoncer une couleur qui peut être courte n'enlève pas la possibilité que ce soit une vraie couleur, longue et forte. Même si vous jouez le trèfle court (deux ou trois cartes), les statistiques révèlent qu'en moyenne l'ouvreur y détient quatre cartes ou plus.

❖ « Mon jeu est tellement faible que j'ai pensé qu'en entamant autre chose, un miracle se produirait. »

LES FAITS : C'est une mentalité de chercheur d'or. Quand les choses vont mal, ils lâchent tout et se lancent dans la ruée vers l'or pour devenir riches. Rappelez-vous que l'histoire a démontré qu'il y en a plus qui ont péri que réussi, tout comme les zoologues ont constaté que les lemmings ne sont pas de bons nageurs.

Oui, il y a des occasions où vous ne devez pas entamer la couleur de votre partenaire, nous y reviendrons une autre fois. En attendant, faites-vous un devoir d'entamer dans la couleur de votre partenaire et je vous garantis trois choses :

1. Vos résultats en défense s'amélioreront.
2. Vous gaspillerez moins d'énergie à tenter de trouver une entame brillante et vous serez plus concentré sur la défense.
3. Votre partenaire sera impressionné par le fait que vous avez écouté attentivement les enchères.

De plus, vous ne vous sentirez pas misérable à cause du résultat occasionné par une entame « imaginative » comme dans la donne suivante :

	Nord		
	♠ D75		
	♥ R3		
	♦ RV1053		
	♣ 1082		
Ouest		Est	
♠ V9632		♠ A	
♥ D754		♥ V1092	
♦ 92		♦ 874	
♣ 43		♣ ADV96	
	Sud		
	♠ R1084		
	♥ A86		
	♦ AD6		
	♣ R75		
Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
— Passe	— 3SA	1♣	1SA
Passe		Passe	Passe

Entame : le 3 de pique « Mon partenaire peut ne pas avoir une vraie couleur et le déclarant a un arrêt de toutes façons. Qu'est-ce que ça peut donner de l'entamer ? »

L'entame à trèfle ne fait qu'affranchir la couleur de votre partenaire alors qu'il a une prise de main sûre à pique avant que le déclarant ne réalise 9 levées.

Ou comme celle-ci :

Nord			
♠ AV83			
♥ RV62			
♦ 105			
♣ R85			
Ouest		Est	
♠ 95		♠ R1064	
♥ 74		♥ 103	
♦ V87632		♦ AR9	
♣ 972		♣ DV103	
Sud			
♠ D72			
♥ AD985			
♦ D4			
♣ A64			
Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	—	1♣	1♥
Passe	3♥	Passe	4♥
Passe	Passe	Passe	

Sud a accepté l'invitation à la manche, manche qui semble vouée à l'échec puisqu'il y a quatre perdantes : un pique, deux carreaux et un trèfle. Mais Ouest entame.... du 9 de pique ! « Mon jeu est tellement faible, peut-être que mon partenaire a quelque chose à pique et qu'il va pouvoir me donner une coupe ». Peut-être que non.

Sud prend de l'As, retire les atouts en deux tours en finissant au mort et joue un deuxième pique vers la main cachée (sachant pertinemment qu'Est détient le 10 comme l'a révélé l'entame) affranchissant ainsi une extra-gagnante à pique au mort (impossible à affranchir sans cette entame) sur laquelle il se défait d'un trèfle !

Et ainsi de suite jusqu'au jour où votre partenaire finira par vous dire « Est-ce que je devrais enchérir à cœur pour que tu te décides enfin à entamer trèfle ? »

Citations célèbres

Jadis, il n'y avait que deux raisons pour ne pas entamer dans la couleur du partenaire : 1- Une absence dans cette couleur, 2- Une attaque cardiaque.
... Alfred Sheinwold

Conseils d'Eddie Kantar, #29

Si votre partenaire entame d'une petite carte dans une couleur et que plus tard il contre-attaque d'une petite carte (qui promet un honneur) dans une autre couleur, il veut que vous reveniez dans la seconde couleur. S'il change de couleur en jouant une grosse carte, qui dénie un honneur, il veut que vous reveniez dans sa couleur d'entame.

Eddie vous offre 52 conseils sur la page ACBL's Celebrity Lesson page : www.acbl.org/eachers

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CBF Ratifies 2006 Canadian JR & SCHOOLS Teams

July 29 - August 8, 2006

11TH WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bangkok, Thailand

The roster of the **Canadian Junior team** that will be going to the World Youth Team Championship in Thailand this summer has changed. David Grainger & Gavin Wolpert have resigned and Charles Halasi & Matthew Mason have been added to replace them. The full team is now:

Erin Anderson, Charles Halasi, Daniel Korbel, Susan Korbel, Matthew Mason, Samantha Nystrom. NPC: John Carruthers

The Canadian **World Schools Team** going to Thailand has been ratified. That team will be:

Hershel Macaulay, Ethan Macaulay, Aled Iaboni, Anton Blagov, Malcolm McColl, NPC: John Carruthers, Coach: Rob Macaulay

Follow our teams online at www.cbf.ca

JUNIOR Bridge

2005 TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS

Youth (19 and under)

1. Jenny Ryman, ON	324
2. Keith Veale, ON	222
3. Anton Blagov, ON	45

Juniors (25 and under)

1. Gavin Wolpert, ON	1010
2. David Grainger, ON	358
3. Daniel Korbel, ON	346
4. Jenny Ryman, ON	324
5. Samantha Nystrom, BC	286
6. Keith Veale, ON	222
7. Mark Donovan, ON	203
8. Shona Crausen, ON	198
9. Susan Korbel, ON	196
10. Isabelle Smith, ON	163

