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Top: CWTC Gold medalists Pamela Nisbet, Julie Fajgelzon, Sylvia Summers-Caley, Isabelle Smith. Right: CSTC Gold medalists John Carruthers, Joseph Silver, Boris Baran, Eric Murray, Don Pfafsky, Fred Hoffer. For stories and results see inside!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

le mot du président

by Mike Hartop

I thought that delegation was the best way to write something fresh for this column but it seems that all the bridge players I spoke to who would like to have input into CBF affairs procrastinate more than I do. Thus I am adding apologies to the editor for the lateness of submission.

I had framed thanks to Winnipeg for such a well organized Bridge Week. It was spectacular. I see now that it was covered so well in the ACBL Bulletin that I don't have anything else to say except to add my congratulations to the Winnipeg crew for a job well done. If you are thinking of participating in any of the events next year in Montreal then talk to your club manager regarding holding qualifying sessions for CNTC, CNTC B and COPC events. It is a great experience ... ask anyone who attends Bridge Week.

We wish good luck to all the teams representing Canada in the upcoming events.

• Pendant un moment, j'ai cru que la meilleure
• manière d'avoir des sujets rafraîchissants
• dans cette rubrique était de demander aux
• autres joueurs de bridge concernés par les
• affaires de la FCB d'écrire un petit texte, mais
• il semble qu'ils sont tout aussi doués que moi
• pour la procrastination. J'offre donc toutes
• mes excuses à l'éditeur pour avoir tant tardé à
• soumettre ce mot.

• Par ailleurs, je remercie Winnipeg qui a
• rudement bien organisé la Semaine du bridge.
• C'était spectaculaire. J'ai vu aussi la
• couverture qui en a été faite dans le Bulletin
• de l'ACBL et je n'ai rien d'autre à dire sinon
• que je félicite l'équipe de Winnipeg pour avoir
• accompli un si beau travail.

• Si vous envisagez de participer à l'une des
• compétitions nationales à Montréal l'an
• prochain, demandez donc à votre gérant de
• club de tenir les sessions de qualifications
• pour le CNTC, CNTC-B et le COPC. C'est une
• expérience enrichissante... demandez à tous
• ceux qui ont participé à la Semaine du bridge.

• Enfin, je souhaite bonne chance à toutes les
• équipes canadiennes au prochain tournoi
• mondial.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The term of office for the CBF Zone Directors in Zones II and V expires on December 31, 2007. The CBF is currently accepting nominations for these positions. Term of office will be January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2010.

Any person interested in running for one of these positions should notify the CBF office in writing of his intent to seek election. To run for election a person must be a paid up CBF member and must reside in the Zone in

which they are running for election in. Declaration of candidacy will be accepted until October 15, 2007. The declaration shall contain the name, address, ACBL number, and Unit of said candidate and may contain biographical material which is not to exceed 100 words. Voting will be conducted from October 30, 2007 until December 8, 2007.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead

HIGHLIGHTS 2007

CBF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Jim Ong, of Winnipeg, was appointed as the new Chairperson of the CBF Charitable Foundation.

National Donations will be made to:

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|--|------------|
| 1. Breakfast for Learning | \$2,100.00 |
| 2. Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC | \$1,400.00 |

Each Trustee and the Chairman will have \$2,000.00 to donate in their Zones. These donations will fall within the 2007-2008 Focal Group - "Investing in Kids".

The CBF Charity Foundation meets once a year, usually in May, to select the charities that will receive funding. Charities are usually designated one year in advance of receiving the funding. Actual dollar amounts of the donations are assigned in the year they are given out. To find out how you can apply for a donation from the CBF CF, see our website www.cbf.ca/Charity.



GIM ONG



ALEX FOWLIE



PETER MORSE

APPEL DE CANDIDATURES

Le mandat des Directeurs de zone de la FCB, Zones II et V, arrive à échéance le 31 décembre 2007. La période d'appel de candidatures pour ces postes est ouverte (la durée des mandats sera du 1er janvier 2008 jusqu'au 31 décembre 2010).

Toute personne intéressée à poser sa candidature doit aviser par écrit la FCB de son intention de se présenter à l'élection du Directeur de zone. Pour être éligible à l'élection, la personne doit être membre en règle de la FCB et doit résider dans la Zone du poste qu'elle sollicite. Les déclarations de candidatures seront acceptées jusqu'au 15 octobre 2007. La déclaration doit contenir le nom, l'adresse, le numéro d'ACBL ainsi que l'unité d'origine du candidat, elle peut aussi contenir quelques notes biographiques qui ne doivent pas excéder 100 mots. Le vote se fera du 30 octobre jusqu'au 8 décembre 2007.

