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TEAM CANADA - WINNERS OF THE 7TH HERO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

Left to Right: Mike Nadler, David Brower, David Grainger, NPCs Leslie Amoils, Jonathan Steinberg, Ben Zeidenberg, Darren Wolpert, David Halasi (Story page 15)



1998 ERIN BERRY ROOKIE-MASTER WINNERS

Dr. Carla Eisenhauer - Dr. Joe Pfeifer (Story page 6)



KEN GEE

1998 Richmond Trophy Winner
(Story page 5)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Doug Heron

Congratulations to our Junior Team who played in terrific form in the HERO

Youth Championships in Holland in January! Our team, captained by co-captains Jonathan Steinberg and Les Amoils, won the round robin and then completed their good work by going on to win the gold medal for first place among the 23 teams who attended. This was even sweeter for Canada, which fielded only one team, as the USA who fielded two teams did not make it to the playoffs.

Canada's representatives were David Brower, David Grainger, David Halasi, Mike Nadler, Darren Wolpert, and Ben Zeidenberg (in alphabetical order). This would appear to augur well for Canada's chances in the World Junior Championship (WJC) next summer.

As this goes to press, there is a very good possibility that Canada will earn the right to send a second Junior team to the WJC in Florida this coming summer. Because USA is the host country, they will be awarded a bonus team (above and beyond the two teams to which they are entitled). Bermuda and Mexico have declined to send a team. Therefore a move is afoot as we speak to have Canada send two teams, and USA send one team plus the extra team to which our World Zone will be entitled. This means that a trials will be held to select the second Junior Team if the ACBL decides to allow Canada to have the second team.

Winners of our CNTC and CWTC are preparing to play in the Zonal playdowns against Mexico. Because the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup (Women) are being played in Bermuda next January, Bermuda, the host country, automatically gets a team entered. The

women (Dianna Gordon, Sheri Winestock, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Hebert, Barbara Saltsman, and Francine Cimon) will be competing in a two-day, 128-board playoff to see who gets to play in Bermuda for the Venice Cup. The competition will be held during the Sat and Sun of the first weekend in May.

On the Open side, Mike Hargreaves, Gordon McOrmond, Allan Graves, Bryan Maksymetz, and Joey Silver will compete against the Mexican representatives sometime in the fall, most likely with Fred Gitelman as the augmentee.

Plans are well under way for Bridge Week (2) to be held in Toronto beginning with yet another event, a Calcutta (which involves auctioning off the players). The calcutta will be held just prior to the Bridge Week with a reception on the Friday evening, an auction of interested pairs on Friday evening, and the Calcutta itself on Saturday (9th and 10th of July respectively). The main event (CNTC) begins on Sunday, and the CWTC begins on Monday (See details of calcutta in this issue).

There was good news on the exchange rate at the Orlando Fall Nationals.... the ACBL Board of Directors agreed to limit the exchange rate for sanction fees and Director's fees to \$1.50 to purchase US dollars. If the rate rises higher the Canadian Clubs will be protected. And if the rate goes down, then the true rate will apply. This policy was to be reviewed at the Vancouver meetings.

The CBF board will meet in early May in Ottawa for the annual meeting. If anyone out there wishes to put an item on the agenda, or to appear in person before the Board, please let us know by email, phone, or letter... the appropriate numbers appear on the inside front page of the Bridge Canada publication.

RICHMOND TROPHY FINAL STANDINGS 1998

Named after David G. Richmond, a well-known figure in Winnipeg history, the Richmond Trophy is awarded each year to Canada's top masterpoint winner. Donated by David Richmond in May, 1976, it was retroactively awarded first to the 1974 and 1975 winners.

1. Ken Gee, Regina SK	1328	48. Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	323
2. Richard Anderson, Regina SK	1110	49. Roland Brunet, Laval PQ	322
3. Martin Caley, Montreal PQ	668	50. Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON	318
4. Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	568	51. James Priebe, Mississauga ON	316
5. David Halasi, Toronto ON	560	52. Douglas Heron, Ottawa ON	315
6. Robert McPhee, Belleville ON	546	53. Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB	314
7. Hans Jacobs, Aurora ON	529	54. David Baker, Kitchener ON	309
8. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	504	55. Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON	307
9. Jeff Smith, Gloucester ON	494	56. Dudley Camacho, Toronto ON	307
10. Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	483	57. Roland Althoff, Don Mills ON	307
11. Pierre Beaugard, St Lazare PQ	477	58. Danny Miles, Waterloo ON	307
12. Allan Graves, Vancouver BC	472	59. Peter Jones, Edmonton AB	306
13. Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON	471	60. Andre Hebert, Laval PQ	304
14. R. F. Smith, Don Mills ON	463	61. Dick McKinney, Edmonton AB	302
15. Francesca Walton, Calgary AB	463	62. Mike Nadler, North York ON	299
16. Debbie Bennett, Scarborough ON	460	63. Denis Lesage, Longueuil PQ	298
17. Claude Laberge, Longueuil PQ	459	64. Jerry Richardson, London ON	298
18. Fred Gitelman, Toronto ON	456	65. Adrien Boisclair, Montreal PQ	297
19. Paul Graham, Calgary AB	446	66. Louise Zicat, Gatineau PQ	295
20. Boris Baran, Cote-Saint-Luc PQ	445	67. David Willis, Ottawa ON	293
21. Michael Yuen, Winnipeg MB	443	68. Martin McDonald, Calgary AB	293
22. Ken Warren, Delaware ON	435	69. Jacques Fradette, Gatineau PQ	291
23. Duncan Smith, Victoria BC	428	70. Judith Gartaganis, Calgary AB	289
24. George Mittelman, Toronto ON	423	71. Terry Tack, London ON	289
25. Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke PQ	421	72. John Measures, Nepean ON	289
26. Mark Liberman, Don Mills ON	421	73. Erin Anderson, Regina SK	288
27. Nicolle Beaugard, St Lazare PQ	418	74. Wayne Shaw, Edmonton AB	285
28. Helene Beaulieu, Sherbrooke PQ	417	75. John Laufer, Montreal PQ	284
29. Thomas Gandolfo, Edmonton AB	417	76. Raymond Moreau, Verdun PQ	282
30. Rene Pelletier, Quebec PQ	407	77. Juliette Fajgelzon, Saint-Laurent PQ	281
31. Henry Caspar, Toronto ON	404	78. Paul Kilger, Dunrobin ON	279
32. John McAdam, Ottawa ON	401	79. Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal PQ	278
33. Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC	389	80. Michael Hargreaves, Victoria BC	277
34. Stephen Willard, Edmonton AB	383	81. Dan McCaw, Toronto ON	275
35. Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	376	82. Craig Barkhouse, Barrie ON	274
36. Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB	375	83. Charles Halasi, Toronto ON	272
37. Gerald McCully, New Westminster BC	374	84. Henry Unglik, Ottawa ON	271
38. Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	373	85. Donald Sache, Delta BC	271
39. Dan Jacob, Burnaby BC	370	86. Maurice Fortin, Laval PQ	270
40. Michael Efraim, Montreal PQ	370	87. Douglas Markovic, Thornhill ON	270
41. Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC	368	88. Vince Lambert, Edmonton AB	270
42. Anna Boivin, Laval PQ	361	89. John Currie, Halifax NS	269
43. Alice Anderson, London ON	360	90. Jennifer Swimmer, Toronto ON	268
44. Don Brock, Brampton ON	358	91. Glen Andersen, Busby AB	268
45. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver BC	344	92. Colin Harrington, Cambridge ON	267
46. Bill Anderson, London ON	341	93. Yvan Drolet, Saint-Eustache PQ	265
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SASKATCHEWAN TAKES ONE AND TWO IN THE 1998 RICHMOND TROPHY RACE -

Congratulations to winner Ken Gee for a great year. (see Ken's story at right) and to Dick Anderson who placed a near 2nd, only 218 mps behind. This may seem a lot to you and I but it was close considering the 3rd place total of 668 – virtually half of first. As well, Dick had to share his bridge playing year with his political obligations as 1998 President of the ACBL.