BRIDGE IS COOL . COM

Lots of information, links, news, and more on the ACBL's new website designed for Youth and Junior players. www.bridgeiscool.com

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY TEAM TRIALS

On Sunday, March 12 four teams competed in the first Canadian University Team Trials. The event was held on Bridge Base Online. One pair from the winning team along with two other pairs selected by the Selection Committee will form the 2006 Canadian University Team which will compete in the World University games scheduled for Tianjin, China 21-27 October 2006. The final standings were:

1. Charles Halasi, Anton Blagov, Toronto; Daniel and Susan Korbel, Waterloo
2. Roy Sadd, Victoria; Stephen Tynes, Truro; David Sabourin, Brian Hardy, Ottawa
3. Erin Anderson, James Dulmage, Scott Rosom, Regina; Tim Capes, Toronto
4. Marie Lavoie, Alain Remillard, Martin Soucy, Benoit Turgeon, Montreal

Since each participant was playing on the internet, monitors were needed for each location. Many thanks to the following who volunteered their time to ensure that this event could take place: Ralph Fisher, Truro, NS, George Retek, Brian Arsenault and Benoit Lessard, Montreal, QC, Georgia Lay, Louise Zicat, Don Ferrara, George Kitchen, Ottawa, ON, Doug Rankin, Claire Jones, Cal MacLeod, Regina, SK, Mike Roberts, Victoria, BC. Thanks also to our Selection Committee who now face the formidable task of naming a team: Eric Kokish, Nicholas and Judith Gartaganis, and George Retek. Hopefully we can increase the number of teams participating in future years.

CBF HELPS UNIVERSITY BRIDGE CLUB

A group of students at the University of Montreal wanted to set up a duplicate club at their university but wondered how they would obtain the needed supplies. Marie Lavoie contacted the CBF to see if they could be of any help and the answer was yes. The CBF purchased boards, cards, bidding boxes, table markers, paper supplies and several books from the ACBL, who were kind enough to provide them at cost, to help the club get going. With this support it is hoped that the University of Montreal Bridge Club will grow and flourish.

ERIN BERRY FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE :: JUNE 1

The Erin Berry Memorial Fund is used to help subsidize Youth Category Canadian players (Under 19) who are members of the CBF, for bridge related activities. To apply for funding, an application must be submitted to the CBF executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The types of events that might be covered by funding are: Bridge Camps, World Scholar Games, Bridge Training Sessions, Canadian Junior Trials, International Youth Bridge Festival, Junior World Championships, and other bridge related activities.

Visit cbf.ca for more information.

KEITH VEALE Canada's Youngest LM

Keith Veale, of Ottawa ON, has broken the Canadian record for youngest Life Master. Veale, who earned his gold card at the age of 12 years, 10 months, broke the record previously held by Ottawa neighbor David Sabourin, whose record was 14 years, 11 days in 1998.

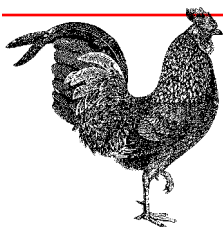
Veale started playing three years ago with his grandfather, Brian. He is in the seventh grade at D. Roy Kennedy Public School.

SCHOLARSHIPS Available for Juniors

A scholarship program is available for ACBL/CBF Juniors - college and high school bridge players who actively seek to teach bridge to others. It is open to all ACBL/CBF Juniors still involved in the educational system. The program will award \$500 scholarships to those who teach a class of at least eight students under 26 years of age the equivalent of the ACBL Bidding Series (Club Series) or 16 hours of lessons. The ACBL Education Department will provide books, T-shirts and an additional stipend of \$350 for teaching the course. The scholarship is payable only to an accredited college, university or trade school for high school graduates. Contact Charlotte Blaiss juniors@acbl.org to register classes for the school and scholarship program.

2006 KING/QUEEN OF BRIDGE

Juniors, you can apply for the 2006 King/Queen of Bridge Scholarship. The award is presented to a Junior ACBL member who is a graduating high school senior. The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a junior for outstanding tournament performance plus administrative, recreational and promotional activities related to bridge. The award is presented by the ACBL Educational Foundation. To apply, send your resume to juniors@acbl.org.



Barry Harper Wins 2005 Richmond Trophy

YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

by Barry Harper, Regina, SK

I have one similarity with Kenny Gee. I've started to look at each year via the Chinese Calendar. There are many who think we bid the same way (Ken thinks I bid crazy).

What can I tell you about Barry and bridge? Well, I had a couple of milestones this past year. I turned 50. Thirty years since my first duplicate game. Almost everyone I count as a friend is a bridge player. I can discuss movies, politics, and current events, but if the topic doesn't eventually get around to bridge, I might lose interest.

I love the competition. The biggest competition, I find, is with myself. Why do I still make those same stupid mistakes? Why do some players still have my number, while I can play against Meckwell and ooze confidence (well, maybe not ooze)? Why can't I break average some days at the Regina Bridge Club? Why did I bid 3NT? (Oh yeah, Just In Case It Makes).

I want to thank all my partners and teammates. Not only did they play great, but they are fun to play with. I looked at this year's Richmond list and I have been lucky enough to have played with 13 of the top 20 at some point in time.

I also want to thank the many bridge friends I have made over the years. One of the unique features of bridge friendships is that you may not see someone for years and then when you do, you can pick up where you left off.

You may not believe me, but my greatest satisfaction at the bridge table is when an opponent approaches me afterwards and states that they enjoyed playing against me. Then, I forget about my mistakes and feel on top of the world. I guess that is why I try hard to make the table atmosphere friendly. We need more players and we have only two ways to attract them – the beauty of the game of bridge and the social aspects of our clubs and tournaments.