Pictures of CBF Board members compliments of Jonathan Steinberg.

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from the **cbf** OFFICE

Executive Assistant Jan Anderson



JAN ANDERSON

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

by Jan Anderson

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) held its annual meeting of the Board of Directors in Winnipeg, May 23-25, 2007. The official minutes will be posted on the CBF website and Canadian bridge clubs will be notified of CBF events as appropriate. What follows is my 'unofficial' report of the highlights from the meetings.



MIKE HARTOP

CBF International Fund Sectional Events

The cost of sending Canadian teams to international events continues to increase. In principle, the CBF strives to fully fund every team, but that goal remains a dream. All of you are aware of club games where, for an extra dollar per player, the masterpoint awards are dramatically increased to sectional rating. Club games like this can be held for the CBF International Fund, Junior Fund, or Charity Foundation.



FRANCIS GUADINO

Another possible revenue source that very few Canadian Units have taken advantage of is to designate one or more days of a sectional tournament as CBF International Fund games. The cost is \$4 per table (just \$1 per player). That money is sent to the CBF International Fund. In return the masterpoint awards for the event increase by 40%. For example, a sectional that would otherwise pay 10 masterpoints to the winners, would now pay 14 (multiply by 1.4). We urge all tournament chairs to consider running some sectional events as CBF International Fund games. It's a good deal for the players and the CBF.



JEAN CASTONGUAY

Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC)

Effective with the 2007-2008 COPC (final to be held during 2008 Bridge Week in Montreal), the CBF charge to bridge clubs will be reduced from \$10 to just \$4 per table. There has been no change in masterpoint awards. The CBF hopes that clubs will hold more COPC games, qualify more players and

thus help ensure a good turnout for the National Final. As a result of the decreased revenue from the club games, the CBF will no longer provide a travel subsidy for players to attend the National COPC Final.

The cash prize for winning the COPC National Final remains \$2,000 per pair. An additional second place cash prize has been established: \$1,000 per pair. The winning pair will no longer be eligible for any subsidy to attend an international event.

CBF Bridge Week

Future CBF Bridge Weeks are planned as follows:

2008: May 24-31, Hilton Montreal Airport Hotel, Montreal, QC.

2009: June 6-13, Penticton Lakeside Resort & Casino Hotel, Penticton, BC.

2010: May 29 - June 5, Zone I, Moncton, NB. *Tentative*

2011: Zone V (Regina, Calgary). *Tentative*

2012: Zone III (Toronto area). *Tentative*

Changes to the Conditions of Contest

- The last possible date to hold a CNTC Zone Final has been changed from six weeks to eight weeks prior to the start of Bridge Week. This will allow for more time to organize the event, and to notify additional teams that they are eligible.

- The CNTC National Final has 22 teams in play, broken down as follows: Zone I: 2 teams; Zone II: 5 teams; Zone III: 5 teams; Zone IV: 3 teams; Zone V: 3 teams; Zone VI: 3 teams; Defending Champions: 1 team.

A new qualifying condition, effective with the 2008 event, is that no Zone is allowed to send more than 60% of the teams that participate in the Zone Final. For example,

from the **cbf OFFICE** *Continued*

Zone III, Toronto area, is allocated five spots; in order to send all 5 teams, a minimum of 9 teams must play. For zones with three spots, a minimum of five teams is required. In order to send 2 teams, at least 4 teams must play in the Zone Final.

If/when it becomes apparent that a Zone will be unable to fill its quota, the CBF has a formula, based on participation in the event starting at the club level, for adding teams to the National Final. That formula has not changed.

- The CBF approved a new formula (effective 2008) for funding the CNTC, CWTC, and CSTC winners which has three components.

All teams will receive a base amount (\$7,000 in 2008) plus the WBF entry fee (\$3,500 in 2008). The remainder of the available funds will be divided among the teams based on financial contributions from the teams during Bridge Week. Based on historical precedent, the Open Team would receive the most, followed by the Women's and finally the Seniors. In 2006, only 5 teams played in the Senior Team Championship. Of course, increased participation would increase its share of funding.

Future world events

2007: 38th World Team Championships, Shanghai, China, Sep 29 - Oct 13.

2008: World Team Olympiad, Mind Sports Games, Beijing, China, Oct 3-18.

2009: Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/Seniors. Fall, 2009. Brazil. *Tentative*

2010: World Championship, Fall. Vancouver, Canada *Very Tentative*

Bits and Pieces

- CBF Memberships continue to decrease. In 2006 only 48% of ACBL members paid CBF membership fees. The CBF Board of Directors is investigating "Affinity Programs" for paid up CBF members.