Third place Martin Caley, of Montreal PQ, is no stranger to the Richmond Race (1994, 1996). And notice some of our Youth players (under the age of 20), Gavin Wolpert, of Thornhill ON and David Halasi, of Toronto ON placing 4th and 5th. A huge year for these two! Congratulations to all. Be sure to check out our web site for all the stats ...

RICHMOND WINNERS

1974	John Carruthers
1975	Mike Schoenborn
1976	Bruce Ferguson
1977	Bruce Ferguson
1978	Bruce Ferguson
1979	Mark Molson
1980	Mark Molson
1981	George Mittelman
1982	Mark Molson
1983	Mark Molson
1984	Mark Molson
1985	Cliff Campbell
1986	Cliff Campbell
1987	Gary Tomczyk
1988	Robert Crawford
1989	Gary Tomczyk
1990	Robert Crawford
1991	Cam Doner
1992	Cliff Campbell
1993	Cliff Campbell
1994	Martin Caley
1995	Ken Warren
1996	Martin Caley
1997	Hans Jacobs
1998	Ken Gee

1998 - YEAR OF THE TIGER

by Ken Gee
of Regina, SK



Saskatchewan was off to a great start - ACBL president Richard Anderson was from Regina, Sask. The year began like any other year. I did my usual routine as local bridge Pro, giving local bridge lessons and travelling to any Regional tournament that was within a 1000 miles.

I never dreamt that I would travel as much as I did. My wife Bernice and I would like to thank all the wonderful people that welcomed us into their homes. The new friends we made last year were overwhelming. Winning the Richmond was something that just happened. I would never have been able to win without the great play of my partners and teammates that carried me as often as they did. All year everyone was interested in the "Race" between Dick and myself. At the beginning of the year I didn't think I would be in contention for the Richmond, but Lady Luck stepped in and gave me an opportunity to play in more tournaments.

I played my first game of bridge at a bridge club in Nipawin, Sask back in 1982. My fondest memories of bridge will always be of the times that I shared with the people from that club. The great game of bridge belongs to all the people that play it, not to the few experts, nor the few so called experts. Don't worry about playing "bad bridge", and don't concern yourselves with trying to find that elusive thing called "good bridge". The only game in town is called "fun bridge". Try it next time you play. You will love it.

Bernice and I would like to thank the Winnipeg Unit and the Saskatoon Bridge Club for inviting us into their fine cities to share our bridge ideas with their members. Their enthusiasm was infectious and their thirst for knowledge was very inspirational. Thank you all for the kind thoughts and support that followed me all year.

ERIN BERRY *Canadian* ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1998 - 20 clubs (597 pairs) took part in our annual Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game. Saskatoon DBC had the highest turn out with 63 pairs (31.5 tables). The St. Lambert DBC came in a close second with 61 pairs followed by the Edmonton Bridge Centre with 56 pairs. Eric Sutherland of Toronto did the analysis for this game. The Erin Berry Canadian Rookie-Master Game is held each year in the fall. The Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game is held in the spring, usually April.

The 1998 Erin Berry Canadian Rookie-Master game champions are Dr. Joe Pfeifer (age 44) - rookie and Dr. Carla Eisenhauer (age 42) - master, a pair from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, who scored 71% to lead the country. Joe was born and raised in Saskatoon. After completing medical school and specialist training, he returned to Saskatoon in 1986 to start his practice in general surgery. Joe had played bridge casually during university days, but only started duplicate bridge six months ago. Joe has three daughters (11-17). Besides becoming interested in duplicate bridge, Joe has also expressed an interest in teaching bridge in the future.

Carla was born and raised in Kingston and Ottawa, Ont. After medical school in Kingston, she moved to Saskatoon in 1981 to start her practice in family medicine at the Community Clinic. Carla has always loved bridge - her grandmother taught her the basics at age 5! Carla began playing duplicate bridge in the fall of 1982 and became a life master in 1986. She has often represented Saskatchewan at the CWTC National Finals and represented Zone V in the CNTC National Final last year.

Carla and Joe met in 1986 in a professional capacity (over a patient in the OR!) They didn't play bridge together until this Erin Berry Rookie-Master game. What they both remember about their first game together was the fun and laughter that they had during the game. During the game at the Saskatoon DBC, an elderly woman became ill. Joe attended to her and after the ambulance had left they returned to the game and managed to place first overall in Canada. A night to remember.



NATIONAL WINNERS See our Web Site for Zone and Club Winners

1. Carla Eisenhauer - Joe Pfeifer	Saskatoon DBC	71.03%
2. Peter Bambrick - Sherry Smith	Ottawa Bridge Centre	68.89%
3. Tracey Fuhr - Muriel French	Thunder Bay DBC	67.99%
4. B. Crutcher - W. Belfour	Orillia DBC	67.86%
5. June Lind - Sue English	Regina DBC	67.61%
6. Ken Connell - Milt Taylor	Saskatoon DBC	67.15%
7. Patricia Maher - Irma Smith	Bathurst DBC	67.05%
8. Claire MacEven - Rita Tobin	Fredericton DBC	66.79%
9/10. Josie Radic - Laurie Meretsky	Kate Buckman Bridge Studio	66.67%
9/10. Mike Gadd - Gertie Braun	Saskatoon DBC	66.67%

ANSWER: AN OFFICE, A MAGAZINE, AND A CO-ORDINATOR

Question: What does the CBF do with the money you pay for a CBF membership? Does it go to finance elite players, young and old, in an international gala of bridge?



The CBF has three independent Funds. **All your Membership Dues go into the General Fund.** The money from the General Fund finances our *Bridge Canada* magazine (about \$38,000/year) our CBF Coordinator and only full time employee (about \$18,000) and supports the CBF office (about \$15,650 which includes insurance, bank charges, audit, depreciation, telephone, rent, etc.). That comes to 71,650 right there and the budget for membership fees in 1999 is only 72,000.

We have two other funds. **The International Fund** revenue comes from our International Fund Games and Bridge Week surcharges and is used to finance those representing Canada in International competitions. **The Junior Fund** money comes from grants from the ACBL, proceeds of Junior Month in Canada, a small transfer of \$1,000 from our General Fund, and misc. donations. For the most part the Junior Fund money is used to finance juniors abroad at world events and camps, but some money goes to special projects.

CBF Annual Budgets and Income/Expense Statements can be found each year in the Fall *Bridge Canada*. Watch for the 1999 report in the next issue.

MEMBERSHIP: AT WHAT PRICE?

Many people are confused with the membership forms. Here are the numbers in simplified form, all in Canadian Funds of course.

NEW MEMBER MEMBERSHIP

For first time ACBL members

\$24.40 for both ACBL and CBF membership which includes CBF fee of \$3.25

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

For Non-Life Masters

\$48.80 for both ACBL and CBF membership which includes CBF fee of \$6.50

For Life Masters

\$44.25 for both ACBL and CBF membership which includes CBF fee of \$6.50

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- Students under the age of 20 who are currently enrolled and attending school pay \$16.10 for both ACBL and CBF membership which includes CBF fee of \$1.00.
- Students under the age of 26 who are currently enrolled and attending school pay \$18.35 for both ACBL and CBF membership which includes CBF fee of \$3.25.
- Juniors under the age of 26 not currently enrolled and attending school pay the same as *Membership Renewals* above.