I don't have a lot of bridge goals in the near future, but I will say I want to get back to a tournament in Quebec sometime soon, and eventually make it to a Maritime tournament.



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3	Robert Hollow	Madoc ON	1047
4	Gavin Wolpert	Thornhill ON	1010
5	Martin Caley	Montreal QC	824
6	Bryan Maksymetz	Coquitlam BC	814
7	Doug Fraser	Victoria BC	794
8	Michael Gamble	Shawnigan Lake BC	778
9	Rhonda Foster	New Westminster BC	740
10	Gerald McCully	New Westminster BC	708
11	Heather Peckett	Nepean ON	655
12	Dan Jacob	Vancouver BC	628
13	Rock Shi Yan	Burnaby BC	620
14	William Koski	King City ON	598
15	Richard Anderson	Regina SK	587
16	Mike Wilson	New Westminster BC	549
17	Hannah Moon	Prince Albert SK	543
18	Martin Hunter	Mississauga ON	534
19	Andre Chartrand	Chateauguay QC	525
20	Peter Clark	Ottawa ON	514
21	Jonathan Steinberg	Toronto ON	505
22	Anna Boivin	Victoria BC	504
23	Piotr Klimowicz	Edmonton AB	503
24	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	502
25	Alice Anderson	Tillsonburg ON	486
26	Louise Zicat	Gatineau QC	482
27	Dwight Bender	London ON	479
28	Jean Castonguay	Léry QC	475
29	Allan Graves	Vancouver BC	469
30	Judith Gartaganis	Calgary AB	468
31	Duncan Smith	Victoria BC	464
32	Norm Gordon	Dollard-des-Orm QC	463
33	Claude Laberge	Longueuil QC	441
34	Patrice Roy	Sherbrooke QC	440
35	Helene Beaulieu	Sherbrooke QC	434
36	Richard Lesage	Montreal QC	428
37	Waldemar Frukacz	Ottawa ON	422
38	Ranald Davidson	North York ON	418
39	Gordon Campbell	Calgary AB	411
40	Barry Pritchard	Edmonton AB	410
41	Thomas Gandolfo	Edmonton AB	388
42	Paul Janicki	Markham ON	387
43	Bill Anderson	Tillsonburg ON	384
44	Nader Hanna	Willowdale ON	383
45	Sandra Fraser	Victoria BC	382
46	Tom Buttle	Toronto ON	378
47	Faith Pritchard	Edmonton AB	374
48	Danny Miles	Toronto ON	364
49	David Grainger	Etobicoke ON	358
50/51	Ronald Sutherland	Mississauga ON	357
50/51	Malcolm Ewashkiw	Belleville ON	357

CANADIAN ALL-TIME MP WINNERS

as of February 1, 2006

1.	Ken Gee, Regina SK	19,057
2.	Martin Caley, Montreal QC	14,063
3.	Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC	13,694
4.	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	13,653
5.	Doug Fraser, Victoria BC	11,866
6.	Barry Harper, Regina SK	11,116
7.	Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON	10,242
8.	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	10,225
9.	Anna Boivin, Victoria BC	10,144
10.	Allan Graves, Vancouver BC	9,968
11.	Eric Murray, Toronto ON	9,859
12.	Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke QC	9,499
13.	Helene Beaulieu, Sherbrooke QC	9,421
14.	George Mittelman, Toronto ON	9,210
D	Leo Steil, Vancouver BC (Deceased)	9,131
15.	Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC	9,024
16.	Duncan Smith, Victoria BC	8,878
17.	Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	8,678
18.	Richard Anderson, Regina SK	8,594
19.	Eric Kokish, Toronto ON	8,465
20.	Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	8,464
21.	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	8,209
22.	Jerry Richardson, London ON	7,952
23.	Hans Jacobs, Aurora ON	7,836
24.	Dudley Camacho, Toronto ON	7,827
25.	David Stothart, Ottawa ON	7,673
26.	Colin Revill, Ancaster ON	7,627
27.	John Currie, Halifax NS	7,545
28.	Don Brock, Brampton ON	7,495
29.	Douglas Heron, Ottawa ON	7,440
30.	Abe Paul, Mississauga ON	7,356
31.	John Carruthers, Toronto ON	7,347
32.	Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	7,339
33.	Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	7,289
34.	John McAdam, Ottawa ON	7,242
35.	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	7,053
36.	John Duquette, Oshawa ON	7,033
37.	Mark Liberman, Don Mills ON	6,983
38.	Sandra Fraser, Victoria BC	6,912
39.	John Zaluski, Ottawa ON	6,870
40.	Jim Riegler, Ottawa ON	6,867
41.	Claude Laberge, Longueuil QC	6,815
42.	Edward Zaluski, Ottawa ON	6,756
43.	C Bruce Elliott, Weston ON	6,681
D	David Curry, ON (Deceased)	6,650
44.	David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON	6,627
45.	James McAvoy, Victoria BC	6,619
46.	Gordon McOrmond, Vancouver BC	6,510
47.	Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC	6,502
48.	James Priebe, Mississauga ON	6,499
49.	Keith Balcombe, Oshawa ON	6,454
50.	Sami Kehela, Toronto ON	6,404
51.	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	6,352
52.	John Landeryou, Lethbridge AB	6,322
53.	Andrew Tylman, Toronto ON	6,307
54.	Pierre Daigneault, Westmount QC	6,297
55.	John Ross, Brampton ON	6,291



GRAND LIFE MASTER DIES

JOHN MARKLAND (MARK) MOLSON

The bridge world was shocked and dismayed to learn of the death of Mark Molson on January 19, 2006, at the age of 56, as a result of complications during emergency heart surgery. Molson was playing in a golf tournament and felt chest pains. Paramedics took him to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Formerly of Montreal, Molson lived in Florida with his wife, Janice Seamon-Molson and their 7 year old daughter, Jennifer Rose.