For those Canadians that only want to be members of the CBF and not the ACBL the fee is \$25.00 a year. You will have your *Bridge Canada* magazine mailed directly to you by the CBF.

REMEMBER: to be eligible to play in Unit level or higher levels of the CNTC, CWTC and COPC, a player must be a paid up member of the CBF.



A BIT OF HISTORY

by Madeline J. Conrad • CBF Archivist

FIRST CANADIAN LIFE MASTERS

1. 1948 #103 P.E. Sheardown, Toronto
2. 1948 #132 Sam Gold, Montreal
3. 1949 #156 D.G. Farguharson, Toronto
4. 1949 #185 Mrs. W.M. Anderson,
Toronto
5. 1949 #213 Aaron, Goodman,
Montreal
6. 1950 #228 Bruce Elliott, Toronto
7. 1950 #234 Mrs. Jackie Begin,
Montreal
8. 1950 #261 J.G. Boeckh, Toronto
9. 1950 #269 Bruce Gowdy, Toronto
10. 1951 #334 Mrs. Mimi Roncarelli,
Montreal
11. 1951 #343 Harry Bork, Toronto
12. 1951 #344 Douglas D. Drury, Toronto
13. 1951 #356 Emily Beausoliel,
Montreal
14. 1951 #357 William H. Anderson,
Toronto
15. 1951 #380 Ralph Cohen, Montreal
16. 1951 #416 Milton M. Miller, Toronto

March-April 1952: THE BULLETIN (Page 14-15)

A list of Life Masters (300 or more points) in order of "accession." Someone took the trouble to note the Canadian players which are listed at left and which numbers thus represent the first Canadian Life Masters in order.

Some analysis: Amazingly some 25% of the original 16 Canadian Life Masters were women!! Sorry, couldn't help noting that as on one of the Bulletin lists it notes that the Mrs. was later denoted by an asterisk (*) - apparently no single women played or you were considered male if you weren't married. 10 of the 16 persons were from Toronto - the other 6 from Montreal. No other areas represented!! Can we thus determine that duplicate bridge was played mainly in these centres, the reason being accessibility, affluence, and larger populations to draw from? It will be interesting to see when all is said and done at what rate the game spread across Canada and where it eventually centred.

Another list (1965) particularly notes that the names and figures are "Direct from computer print-out." Obviously an impressive new way to do things!

The 1952 listing is certainly not a computer printout and one has to marvel at the work involved in creating and maintaining such lists never mind the recording of individual Master Points!

CBF ELECTIONS

Only the incumbent put forth his name for the position of Zone Two CBF Director in the 1998 elections and therefore was declared re-elected by acclamation. The Zone Two Director is Doug Heron.

In Zone Five, no nominations were received for the position of Zone Five CBF Director in the 1998 elections. Therefore at the annual general membership meeting held in Laval, PQ, the position was declared vacant and the CBF

board was authorized to find someone to represent the Zone. Nicholas Gartaganis of Calgary was good enough to accept the position and will be the Zone V Director for the next three years.

This fall elections will be held in Zone Three (Units 166, 246 and 249) and Zone Six (British Columbia).

1998 CHARITY REPORT

In 1998 the CBF Charitable Fund made the following donations:

	\$
North York Women's Shelter	5000
YWCA Women's Shelter	5000
Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind	1000
The Cancer Research Society	1000
Zoo Check Canada Inc.	250
Toronto Humane Society	500
Community Foundation of Greater Kingston	500
Central Alberta Womens Shelter (Red Deer)	1000
Transition House (Fredericton)	200
Adsum House (Halifax)	200
Friends of Transition House (Sydney, HS)	200
Anderson House (Charlottetown)	200
Kid's Help Foundation (Halifax)	200
Mary's Place (Kitchener)	500
White Ribbon Campaign (Toronto)	500
Youville Centre (Ottawa)	500
Toys for Tots (Thunder Bay)	400
North End Womens Centre (Winnipeg)	600
Nanaimo FOS	1000
Inner City Child Poverty (Vancouver)	500
Kate Booth House (Vancouver)	500
Vancouver Mental Patients Assoc.	500
Total Donations:	\$20,250

For 1999 the designated charities are:

- Canuck Place (see write-up at right)
- Shelters for Abused and Battered Women
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Sierra Legal Defence Fund

If anyone has a charity that they would like to see considered - all information and requests should be mailed to:

Marilyn White
 Charity Chairperson
 182 Bowwood Avenue
 Toronto, Ont. M4N 1Y6

Charity

CBF CHARITABLE FUND

CHARITY NIGHT AT THE SPRING NABC

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999 – The ACBL donated \$5,000 US to the Canadian Cancer Society (BC and Yukon Division) and the CBF donated \$5,000 Cdn to Canuck Place.

Canuck Place

Canuck Place is a hospice for B.C. children with progressive, life-threatening illnesses and their families. The hospice offers a combination of facility-based and community-based care providing individualized programs of respite care for support of the family, pain and symptom management and grief support. Canuck Place also works with communities throughout B.C. in providing support and education to families caring for a child with life-threatening illness at home.

Canuck Place is a free-standing facility located at 1690 Matthews Avenue in Vancouver. It is in a renovated heritage home called Glen Brae. The facility also houses outreach, consultation, educational and support services.

Many individuals, businesses and corporations donate funds and/or services to operate Canuck Place. A small portion of operating costs are funded by the government. The need for funds to maintain the hospice on an annual basis is very significant and you are invited to join our growing group of supporters to help Canuck Place care for the children.

Canuck Place Phone (604) 731-4847

SMALLER DONATIONS

As part of the Spring 1999 NABC "Name-a-Game" campaign, sponsors could elect to donate up to half their contribution to charity. Over \$1000 was raised for distribution to other local charities including:

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TOP 100



1. Boris Baran, Cote-Saint-Luc PQ	11,232	47. Barbara Saltsman, Montreal PQ	4850
2. Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay ON	10,229	48. Pierre Treuil, Ottawa ON	4781
3. Ken Warren, Delaware ON	10,108	49. David Lindop, Toronto ON	4767
4. Eric Murray, Toronto ON	9269	50. Dick McKinney, Edmonton AB	4720
5. Martin Caley, Montreal PQ	8940	51. Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	4693
6. Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	8448	52. John Bowman, Ottawa ON	4678
7. Doug Fraser, Mount Royal PQ	8439	53. Pierre Daigneault, Montreal PQ	4677
8. Joseph Silver, Hampstead PQ	8273	54. Mark Liberman, Don Mills ON	4653
9. Eric Kokish, Toronto ON	8099	55. Mrs. D. M. Cole, Brockville ON	4651
10. Anna Boivin, Laval PQ	7457	56. Duncan Phillips, Toronto ON	4643
11. Allan Graves, Vancouver BC	7269	57. Fred Hoffer, Cote-Saint-Luc PQ	4600
12. George Mittelman, Toronto ON	7047	58. Joan Lupovich, Montreal PQ	4594
13. Ken Gee, Regina SK	7004	59. Ed Bridson, Markham ON	4593
14. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	6749	60. John Landeryou, Lethbridge AB	4589
15. Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver BC	6695	61. Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	4582
16. Douglas Heron, Ottawa ON	6547	62. Kai Cheng, Winnipeg MB	4523
17. Duncan Smith, Victoria BC	6459	63. Michael Roche, Don Mills ON	4520
18. Helene Beaulieu, Sherbrooke PQ	6383	64. Boguslaw Lagowski, Ottawa ON	4492
19. Sami Kehela, Toronto ON	6375	65. Solange Bouchard, Jonquiere PQ	4454
20. Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke PQ	6374	66. Leo Glaser, Winfield BC	4442
21. John Carruthers, Toronto ON	6323	67. Paul Hagen, Vancouver BC	4403
22. Dudley Camacho, Toronto ON	6124	68. Michael Cafferata, Scarborough ON	4397
23. Jim Riegler, Ottawa ON	6061	69. Erik Viires, Montreal PQ	4393
24. Hans Jacobs, Aurora ON	6017	70. Don Lindhorst, Cambridge ON	4374
25. Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	5743	71. Richard Hart, Cobourg ON	4354
26. Ted Horning, Willowdale ON	5702	72. Edward Zaluski, Ottawa ON	4343
27. John Currie, Halifax NS	5590	73. Andre Laliberte, Quebec PQ	4267
28. Mary Paul, Toronto ON	5559	74. G. Sekhar, Winnipeg MB	4238
29. Colin Revill, Burlington ON	5537	75. Sadru Visram, Toronto ON	4227
30. Jerry Richardson, London ON	5524	76. Michael Hargreaves, Victoria BC	4218
31. Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC	5519	77. Ron Bishop, Willowdale ON	4218
32. F. E. Gauthier, Montreal PQ	5502	78. John Ross, Brampton ON	4208
33. James McAvoy, Victoria BC	5430	79. Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON	4204
34. Adolph Feingold, Edmonton AB	5374	80. Ken Murray, Pickering ON	4190
35. Dan Jacob, Burnaby BC	5301	81. Helen Roche, Calgary AB	4177
36. David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON	5242	82. Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB	4156
37. Richard Anderson, Regina SK	5223	83. John Guoba, Toronto ON	4151
38. Keith Balcombe, Whitby ON	5179	84. Doreen Jaskela, Kelowna BC	4145
39. Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC	5167	85. P Drew Cannell, Hampstead PQ	4141
40. Peter Herold, Surrey BC	5035	86. Stephen Willard, Edmonton AB	4140
41. Don Brock, Brampton ON	5029	87. Joe Kerger, Saskatoon SK	4130
42. Stephen Brown, Nepean ON	4995	88. Linda Wynston, Toronto ON	4120
43. Ron Borg, Surrey BC	4973	89. Kathy Adachi, Delta BC	4105
44. Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	4895	90. Fred Gitelman, Toronto ON	4081
45. John McAdam, Ottawa ON	4880	91. Andrew Tylman, Toronto ON	4073
46. John Duquette, Oshawa ON	4850	92. Lawrence Hicks, Coquitlam BC	4042
		93. Danny Schamehorn, Orillia ON	4024
		94. Barry Harper, Kelowna BC	4023
		95. Laurie McIntyre, Ottawa ON	4010
		96. Lloyd Harris, Sudbury ON	3969
		97. Allan Smith, Peterborough ON	3969
		98. Debbie Bennett, Scarborough ON	3951
		99. Wilf May, New Westminster BC	3935
		100. Margaret Ladochy, Toronto ON	3927

REPORT:**SPECIAL CNTC MASTER-
NON-MASTER QUALIFYING GAMES**

In 1998 the CBF Board, at the request of the general membership meeting, added a special CNTC club qualifying game restricted to 4 players of which at least two must have fewer than 200 masterpoints and anyone with more than 200 masterpoints has to play with a player with fewer than 200 masterpoints. All players playing on teams that finished in the top 50% plus ties received qualification to the Unit round of the CNTC. Many have wondered how this game has been received by clubs across Canada. We have had many favourable comments from those clubs that held the games but very few clubs have actually tried them. In 1998 we had 59 clubs hold a total of 96 CNTC games, of these 13 clubs held a total of 15 Master/Non-Master CNTC games. This year in 1999 we had 50 clubs hold a total of 85 CNTC games, of these only 9 clubs held a total of 9 Master/Non-Master CNTC games. The majority of these games are held in Western Canada. In 1999 seven of the nine games held were west of the Ontario border - 1 in Manitoba, 2 in Saskatchewan, 2 in Alberta and 2 in British Columbia.

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Although there are no daily bulletins planned, daily results should be fairly speedy and comprehensive.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**JULY 10, SATURDAY**

Calcutta in support of
CBF International Fund
at Doubles DBC
(Auction July 9)

JULY 11, SUNDAY

CNTC • Round robin Day 1

JULY 12, MONDAY

CNTC • Round robin Day 2
CWTC • Round robin Day 1

JULY 13, TUESDAY

CNTC • Round robin Day 3
CWTC • Round robin Day 2

JULY 14, WEDNESDAY

CNTC • Round robin Day 4
CWTC • Round robin Day 3

JULY 15, THURSDAY

CNTC & CWTC
Quarter Finals

JULY 16, FRIDAY

CNTC & CWTC
Semi-Finals
COPC Day 1

JULY 17, SATURDAY

CNTC & CWTC Finals
COPC Day 2

The CBF is pleased to announce that the 1st CBF International Fund Calcutta will take place as part of Bridge Week on Saturday, July 10th at Doubles Duplicate Bridge Studio, 5801 Yonge Street, Toronto starting at 11:30 am. This will be preceded by a reception and auction on the evening of July 9th.

This event is a fundraiser for the International Fund, which subsidizes the Open, Women's, and Junior teams that represent Canada internationally.

The Calcutta is being held the day before the start of Bridge Week (see full schedule on page 11) to be held at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale in Toronto. Calcutta players can get a \$99 rate at this hotel by calling 1-800-HOLIDAY and mentioning Canadian National Bridge Team Championships.

Being so close to the rest of Bridge Week, a stellar field including former Canadian Champions is expected. Many CNTC and CWTC players will be using this as practice for those events.

The Calcutta is an open event and everyone is welcome to play.

The entry fee for the two session event is \$150 per pair and there will be cash awards for the top 20% of pairs overall in each session (no awards for overall placings at the end of the event). This will come from the Players Pool made up of entry fees minus game expenses. A placing in the top 20% in 1 session should pay back the entry fee. Payouts of the Players Pool will be made that day.

On Friday night at 8:00 pm there will be a reception, followed by the Auction of all the pairs at 9:00 pm. Opening bid will be \$300. If no one bids on a pair, they MUST buy half of themselves back for \$150 and that pair goes into the "Field" Pool which will be auctioned off as one entity at the end of the Auction. Pairs are entitled to buy back up to 50% of themselves but do not have to buy back any of themselves. Payouts will be made to the owners of the top 25% of the field based on the score at the end of the event. The payout

INTERNATIONAL FUND CALCUTTA

by Leo Weniger

will be the AUCTION POOL minus the reception expenses minus 15% for the International Fund. Winners will be paid by cheque approximately two to four weeks following the event.

High standard of play, ethics, deportment and dress are expected. All decisions of the Directors will be final. This will be a non-smoking event.

IMP Pair scoring, comparing to a datum arrived at by deducting the top two and bottom two scores, will be used. The field will be seeded based on the purchase price for each pair. Time limits will be enforced. Only ACBL General Chart Conventions and carding will be allowed. Bidding boxes and screens will be used.

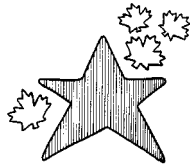
Entry forms and cheques for \$150 made out to "CBF 1999 Calcutta" should be sent to Eric Sutherland, 324 Glen Park Avenue, Toronto, ON M6B 2E5 by July 2nd. Late entries will be accepted, if the movement allows, up to 8:00 pm on July 9th, if accompanied by cash or CERTIFIED cheque. Eric may be reached for more information by calling (416)-784-9548 (H) or e-mail cenec@interlog.com

For full conditions of contest visit the CBF Web Site at <http://www.cbf.ca>

This will be an exciting event and we hope that you will take part by playing and taking part in the Auction or kibitzing some of Canada's finest players. We hope you will be a part of Canadian Bridge Week and support the CBF International Fund.

WHAT ABOUT THE WORLD-WIDE PAIRS?

The WBF's 1999 Instant Matchpoint Pairs game, known as the Epson then the Alcatel in past years, has been canceled. The WBF gave no official reason. ACBL members will be treated to the Millennium Pairs in its place. Watch your Bridge Bulletin for info.



COPC: LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR MONEY, POINTS AND FAME!

There are lots of ways to qualify to play in the COPC National Finals. All players who finished in the top 50% of the COPC's Club Qualifying Round may play in the COPC National Final. Or, you may purchase club qualification for \$50, which you must do at least 2 weeks before the National Final. Anyone who qualified for the CNTC or the CWTC National Final has also qualified for the COPC National Final. Players from the CNTC or CWTC Semi-finals, that do not qualify for the Finals, will be allowed to drop into the COPC final with a 1 board carry-over. And note: you all qualify as individuals! You may play in the National Final with any partner that has also qualified for the event.

Entry Fees: \$15 per person per session.

MP Awards: 75 Gold Points

Cash Awards: 1st: \$2,000.00/pair 2nd: 600.00/pair
3rd: 250.00/pair 4th: 150.00/pair



CWTC: 80 GOLD FOR 1ST PLACE

In order to earn a position in the National Finals of the CWTC, players must either be listed on the entry form at the Intermediate Stage of the event or join that Original Team as an approved replacement or augmentation. If your Zone doesn't have an Intermediate stage but does have a Zone Final, the Original Members of a team will be those names listed on the Zone Final Entry Form. If your Zone has no Zone Final either, then the Original Members of a team will be those listed in writing on an application submitted to the Zone Coordinator. Players from the CWTC Semi-finals, that do not qualify for the Finals, will be allowed to drop into the COPC final with a 1 board carry-over.

Entry Fees: Round Robin: \$522 per team (includes \$200 International Fund surtax)
Knockout Matches - \$200/team (includes \$100 International Fund surtax)

MP Awards: 80 Gold Points

International Representation: Winning team is eligible to be ratified as Canada's official representative in the Women's Teams at the 2000 World Teams Olympiad in Maastricht, Netherlands, and receive subsidy money to attend this event.

CNTC: 140 GOLD FOR 1ST PLACE

In order to earn a position in the National Finals of the CNTC, players must either be listed on the entry form at the intermediate (Unit) stage of the event or join that Original Team as an approved replacement or augmentation. A *team* enters the CNTC by filling out an Entry Form for the Intermediate Stage. Players from the CNTC Semi-finals, that do not qualify for the Finals, will be allowed to drop into the COPC final with a 1 board carry-over.

Entry Fees: Round Robin: \$624 per team (includes \$200 International Fund surtax)
Knockout Matches - \$200/team (includes \$100 International Fund surtax)

MP Awards: 140 Gold Points

International Representation: Winning team is eligible to be ratified as Canada's official representative in the Open Teams at the 2000 World Teams Olympiad in Maastricht, Netherlands, and receive subsidy money to attend this event.

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE GAMES OPEN TO CANADIANS

– Bridge will be a part of the sports program at the US Scholar-Athlete Games, scheduled for June 26-July 2 in Newport RI. Applicants must meet these qualifications: successful completion of grade level 9, 10, 11 or 12 by June 26, 1999; consistent academic achievement; positive leadership qualities; if an athlete, achieved varsity status in one of the sports; if a cultural participant, displayed distinguished achievement in chosen activity. Applicants must submit a completed application form including two letters of recommendation and a personal statement.

Cost of the program is \$540. This fee covers the cost of housing and meals, seminar materials, equipment, supplies, uniform, transportation to and from the airport and during the Games. The participant is responsible for round-trip travel expenses to Rhode Island.

For more information, contact Elias Spieliotis, director of sports, at (401) 874-2375 or email <ussag@uri-acc.uri.edu> or visit their web site www.international-sport.com

3RD WORLD JUNIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP AND BRIDGE CAMP - JULY

1999. This summer's Junior Bridge Camp will be held just outside of Prague in the Czech Republic. The venue will be at the Nymburk Sports Center situated about 35 miles east of the city. Come and have an amazing time! The dates will be July 12-20. As with previous WBF Bridge Camps, the Junior World Pairs will be held immediately preceding it on July 9-11.

The ACBL will help subsidize the costs for all ACBL Juniors who are accepted to attend. The amount of financial support that the ACBL will be able to provide could encompass up to the entire camp tuition which would include room, meals, and all camp activities. Airfare to the camp will be the responsibility of those attending.

Juniors between the ages of 16 and 23 will be given priority for selection. Applications will be processed based on date of application, age, and dedication to promotion of Junior Bridge.

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CANADA WINS

7TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BRIDGE FESTIVAL 1999

ROUND ROBIN FINAL			
1. Canada			414
2. Norway			401
3. Sweden			401
4. Denmark			396
SEMI FINAL RESULTS			
Canada	16	37	53
Sweden	11	24	35
Norway	33	18	51
Denmark	30	15	45
FINAL RESULTS			
Canada	51	36	87
Norway	37	36	73

by Jonathan Steinberg

The HERO international youth bridge festival was more than a competitive tournament - it was a true festival with much laughter, socializing and a chance to make lifelong friendships. We ate, drank and played bridge together. And of course, we played fiercely in the major competition.

All of the junior players stayed in private homes with their "guest parents" who attended the closing party. The relationships that developed over just one week will last a lifetime and we are truly grateful for their hospitality. We were welcomed into private homes and made to feel like family members.

From here we look forward to the WBF World Junior Team Championship which will be held in August (see inset). The European Trials are over and Denmark, Norway, Israel and Italy were the qualifiers. All four of those teams will be stronger in August. So will the US teams, which had some of the youngest players in attendance in Holland.

The Canadian juniors played outstanding bridge and were deserving winners but we are well aware that doing well in the World Championships will not be easy. Nonetheless we have proved to the Europeans that we are now the team to be wary of. We are looking forward to the challenge.

Many thanks to Jan Rijnaarts of the organizing foundation 'Stichting Bridgestad 's-Hertogenbosch and his crew.



Join us in cheering on Canada's Junior Teams at the
7TH WORLD JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Radisson Bahia Beach Resort Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida,
 AUGUST 9-18, 1999.

Daily reports and links will be found on the CBF web site
<http://www.cbf.ca>

Team Canada captured the 7th HERO International Youth Bridge Festival in the Netherlands in January, serving notice that they will be strong contenders at this summer's World Junior Teams Event.

The victors were our 1999

Canadian Junior Team members Ben

Zeidenberg, Darren Wolpert, Mike Nadler, David Halasi, David Grainger and David Brower.

Jonathan Steinberg and Leslie Amoils are the team's non-playing captains (NPC).