Mark Molson was a Grand Life Master and a leading player in North America. In addition to numerous North American championships, Molson had a silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl in 1995 playing for Canada and had nearly 20,000 masterpoints. Before moving to Florida Mark Molson was a regular participant in the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC). Molson was on teams that won the CNTC in 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1994, and 1995. Molson also won the Richmond Trophy race five times: 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, and 1984. Many championships were won during Molson's partnership with Boris Baran. They met in the late 1970s, when a group of players went out after a tournament and the partnership lasted close to thirty years.

"Mark was a world class bridge player who competed internationally throughout his life. He was also an avid golfer and sports enthusiast. His family and many friends will greatly miss his playful sense of humor, his gregarious and curious nature, and his warm personality. His love of people and his natural ability as a storyteller made him an entertaining and valued friend to all who knew him. Mark will always be remembered for his unique and loveable character. Notwithstanding his residency in Florida and international travels, Mark retained his deep roots and affection for his native province of Quebec. In addition to frequent trips to Montreal, Mark returned each summer to the Lower St. Lawrence and Metis Beach where he will be fondly remembered." *Montreal Gazette*



DUNCAN PHILLIPS

Duncan Phillips, a respected and successful Canadian bridge player passed away February 6, 2006. Duncan won the 1971 CNTC playing with Bruce Gowdy, Gerry Charney, and Bill Crissey. The team, with the additions of Sami Kehela and Eric Murray, then represented Canada in the 1972 World Team Olympiad where they finished third. Duncan loved to compete in World Championships and in 1994 finished third in the Senior Pairs playing with Bill Solomon. Duncan won 2 bronze medals in the 1994 World Championships - 3rd in the senior pairs, and 3rd in the Transnational senior teams. The CBF extends its sympathy to Duncan's wife, Joyce.

MOLSON EDUCATION FUND ESTABLISHED

An education fund, in memory of Mark Molson, has been established for his seven-year-old daughter Jennifer. Persons interested in finding out more can contact Tobi Sokolow at 512 440 1942 or e-mail to dsokolow@austin.rr.com.

IRENE HODGSON

Irene Hodgson passed away peacefully early March 10, 2006 while in bed. Irene was a member of the Gold Medal CWTC Team in 2004 with Linda Lee, Ina Demme, and Hazel Wolpert. She was 74.

Remembering Irene

by Linda Lee

Irene and I had a perfect bridge record. We didn't play together often but when we did we won. Before 2004 when we won the CWTC, Irene and I last played together in about 1972 - a Women's Pairs at the Toronto Regional which we won. This was despite the fact that I was quite hung over and had to run to the washroom to pour water on my face between every round. In 2004 just before the CWTC trials in St. Catharines, Irene asked me to play with her as a fifth in case her partner couldn't make it. As it turned out her partner dropped out and I played the whole event. We practiced a few times but it became clear that there was no need to practice with Irene. We played almost no conventions and in any case Irene bid what she felt like at any time.

Irene was very difficult to play with. She had a lot to do at the table. She shook her head and mumbled if she didn't like dummy or walked away from the table if you were declarer. After the hand she let you know her displeasure. Irene played only one position, North. So even if we had seeding privileges our opponents knew where to find us, especially as we had a four-man team. As North-South we got to pass the boards under the screens. Irene passed the boards with a spin and on a diagonal so as her partner you had to catch the board before it fell to the floor. Irene had a lot of rules,

many of which I found out by trial and error. On one hand, after Irene had opened the bidding with one of a major the opponents arrived in 3D which I could beat in my own hand. I doubled 3D and Irene angrily pulled to 3 of the major where we went for a number. Even before dummy came down she was yelling at me. Didn't I know the rule that I was not allowed to double part-scores?

Irene was kind and caring and she had great courage and a never give up spirit. On the last day of the CWTC trials we went out to dinner down some 50 imps to the favoured Gordon team. When some people talked about quitting if we lost more imps in the third quarter Irene scoffed. "I don't quit," she said. "Don't embarrass me. Just go out and win a quarter." That took the pressure right off. Our goal was just to go out and win a quarter. By the end of the third quarter we were just a few imps down and now all the pressure was on the opponents. Just before she died I saw Irene and we talked about playing again. She told me how she was having a miracle recovery. The doctor had shown her the x-rays of her lungs and they were clear. He told her it was because of her great spirit. Irene told him no, it was him not her. She was always going to give it 100% so the only variable was what the doctor did.

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Les championnats canadiens

par Martine Lacroix

La semaine nationale du bridge qui accueille les championnats canadiens s'est déroulée du 11 au 18 février dernier à Mississauga, Ontario.

Dans le CNTC, Maksymetz (Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Jacob, Doug Fraser, Michael Gamble, Robert Lebi, Sandra Fraser) l'a emporté sur L'Écuyer (Nicolas L'Écuyer, Zygmunt Marcinski, Jeff Smith, John Zaluski) mettant fin à une épuisante épreuve d'endurance pour L'Écuyer dont l'équipe ne comprenait que quatre joueurs.

Le format de la finale comprenait 128 donnes divisées en 8 segments de 16 donnes répartis sur deux jours. L'Écuyer a tenu tête à Maksymetz pendant la première demie de la finale, la différence n'étant que de 11 imps à la fin de la première journée.

Au troisième segment, une excellente décision de Nicolas L'Écuyer sur la toute dernière donne ramène le score presque à égalité.