MATURE BIDDING

by Jonathan Steinberg

N/S: Vul

E: DLR

NORTH

♠ QT752

♥ 3

♦ KJ9

♣ AKQ8

WEST

♠ 94

♥ K72

♦ Q764

♣ 9643

EAST

♠ J3

♥ AQJ954

♦ 85

♣ T52

SOUTH

♠ AK86

♥ T86

♦ AT32

♣ J7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	2♥	p
p	2♠	p	3♥
p	4♣	p	4♦
p	4♥	p	4NT
p	5♦	p	6♠

This hand came up in the Round Robin against Belgium at the recent HERO Youth Bridge Festival. West could have made things more difficult for N/S by bidding 3♥ (or 2♠ which happened at a lot of tables!), but North Ben Zeidenberg and South Darren Wolpert really took advantage of their bidding space. The 3♥ bid just showed a good spade raise and North avoided the lazy 4♠ bid, electing to describe the great potential of the north hand with the cuebid of 4♣. After 4♦, the 4♥ cue paved the way for south who Blackwooded into the small slam.

1998 YOUTH MP RACES, CANADA

1. Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON 568
2. David Halasi, Toronto ON 560
3. Erin Anderson, Regina SK 288
4. Charles Halasi, Toronto ON 272
5. Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ 234
6. Josh Heller, Toronto ON 215
7. David Grainger, Etobicoke ON 212
8. David Sabourin, Dunrobin ON 212
9. Ian Boyd, Calgary AB 197
10. Matthew Mason, Kingston ON 88
11. Andrew Haydon, Kingston ON 71
12. Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON 71
13. Susan Harbour, Scarborough ON 68
14. James McCahill, Sarnia ON 43
15. Mark Donovan, Kingston ON 39
16. Stanley Everingham, Gilford ON 36
17. Isabelle Brisebois, Candiac PQ 30
18. Eleanor Everingham, Gilford ON 29

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1. Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON 568
2. David Halasi, Toronto ON 560
3. Jeff Smith, Gloucester ON 494
4. Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON 471
5. Danny Miles, Waterloo ON 307
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7. Erin Anderson, Regina SK 288
8. Craig Barkhouse, Barrie ON 274
9. Charles Halasi, Toronto ON 272
10. Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ 234
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14. David Sabourin, Dunrobin ON 212
15. Ian Boyd, Calgary AB 197
16. David Brower, Willowdale ON 184



THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE SPONSORS BRIDGE FOR UP AND COMERS IN KINGSTON (AND OTHERS JOIN IN) – by Ed O'Reilly, KINGSTON, ON

The big news in Kingston Junior Bridge and, perhaps, for all bridge players, is that some magnificent sponsorship has been found for the program. The Ambassador Hotel and Convention Centre donated free use of its ballroom as playing facility for our Kingston January Winter Sectionals on Super Bowl weekends for five years. The first two years have not met our expectations (more on that in another article) but all connected with youth activities realize that it takes years to grow a new program.

General sales manager, Venicio Rebelo, who does not play bridge himself, has been very pleased with the bi-annual Regional held on two occasions at his establishment - imagine, a hotel that really likes bridge players! The only weekend of the winter that he is not fully booked with athletic tournaments is Super Bowl weekend, and he also says he views young bridge players as his future customers.

Only stipulation is that there will be opportunities for juniors and youth to play and the hotel is awarding \$1,500 in scholarship prizes to youth for each of these five years. Moreover, Vinnie Rebelo has donated an extra \$6,750 cash, on behalf of the hotel, to help with Kingston area Junior Bridge activities! The hotel also purchased ten bridge tables for our use in any schools that do not have suitable tables, and has donated Ottawa Senator and Kingston Frontenac tickets as prizes.

Other major contributions to the junior bridge program have been made by **Ray Chiasson**, another non-bridge player, who has been a personal friend and, until his recent retirement, has been The Bridge Centre's insurer for many years. Ray firmly believes that kids playing bridge are less likely to cause claims for the

companies he represented. He "sold" his insurers - mainly **Pilot Insurance** and **The Economical Insurance Group** - on donating prizes for junior bridge activities. These companies have donated many hundreds of playing cards, portfolios, pens, writing pads, rulers - all of which make welcome prizes - and scoring materials, too.

Other wonderful support, mostly in the form of cash, has come from the **Empire Financial Group**, **Dupont of Canada** (many of whose local employees and retirees play bridge) and **Molson**.

SPONSORSHIP IS THE KEY

I really do believe that this quality of sponsorship, from the Ambassador Hotel, in a small community such as ours, where they have the only hotel facility large enough to accommodate a bridge tournament - so we need them more than they need us - is important enough to merit an article in *Bridge Canada* and the *Bridge Bulletin*, too. Sponsorship, rather than more special games, could be the only major solution to the CBF's ongoing need for funds.

As a club that schedules games six (and sometimes seven) days weekly, we are entitled to up to 70 sessions of STaCs (Unit and District), all the Charity, International, Olympiad, CNTC, CN Pairs, ACBL-Wide and Canada-Wide (Seniors, Charity, Rookie/Masters), Unit specials, Club Championships, more Upgraded Club Championships than we can use (because of new member recruitment), NAP, Junior Fund, Club month, 49er Pairs, etc., games. Two full sectionals are held in the club, too.

The reality is that there are far more special games at our club than regular ones. If we

had any masterpoint award aspirants, our club awarded over 100 points to first place finishers in February alone for games exclusive of STaCs and ACBL-Wide events. The downside is that it is nearly impossible to promote "special" anymore. Any extra cost games have become more of a no-no.

One important aspect of sponsorships is that we try to do as much business as possible with the sponsors. I have personal and business policies with Empire Financial, Pilot and Economical. The Bridge Centre bought Dupont Stainmaster carpeting and we use Molson exclusively at tournaments and social functions. This may seem elementary but we must remember how bridge uses volunteer workers who may not be party to all that is going on. My major sponsorship horror memory is of a big bucks sponsor for local curling bonspiels. He owned one of the most prominent chicken franchises, dropped in unexpectedly to "wave the flag" at lunchtime one day, and found a competitor's "special" being served. Curling "saved" momentarily on food costs and lost a sponsor forever.

Does anyone out there have ideas about potential sponsorship? With bridge demographics, isn't one of the national funeral home chains a possibility? The banks are doing quite nicely, in spite of no mergers. You may have seen the Bank of Montreal's pride in the form of multi-page ads about its support for another sport's (skating) development and Olympic programs. The banks are also involved in promotion of youth savings and investment activities - why not youth bridge?

The University of Rhode Island and the World Scholar-Athlete games have latched onto some magnificent corporate sponsors and have tapped into some wealthy foundations, too.

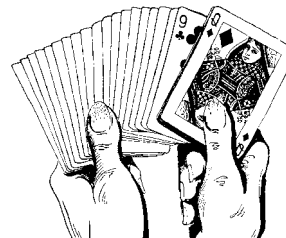
It is evident from the constant quest for the funds to support those representing us abroad, that sponsorships in the form of cash, travel and accommodation, and training subsidies are most urgently needed.

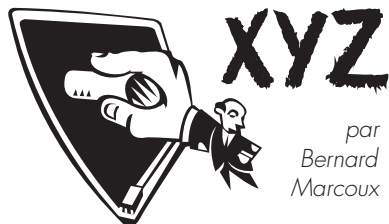
If we believe we have something worth selling, then we require the proper and appropriately-paid sales people (I am not looking for a job and would not be an ideal person for such a job) and an appropriate idea of what we are willing to accept for our expected returns. We require an appreciation of our worth, which should be proportionate to what the whole bridge community can give back to the sponsor.

KINGSTON JUNIOR BRIDGE

It is with trepidation that I update you on our school bridge program. The last time that I did so, the net, the telephone and the mail never stopped. People all over America wanted more details. Fortunately, Julie Greenberg at ACBL compiled a list of 80-some items from a report that I had sent her. She made it available to anyone asking ACBL about school bridge lessons. As recently as this week, a Chicoutimi, Quebec player sent an e-mail request that I forward to him all I know (which in itself will not be too time consuming) and all about what we have done and what is available for teaching junior bridge. Since this is too long for a *Bridge Canada* item, the article can be found on the CBF web site in case someone could benefit from it.

See Ed's article at www.cbf.ca/JR/Kingston.html





Je suis toujours étonné lorsque des bridgeurs disent jouer un système "naturel" ou "simple"; ces affirmations n'ont évidemment pas de sens. C'est comme si on disait : "Moi, je veux une vie simple"; la vie se chargera de vous apprendre qu'elle n'est pas simple du tout, et il vous revient de trouver les moyens pour vous débrouiller, pour la décoder, pour éviter de toujours refaire les mêmes erreurs. Il vous faudra bâtir un "système" de vie, adopter des "conventions" (mariage, feux rouges, impôts, conduite à droite, etc.) pour pouvoir circuler dans la vie en évitant la plupart des problèmes.

Au bridge, c'est la même chose. Pour arriver à un minimum d'efficacité dans les enchères, le recours aux enchères artificielles, conventionnelles, est inévitable. Les gens qui disent jouer "naturel" jouent tous quand même Stayman, les transferts Jacoby, Blackwood, etc. Et si on essaie d'expliquer à ces mêmes gens une séquence d'enchères où le recours à l'artificiel permet d'atteindre le seul bon contrat, ils vous diront que c'est compliqué et cesseront de vous écouter. Penser pouvoir décrire des mains compliquées avec des enchères simples, c'est comme vouloir faire un plat raffiné avec "steak-blé-d'inde-patates".

Par exemple, pour régler certains problèmes, certains ont adopté Check-back Stayman après une séquence comme:

1? 1?
1sa 2♣ = Stayman

Depuis quelques années existe un autre traitement de cette séquence, qui m'apparaît plus souple, plus efficace et plus "le fun" à jouer : ce traitement s'appelle XYZ, pour suggérer

1x 1y
1z

signifiant une séquence où les deux partenaires utilisent 3 dénominations différentes, comme

1♣ 1♥
1♠

ou

1♦ 1♠
1sa

ou

1♣ 1♦
1♠

etc.

Séquences-invitations lancées par 2♣

Dans toutes ces séquences donc où les 2 partenaires utilisent 3 dénominations différentes, l'emploi de 2♣ par le répondant demandera à l'ouvreur de revenir OBLIGATOIREMENT à 2♦, qu'il ait ouvert carreau ou non. Le transit (pour parler comme Le Bridgeur) par 2♣, forçant l'ouvreur à 2♦, lancera toutes les séquences d'invitation. Exemple :

1♣ 1♥
1♠ 2♣
2♦ 2♥ / 2♠ / 2sa / 3♣

Ces 4 séquences montrent des mains d'invitation par le répondant; avec 2♥, le répondant montre 5 cœurs et 10+/11 pts; avec 2sa, le répondant montre encore 11-12 points, sans fit à pique ni probablement 5 cartes de cœur; avec 2♠, et voici l'un des énormes avantages de cette convention, le répondant montre un limit avec 4 atouts, CE QUI SIGNIFIE QUE, AVEC UN LIMIT MINIMUM, VOUS

répondant, contrôlant lui-même les cœurs, poursuit avec 5♣, espérant entendre 5♦, ce qui arrive comme il le souhaitait, et le chelem est sur table (moyennant un bris pas trop antipathique des atouts).

Mais supposons maintenant que le répondant a cette main :

♠ Rx	♠ AD10xxx
♥ Dxx	♥ Rx
♦ Rxx	♦ AD9x
♣ AV9xx	♣ x

Le répondant ne peut plus sauter à 3♠, car ses piques ne sont pas assez robustes. Il transitera alors par 2♦.

1♣	1♠
1sa	2♦ (F de manche)
2sa	3♠ (longs piques troués)
4♣	4♦
4♠	5♣
5♦	6♠

Le répondant met donc 2♦, forcing de manche, et il enchaîne avec 3♠, forcing de manche et montrant de longs piques troués (n'ayant pas sauté immédiatement à 3♠, qui aurait montré des piques fermés, ses piques ne sont donc pas solides). Voyez comme c'est logique; l'usage de conventions comporte donc aussi un autre aspect : si on ne se sert pas d'une convention, cela signifie donc que l'on n'a pas la main qu'il faut.

Le cue-bid de 4♣ par l'ouvreur dit : "J'ai l'honneur à pique qui te manque", et le reste est facile. Une dernière main qui s'est présentée en compétition.

♠ AVxx	♠ RDxx
♥ —	♥ ARVxxx
♦ ARxxx	♦ —
♣ RVxx	♣ Axx

Séquence xyz

1♦	1♥
1♠	3♠*
3sa	4♣
7♠!!	

*forcing, beaux piques, définis comme 2 honneurs en soutien

3♠ fixe l'atout et 3sa par l'ouvreur dit : "Je n'ai pas l'As de trèfle, mais je suis intéressé au chelem". Sur le cue-bid de 4♣ du répondant, mon partenaire Serge, comme je le connais, aurait sauté à 7♠ : il aime ces sauts majestueux.

XYZ est vraiment une petite convention tout ce qu'il y a de plus simple, et tout ce qu'il y a de plus raffiné en même temps; elle vous permet de décrire toutes sortes de mains, invitation ou forcing, et vous permet de rester plus bas, dans certains cas, que les séquences standard. Une seule imperfection : le répondant ne peut plus gager 2♣, pour jouer. Si la séquence va :

1♣	1♥
1♠	le répondant qui veut jouer à trèfle doit gager 3♣, barrage, pour jouer.

C'est vraiment le seul inconvénient de ce système et, croyez-moi, je joue ce petit bijou depuis maintenant 3 ans, on ne perd vraiment rien, par rapport à tout ce que l'on gagne. C'est l'une des dernières choses que j'enlèverais de mon système.

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Friday night is the best night for club bridge in Vancouver.

Tonight, we had 20 tables and my partner and I came first overall in our section. It is a Vancouver tradition to have a drink at the pub in the honour of the winners, even if the winners are not among us. Tonight we will drink to us.

Dan Watson, a local player, comes with us and wants to hear about an interesting hand.

"Here's a neat position. The only relevant cards in my hand were the \spadesuit AQ. I heard: $1\spadesuit$ on my right; $1\heartsuit$ by me; $2\spadesuit$ on my left; $2\clubsuit$ by pard; $3\spadesuit$ on my right; WHISTLE. I led a spade which declarer won in her hand. This was the diamond position:"

	Lefty (dummy) \spadesuit K10865	
Me \spadesuit AQ	Pard \spadesuit ?	Righty (dummy) \spadesuit 108765
	Righty \spadesuit ?	Pard \clubsuit ?
		Me \spadesuit AQ
		Dan \spadesuit ?

"I started thinking about which diamond to play. Declarer almost surely held a 5-card or longer diamond suit for the auction, so the only way I could possibly get an extra trick in the suit was if partner held the stiff \spadesuit J. When it comes time to play a diamond, I'll play the \spadesuit Q and maybe she'll think partner has stiff \spadesuit A and duck. The play will cost me nothing because no defensive ruff is available and I can stop any attempted cross-ruff."

"Declarer led the \spadesuit 9. I played the \spadesuit Q smoothly, and she started thinking."

"Wow', I thought. 'I guess partner has the stiff



by Brad Bart,
Vancouver BC

\spadesuit J afterall.' But declarer called for the \spadesuit K and wasn't fooled. My play didn't gain this time, but it could have. If I had led the \spadesuit Q, she surely would have got it wrong."