Vous relevez en Ouest la main suivante, en première position, vulnérable contre pas :

♠ D874 ♥ D102 ♦ RDV86 ♣ 2

Aux deux tables, les enchères démarrent de la même façon. Vous passez. Nord ouvre 1♦, votre partenaire surenchérit à 2♣ et Sud passe. Quelle est votre enchère ?

En salle fermée, Sandra Fraser, jugeant le misfit trop dangereux, décide de passer sur la surenchère à 2♣ de Robert Lebi. Celui-ci a réalisé 9 levées sans difficulté marquant +110. À l'autre table, Nicolas L'Écuyer a adopté un point de vue différent. Malgré le misfit à trèfle, la solidité des carreaux l'a encouragé à déclarer la manche à sans-atout. En outre, les honneurs secondaires à pique et à cœur seront très utiles en complément des honneurs que son partenaire, Zyg Marcinski, ne peut manquer d'y posséder.

La donne complète :

Donneur : Ouest.

Vul. : Est/Ouest.

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

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
L'Écuyer	Maksymetz	Marcinski	Jacob
Passe	1♦	2♣	Passe
3SA	Passe	Passe	Passe

Entame : le 4 de carreau.

L'Écuyer gagne l'entame à carreau avec la Dame et tente immédiatement l'impasse au Roi de trèfle, qui est aussitôt suivie de l'As de trèfle. Nicolas joue un troisième trèfle. Sud gagne et contre-attaque pique pour le Roi du mort. Le déclarant n'a que 7 levées après avoir affranchi les trèfles et il y a une grave pénurie de communications vers son jeu. Par conséquent, il joue cœur vers son 10, qui force Nord à mettre son As. La suite est facile. Nicolas gagne le retour à cœur dans sa main, traverse au mort à l'As de pique et cède le dernier trèfle. À ce point, le

contrat est sûr puisque la défense ne peut qu'encaisser l'As de carreau. Mais Sud persiste à pique et L'Écuyer réalise 10 levées, +630. Ce gain de 11 imps ramène le score presque à égalité, 119 à 116. Au quatrième segment, Maksymetz gagne 8 imps, ce qui lui donne une avance de 11 imps à la fin de la première journée.

Au second jour, la fatigue se fait sentir et l'écart se creuse un peu plus. Chaque segment augmente l'avantage de Maksymetz. Mais le sixième segment est fatal pour l'Écuyer. Presque tous les imps se ramassent du côté de l'équipe victorieuse comme en témoigne la donne suivante qui a coûté 12 imps à L'Écuyer.

Donneur : Nord
Vul. : Tous

		Nord			
		♠ 9 7 2			
		♥ A D 8 7 6 5 2			
		♦ 7 6 2			
		♣ 7 6 2			
Ouest				Est	
♠ R V 9 7 5				♠ 3 2	
♥ A V 4				♥ R 10 8 6 5	
♦ R V 10				♦ 4 3	
♣ A V				♣ D 10 8 3	
		Sud			
		♠ A D 10 8 6 4			
		♥ D 3			
		♦ 9			
		♣ R 9 5 4			
Ouest		Nord		Est	
S. Fraser		Zaluski		Lebi	
3SA		3♦		Passe	
		Passe		Passe	

Entame : Le 6 de carreau.

Sandra Fraser en Ouest gagne l'entame à carreau dans sa main et n'a pas d'autre choix que de jouer l'As de cœur, suivi du Valet qu'elle laisse courir. Sud gagne et contre-attaque du 4 de pique. La déclarante insère le Valet alors que Nord se défait d'un carreau. Elle s'attaque ensuite aux trèfles avec l'As, puis le Valet, que Sud laisse passer. Sandra encaisse maintenant les trois cœurs maîtres défaussant un pique et un carreau de sa main. Il ne lui reste qu'à jouer une des couleurs noires du mort pour que Sud soit forcé de lui concéder sa neuvième levée.

En salle ouverte, les enchères sont quelque peu différentes, mais le contrat final est le même. Par contre, l'entame à trèfle place le déclarant en mauvaise posture.

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
L'Écuyer	Maksymetz	Marcinski	Jacob
	2♦	Passe	2♠
Passe	3♦	Passe	Passe
3SA	Passe	Passe	Passe

Entame : Le 7 de trèfle.

L'entame donne la chance à L'Écuyer de prendre au mort avec la Dame de trèfle, Jacob, en Sud, refusant avec raison de couvrir. Il joue cœur vers le Valet. Lorsque celui-ci fait la levée, il encaisse cinq levées à cœur en jetant deux piques de sa main. Il tente d'affranchir un carreau. Le 10 se rend à la Dame de Nord, qui persiste à trèfle pour l'As du déclarant. Un second carreau fait tomber l'As, trop tard hélas, puisque le flanc, avec deux autres trèfles et un pique, a maintenant cinq levées.

L'écart commence à prendre des proportions inquiétantes, 55 imps. Pas encore trop grand pour être comblé, puisqu'il y a encore 32 donnes à jouer, mais il

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faudrait que la chance soit au rendez-vous. Ce n'est pas faute d'avoir essayé. Dans l'exemple suivant, John Zaluski et Jeff Smith demandent une manche vulnérable, non déclarée à l'autre table. Tout repose sur l'entame.

Quelle est votre en entame en Est avec la main ci-dessous après des enchères non informatives 2♠ - 4♠ ? Non informatives ? Pas tout à fait, 2♠ montre 10 à 13 points et une belle couleur sixième.

♠ D87 ♥ 106 ♦ 1094 ♣ RV953

Bryan Maksymetz a trouvé l'entame à trèfle, seule entame qui fait chuter le contrat. Presque la seule en fait, puisque un petit pique pris par l'As d'Ouest et une contre-attaque trèfle fonctionnent tout aussi bien. Mais avec ces enchères, pas question d'entamer sous la Dame de pique.