My friend Dan found this to be an interesting, but tricky play to make. "Most club players would play the \spadesuit A with your holding. On that

assumption, I'm surprised that declarer got it right at the table. Nice play."

The following Tuesday, I was playing at the club. We were East-West, and my partner and I were having a horrible set when we arrived at Dan's table on the fourth round. He was on my left.

He opened $1\heartsuit$ and his pard made a $3\spadesuit$ limit raise. Dan accepted with $4\spadesuit$. This was the spade position:

Again, declarer was known to have a 10-card fit and there was no possibility of losing a trick by playing the \spadesuit Q when a spade would eventually come through me. Again, I hoped that partner held that stiff \spadesuit J.

Dan led a spade off dummy and I played the \spadesuit Q smoothly. Dan pondered over this and I thought to myself, "Wow! Finally, a glimmer of hope for such an awful set." But Dan eventually played the \spadesuit K dropping pard's \spadesuit J not to mention my highest hopes!

"Dan, you made an incredible play. Did I not play the queen 'smoothly' enough for you?"

He said, "No, your play was smooth. I just couldn't stand to lose to such a 'good' play."

Me and my big fat mouth.

What's interesting is that the ♠K was the right technical play. Assuming that your defender is capable of playing low from either ♠AQ or ♠AJ, then the correct play can be determined by using restricted choice.

When Dan leads a low spade from

dummy and I follow with an honour, his choice of card matters only if I have a doubleton (see diagram). It is equally likely that I be dealt any doubleton. However with ♠QJ, I could have played the ♠J roughly 50% of the time or the ♠Q roughly 50% of the time. This means that Dan's play of the ♠K is roughly a 2-1 shot in his favour.

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BRIDGE GOES GLOBAL

Internet World Bridge Championships

OKbridge, the on-line bridge club, in cooperation with the World Bridge Federation, the American Contract Bridge League and Bridge World magazine, are conducting the first Internet World Bridge Championships over an eight month period with nominated players from more than 90 countries. They plan to make this an annual event.

A small government of about 30 referees and directors will oversee the game, which is drawing between 1,000 to 1,500 players. Competition will produce champions for each state and province in the U.S. and Canada, who will then compete against world regional champions from eight international regions. A champion from each of the eight regions will then progress to the final, international phase, which begins Sept. 15. Organizers have divided the world championships into Open, Women's and Junior teams.

Bridge players have engaged each other for years over the Internet, but this marks the first

The Computer Almanac Industry Inc., says there were 147 million people online at the end of 1998. Of these, 58% were Americans. Europeans accounted for 24%. In Canada, 6.49 million people had access. That's 22% of the country and 4% of the online population.

time aficionados of the game have organized a global championship.

"The uniqueness is this - from your home, your place of business or your local library, you can compete against the best talent in the world with very little expense to you. Not only can you take part in it, but you have a chance to compete in a world championship," Roy Green, of OKbridge, explained. Bridge superstars will play with rookies on the other side of the world. In the old days, such an opportunity would cost an airline ticket and several days investment in time.

OKbridge founder Matthew Clegg said people have talked about an on-line world championship for some time. If the idea is as popular as the game, annual OKbridge Internet World Bridge Championships will stand a fair chance of becoming an international tradition in the bridge community.

ONLINE BRIDGE NEWSLETTERS

E-zines are all the rage. And I must admit, it is nice to receive, via email, a couple of pages of current news and info relating to a field of interest. If this sounds good to you, subscribe to some of the services below! They are all free.

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- **The Great Bridge Links Newsletter**

www.cbf.ca/GBL

The International Bridge Press Bulletin, February 4, 1999, announced the Association now has a website. They offered two URLs (see below) but I was unable to access either of them. They may be in operation by the time you read this.

www.IBPA.com and www.jannersten.com/IBPA

BRIDGE BASE AND GIB ? – Ginsberg's Intelligent Bridge player (GIB) founder, Matthew Ginsberg, reports his company is working with Canadian-based Bridge Base to see if they can move their respective businesses a bit closer to a possible joint venture. As a start, the GIB web site is now carrying Bridge Base's products.

"Given the complementary nature of our products, we hope to continue developing the relationship with the Bridge Base folks as time passes" Ginsberg writes.

When approached on the subject, Bridge Base's Fred Gitelman was noncommittal. "We are just going to be selling each other's products. It is possible that GIB and Bridge Base might become more closely associated in the future, but nothing of the sort is happening yet."

Ginsberg also reports he has finalized an arrangement with OKbridge for GIB to be a "permanent presence" there. OKbridge will be providing a machine that will be dedicated to this purpose. If you aren't a customer and want to see how GIB plays, drop by OKBridge!

- Bridge Base www.bridgebase.com
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NEW MIKE LAWRENCE SOFTWARE - Private Bridge Lessons Volume II, an interactive educational bridge software program is now available on the Mike Lawrence web site. The software was developed by Bridge Base Inc. and is based on original material by Mike Lawrence. www.michaelslawrence.com

THE WEB SITE FOR BRIDGE



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Kate Booth House - an "Open Door" shelter for women and their children who are fleeing violence or abuse (they are part of the Salvation Army).

Vancouver Mental Patients Association - an organization that provides advocacy and other kinds of support to mental health consumers.

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada - for a local drive to provide clothing and other basic needs to inner city school children

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter - for their Transition House and Crisis Line

Most of the above charities have already received or will receive other support through the CBF.

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND CHARITY TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Both of these meetings will be held in Ottawa, ON, May 15, 16, 17, 1999. If you have any concerns or suggestions you would like to see discussed at these meetings please contact your Zone Director or the CBF Coordinator.

CANADIAN WEB PAGES

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Clubs, units, districts and individuals have their sites listed on this page.



THE AHA! SYNDROME

by Ray Lee

The Aha! Syndrome was a term coined by puzzle king Martin Gardener. It refers to the problems which seem impossible, until that flash of insight when the answer occurs to you, after which they seem obvious. Eureka, you say, echoing Archimedes, and proceed to pester your friends with the same puzzle, secretly enjoying their discomfiture because you know the solution will be obvious to them too - after you tell them.

There are many bridge positions that are Aha! Syndrome candidates, and as luck would have it, one occurred just last weekend in our local Unit CNTC Final. It was the first board out of the box, and my partner was not yet awake.

Both vul. ♠ K Q T 5 3
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q T 9 7 2

 ♠ A 8 4
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ T 9 8 2
 ♣ A K J

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♥(1)	3♥	4♠
all pass			

(1) Michaels-like, showing spades and clubs

Correctly valuing his black-suit honours, partner leapt to an excellent game (which was not reached at the other table). The defence started with two high hearts, then switched to diamonds, Partner ruffed the second diamond, then cashed the ♠K, noting the fall of the ♣9 on his left.

Making another good decision, he now played a spade to the eight, West showing out, and cashed the ♠A. Now in hand, this was the position:

♠ Q
♥ -
♦ -
♣ Q T 9 7 2

♠ -
♥ J -
♦ T 9 -
♣ A K J

Now what? At this point he fell from grace, seeing nothing better than to cash three rounds of clubs ending in dummy, hoping that the defender with the last trump also had three clubs. He didn't, and that was us one in the glue. Can you see the right line? It isn't guaranteed to win (nothing is), but it's twice as good as the one that declarer took.

The answer is to cash the ♣A and then overtake the ♣J with the queen in dummy. Now you draw the last trump - throwing away the ♣K. Aha! Easy, isn't it, when you know how. This was the whole hand:

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

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