Donneur : Nord
Vul. : Nord/Sud

		Nord	
		♠ R 10 6 4 3 2	
		♥ D	
		♦ R V 5 2	
		♣ 10 4	
Ouest		Est	
♠ A 5		♠ D 8 7	
♥ A 9 5 4 2		♥ 10 6	
♦ D 8 7		♦ 10 9 4	
♣ D 8 6		♣ R V 9 5 3	
		Sud	
		♠ V 9	
		♥ R V 8 7 3	
		♦ A 6 3	
		♣ A 7 2	
Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Jacob	Zaluski	Maksymetz	Smith
—	2♠*	Passe	4♠
Passe	Passe	Passe	

* 10-13 HD

À l'autre table, Doug Fraser et Michael Gamble arrêtent sagement à 2♠ et réalisent 10 levées contre l'entame du 7 de carreau. Un gain de 7 imps.

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Marcinski	D. Fraser	L'Écuyer	Gamble
-	2♦ (1)	Passe	2♠ (2)
Passe	Passe	Passe	

(1) Multi (deux faible en majeure).

(2) Demande à l'ouvreur de passer si sa majeure est pique.

À la fin de la seconde journée, le score final est de 367 contre 299 et la victoire appartient définitivement à Maksymetz.

Les équipes féminines

Le CWTC accueille de nouvelles têtes couronnées. C'est une première médaille d'or pour les quatre joueuses de l'équipe Foster (Rhonda Foster, Marcia Christie, Heather Pecket, Pamela Nisbet) qui a vaincu Fourcaudot (Marc-André Fourcaudot capitaine non-joueur, Sylvia Caley, Julie Fajgelzon, Hélène Fournier, Pascale Gaudreault) 176 à 144.

Les équipes seniors

Chez les seniors, Schleifer (Michael Schleifer, Carole Klein, Richard Lesage, Peter Clark) est sorti victorieux de la compétition. Cette donne tirée de la finale met en vedette Richard Lesage.

Donneur : Nord.
Vul. : Personne.

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

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	1♥	Passe	2♣
Passe	3♣	Passe	3♠
Passe	4♦	Passe	6♣
Passe	Passe	Passe	

Entame : La Dame de pique.

A priori, ce petit chelem semble impossible à réussir. Pourtant, la position favorable des coeurs en Est/Ouest pourrait permettre de réaliser quatre plis dans la couleur avec un peu d'aide de la part du flanc. Comment ?

Richard Lesage a su faire preuve d'une bonne dose d'inventivité pour réussir ce petit chelem et assurer la victoire à son équipe. L'entame à pique lui offre une chance qu'il s'est empressé de saisir. Richard gagne l'entame dans sa main, retire les atouts en trois tours finissant au mort et joue un petit coeur sous l'As. Tous les éléments sont en place pour un coup de théâtre spectaculaire. Est, qui ne se doute de rien, monte du Roi. Lorsque le Valet apparaît en Ouest, Richard sait qu'il a gagné. La Dame tombe sous l'As et les quatre plis à coeur assurent le contrat.

FONDS INTERNATIONAUX AUX TOURNOIS SECTIONNELS

Aimeriez-vous gagner 1,4 fois plus de points argent à votre prochain tournoi sectionnel ? Pour seulement 1 \$ par personne par séance, un sectionnel peut attribuer des points argent à l'échelle d'un régional. Les organisateurs de tournois n'ont qu'à décider de tenir une ou deux séances au profit du Fonds international. Les directeurs de tournois connaissent la procédure et transfèrent le dollar supplémentaire à la FCB. C'est simple comme bonjour. Les joueurs gagnent plus de points de maître tout en aidant les équipes qui représentent le Canada aux compétitions internationales.

Parlez-en aux organisateurs de vos tournois sectionnels maintenant !

Il faisait froid !

Personne n'est certes plus frustré et déçu des conditions dans lesquelles s'est déroulé le Régional du Fonds international de Mississauga que la FCB et le comité organisateur. Tout le monde s'entend pour dire que les conditions dans l'aire de jeu le vendredi et le samedi étaient carrément inacceptables.

QUELQUES EXPLICATIONS

En juin 2004, nous avons signé une entente avec le Delta Meadowvale Resort et le Centre des congrès pour réserver des salles adéquates pour la tenue de la Semaine nationale du bridge et du Régional du Fonds international. Un an plus tard, le responsable du Delta nous apprend qu'à la suite d'une erreur administrative les lieux ont été réservés en double et que les salles que nous avions demandées pour le Régional ne sont pas libres.

Le Delta a proposé plusieurs alternatives pour résoudre ce problème, l'une d'elles consistait à utiliser leur complexe de tennis. Notre première réaction a été de dire : « Absolument pas ! » Il nous a aussi proposé de nous aider à trouver un autre hôtel dans le secteur. Nous avons regardé quelques sites, mais aucun n'était satisfaisant. Le Comité organisateur avait déjà parcouru d'un bout à l'autre le comté de Burlington jusqu'à Don Valley et n'avait rien trouvé de mieux que le Delta. Devant l'éventualité d'annuler le tournoi au complet, nous avons finalement décidé que la bulle de tennis était un moindre mal.

Au cours des mois suivants, à chaque rencontre avec le responsable du Delta, nous avons abordé la question du contrôle de la température dans la bulle. La réponse a toujours été la même : « Les conditions ont été vérifiées par du personnel qualifié qui nous assure que tout ira bien. » Compte tenu de cette assurance, nous sommes allés de l'avant avec le tournoi.

Les mardi, mercredi et jeudi, la température extérieure a favorisé des conditions acceptables dans la bulle. En fait, le mercredi, plusieurs personnes se sont plaintes qu'il y faisait même trop chaud. Le vendredi et le samedi, la température extérieure s'est considérablement refroidie et la bulle a été inconfortable durant la journée, pire encore durant la soirée. Le dimanche, le vent est tombé et la température est revenue à un niveau acceptable pour la plupart d'entre nous (ou presque).

La FCB et le Comité organisateur de Mississauga n'ont pas pu prévoir les conditions climatiques, pas plus qu'ils ne pouvaient deviner que les allégations du Delta pour assurer « des conditions acceptables » étaient sans fondement. Le vendredi, quand il est devenu évident que les conditions ne s'amélioreraient pas, nous n'avions plus aucun recours. Annuler un tournoi qui bat son plein est impossible.

Plusieurs mesures ont été prises pour compenser : le Delta a fourni le café gratuitement dans la bulle. Le dimanche, il a fourni des sandwiches alors que la FCB offrait des liqueurs douces. Le Delta et la FCB ont aussi réuni des fonds pour remettre un coupon de 10 \$ à tous ceux qui ont participé au Régional de Mississauga et qui pourra être échangé au Régional de Toronto. Nous sommes profondément désolés que la température ait été si froide rendant inacceptables les conditions climatiques dans l'aire de jeu.

2005 L'ANNÉE DU COQ

par Barry Harper, le gagnant du trophée Richmond de 2005



Kenny Gee et moi avons un point en commun. Nous croyons tous les deux au calendrier chinois. Certains prétendent même que nous enchérissons de la même manière (Ken, lui, pense que mes enchères sont délirantes).

Qu'est ce que je pourrais bien vous raconter à propos de mon expérience au bridge ? J'ai franchi plusieurs caps importants cette année. J'ai eu 50 ans ! Trente ans depuis ma première séance de duplicata. Presque tous mes amis sont des joueurs de bridge. Je peux discuter de films, de politique, d'actualité, mais si le sujet tarde à se rendre au bridge, je perds vite l'intérêt.

J'aime la compétition, mais la plus grande compétition, c'est avec moi-même que je la fais. Pourquoi ai-je commis cette stupide erreur ? Pourquoi certains joueurs ont-ils encore mon numéro, alors que je peux jouer avec confiance contre les meilleurs ? Pourquoi est-ce que parfois je ne peux pas jouer mieux que la moyenne au club de bridge de Regina ? Pourquoi ai-je demandé 3SA, ah oui ! juste au cas où il pourrait se faire ?

Je veux remercier tous mes partenaires et coéquipiers. Non seulement ils jouent bien, mais j'ai du plaisir à jouer avec eux. En regardant la liste du trophée Richmond cette année, je constate que j'ai été assez chanceux pour avoir joué avec 13 des 20 premiers à un moment ou à un autre.

Je veux également remercier les nombreux amis de bridge que je me suis fait au cours des ans. Un des aspects fascinants de ces amitiés de bridge est que vous pouvez reprendre là où vous en étiez même après plusieurs années.

Vous pouvez ne pas me croire, mais ma plus grande satisfaction à la table de bridge est quand les adversaires me confient qu'ils ont eu du plaisir à jouer contre moi. J'oublie mes erreurs et je suis fier de moi. J'essaie de rendre agréable l'atmosphère à la table. Nous avons besoin des nouveaux joueurs et il y a seulement deux manières de les attirer : la beauté du jeu et l'aspect social de nos clubs et de nos tournois.

Je n'ai pas encore établi mes objectifs au bridge dans un avenir rapproché, mais je pense que j'aimerais retourner de nouveau au Québec et éventuellement me rendre dans les Maritimes.

BRIDGE WEEK 2006

CNTC FLIGHT A : 22 Teams

- 1 Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam; Dan Jacob, Vancouver; Doug Fraser - Sandra Fraser, Victoria; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake; Robert Lebi, Toronto
- 2 Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill; Jurek Czyzowicz, Gatineau; Jeffrey Smith - John Zaluski, Ottawa
- 3/4 Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher - Neil Kimelman - William Treble, Winnipeg; Karl Gohl, Oakbank; David McLellan, Thunder Bay
- 3/4 Paul Thurston, St Catharines; Rick Delogu, Waterloo; Waldemar Frukacz - David Willis, Ottawa
- 5/8 John Rayner, Oakville; Michael Roche, Don Mills; Eric Shepherd, Hamilton; John Duquette, Oshawa; Jordan Cohen, Thornhill; Stephen Cooper, Toronto
- 5/8 Martial Chagnon, Boucherville; Andre Laliberte - Rene Pelletier, Quebec; Herve Chatagnier, St-Aug-D-Desm; Marc-Andre Fourcudot, Montreal; Jean Francois Boucher, Chicoutimi
- 5/8 Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis - Gordon Campbell, Calgary; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton; David Colbert, Etobicoke; Keith Balcombe, Oshawa
- 5/8 Bradley Bart - Ben Takemori, Burnaby; Chris Diamond, Winnipeg; Rashid Khan, Toronto

CWTC : 8 Teams

- 1 Rhonda Foster, New Westminster; Marcia Christie, Surrey; Heather Peckett, Nepean; Pamela Nisbet, Cobourg
- 2 Sylvia Caley, Montreal; Juliette Fajgelzon, Saint-Laurent; Helene Fournier - Pascale Gaudreault, Chicoutimi
- 3/4 Wendy Dooley - Eva Upper, Mississauga; Debbie Feldman, Oakville; Charlotte St Amant, Trenton; Janet Dunbar, Calgary; Ivy Steinberg, Cedar Valley
- 3/4 June Pocock, Coquitlam; Kathy Adachi, Delta; Kismet Fung - Susan Culham, Edmonton

CNTC FLIGHT B : 12 Teams

- 1 David W K Quan, Richmond Hill; Gary Youngs, Pickering; Eric Lee, Thornhill; Nicholas Wong, Markham; Zuwei Shan, Mississauga; Bing Le, Toronto
- 2 David Cohen, Thornhill; P Max Vaight - Michael Lancashire - Frank Pataky - Daniel Bernstein - Aleksandar Vujic, Toronto
- 3/4 Zbigniew Stankiewicz - Adam Kohut - Jozef Jarosz, Mississauga; Marek Podhorski, Oakville; Andrzej Kolinski - Taky Bohossian, Toronto
- 3/4 Kam Tang - Samuel Lai - Jack Lee, Richmond; Tao Feng, Burnaby

CANADIAN SENIOR TEAMS : 5 Teams

- 1 Michael Schleifer - Carole Klein - Richard Lesage, Montreal; Peter Clark, Ottawa
- 2 Roger Snowling, Hamilton; Gary Westfall, Brampton; Roman Klein, Oakville; Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga; Gary Bernstein - Serge Chevalier, Montreal

CANADIAN IMP PAIRS : 40 Pairs

- A B
- 1 Robert Hanly, Whitby; David Hamer, Brooklyn
 - 2 James Cole - D Cole, Hillsburgh
 - 3 Jared Riley, Brampton; Jonathan Steinberg, TO
 - 4 Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary
 - 5 Maurice De La Salle - Susan Culham, Edmonton
 - 6/7 Ringo Chung, Mississauga; John Duquette, Oshawa
 - 6/7 Garry Karst, Edmonton; Ray Grace, Sherwood Park
 - 2 Nancy Stewart, North York; R Charles McLaughlin, Mississauga
 - 3 Roman Kaski - Adam Kohut, Mississauga
 - 4 Marius Moldovan, Pointe-Claire; Jean La Traverse, Montreal

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS : 28 Pairs

- 1 Rashid Khan, Toronto; Bradley Bart, Burnaby
- 2 Jerry Richardson, London; William Koski, King City
- 3 Georgia Lay, Ottawa; Bob Zeller, Kanata
- 4 Paul O'Hara - Roisin O'Hara, Oakville
- 5 John Duquette, Oshawa; John Rayner, Oakville
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- 10 Douglas Fisher - Bob Todd, Winnipeg
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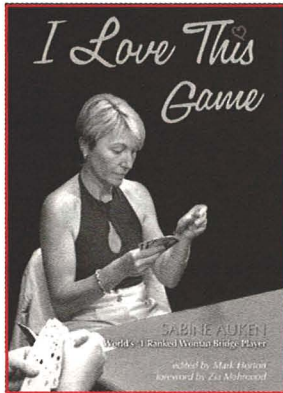
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| 5/6 | 21.12 | David Jones, Orleans ON |
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| 8 | 19.42 | Kenneth Allan, Kingston ON |
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| 9/10 | 18.57 | Eldon Godfrey, Calgary AB |
| 11 | 18.47 | David Morse, Halifax NS |
| 12 | 18.24 | Madeleine Berthiaume, Montreal PQ |
| 13 | 18.22 | Alain Schad, Montreal PQ |
| 14 | 18.10 | Claude Laberge, Longueuil QC |
| 15 | 18.08 | Neil McAllister, Vancouver BC |
| 16 | 18.08 | Maureen McAllister, Vancouver BC |
| 17 | 18.01 | Joseph Seigel, Thornhill ON |
| 18 | 17.91 | Thomas Kinnear, Innisfil ON |
| 19 | 17.82 | Roderick Lindsay, Kingston ON |
| 20 | 17.73 | John Ayer, Dartmouth NS |

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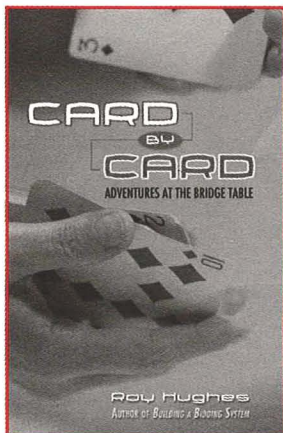
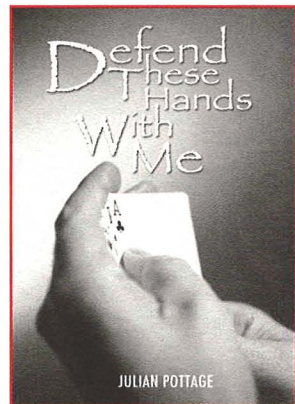
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Helen Shields RM Game	April 27	Evening
Final deadline for registering with CBF for entry in 2006 World Championships	May 1	Deadline
ACBL Wide IF Game #2	May 11	Afternoon
Erin Berry Funding Application	June 1	Deadline
World Championships	June 9 - 24	Verona, Italy
World Junior & Schools Pairs	June 30 - July 2	Piestany, Slovakia
World Junior Camp	July 3 - 10	Piestany, Slovakia
Summer NABC	July 13 - 23	www.acbl.org
ACBL Wide IF Game #3	July 14	Evening
11th World Youth and 2nd Schools Teams	July 29 - August 8	Bangkok, Thailand
International Fund Month	Sept.	Club games
COPC Club Qualifying	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Club games
CNTC Club Qualifying	Sept. 1 - Jan. 10	Club games
Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2	Oct. 12	Evening
World University Games	Oct. 21 - 27	Tianjin, China
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