- Our websites will be upgraded to a CMS (content management system). We also hope to get links set up on our website to Canadian tournament results and to "Find a Club". We will be setting up a section where we interview a player from the Canada Top 100 list each month. The person interviewed will be asked to submit an interesting hand.

- No changes were made to the CBF STAC or the CBF Rookie-Master Games. The CBF is always looking for volunteers to do the hand analysis for the Rookie-Master games. If you are willing to help out, please contact Janice Anderson.

- CBF had 60 new screens made. These screens were very well received in Winnipeg. Shipping costs for the new screens will be considerably higher.

- All NPCs (including the Junior NPCs) will be asked, where practical, to provide frequent updates and reports from the site of the International competition to our CBF website.

- When Canada is invited to send teams to other world tournaments, we will offer the spot to the current champion as long as three original members will attend. If this does not produce a team then the second place team will be asked. Again three original members must participate. If this fails to produce a team we will decline the invitation.

There will be no CBF financial support for these extra tournaments.

- Any team representing or playing under the name of Canada must be approved by the CBF.

Elections

Mike Hartop was re-elected as CBF President for 2007-2008. Francis Gaudino was re-elected as CBF Vice President for 2007-2008.

CBF Regional

The 2007 Regional was held in Montreal Feb 27-March 4 and, despite a mid-week snowstorm, the tournament generated more than \$20,000 for the CBF. Thanks to Jean Castonguay and all his volunteers.

Future CBF Regional are planned as follows:

2008: March 24 - 30, Victoria, BC.

2009: Feb. 24 - March 1. Zone III (Toronto, London, Barrie). *Tentative*

2010: Zone V (Regina, Calgary, Edmonton) *Tentative*

2011: Zone I (Montreal) *Tentative*

CBF STaC

The CBF STAC is always held the third week of February. Future dates will be: 18-24 February 2008; 16-22 February 2009; and 15-21 February 2010.

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CBF JUNIOR Program

At the recent CBF Board of Directors annual meeting held in Winnipeg May 23-25, 2007, Nader Hanna was appointed CBF Junior Manager and Non-Playing Captain for the period June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

Nader, 51, is a Diamond Life Master and is currently serving as the CBF Zone III Director. He recently retired as a senior executive at the CGI Group, the largest Canadian Information Technology service provider. He started playing Bridge in 1973 and moved to Canada from Egypt in 1982. Nader has significant international experience, having represented Canada in several World Championships as a player and as a non-playing captain. Among his bridge achievements are two Canadian Team Championships, one North American Championship, a 4th place finish at the first World Transnational Open Team Championship, and several top 5 finishes in Canadian and North American Championships.

The objective of the Canadian Junior Bridge program is to develop interested and qualified Canadian junior players through training, mentoring, and coaching programs, and to select teams to represent Canada in the various World Junior Championships (Youth, University, and Schools). At this time, 32 players, ranging in age from 14 to 27 years old, have registered for the Junior Program.

In 2008 there are two junior events: the World University Bridge Championships to be held September 2-9 in Lodz, Poland, and a Youth Championship to be held October 3-18 in Beijing, China. The teams representing Canada in these events will be chosen by a selection committee from players who are



NADER HANNA

registered for the Junior Program and who complete all training and coaching exercises. Pairs will be selected based on their demonstrated commitment to learning and practice, as well as their technical bridge abilities.

Over the next 15 months, there will be three phases to the

Junior Program culminating in the selection and preparation of the teams to represent Canada in the two 2008 events:

Phase I :: July 1 - December 31, 2007.

Forming partnerships, training, and initial evaluation of program participants. At the end of this phase up to 6 partnerships for each event will be selected to move to the next phase of the program.

Phase II :: January 1 - June 30, 2008.

Continuation of the training and evaluation program. At the end of this phase 3 partnerships will be selected in each event to be the team representing Canada in that event.

Phase III :: July 1, 2008.

Final preparation and training for the World Championships.

To be eligible to participate in the University Championships in 2008 you must be born between 01 Jan 1980 and 31 Dec 1990, *and* be a student who is officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a recognised university or similar institute, or be a former student of such institution who has obtained an academic degree or diploma in 2007.

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Championship in 2008 you must be born after 01 Jan 1980.

For any inquiries regarding the Junior Program please contact Nader Hanna (see inside front cover for contact details).

Winnipeg, Manitoba

BRIDGE WEEK

bridge in the heart of canada

The 2007 Canadian championships were held during Bridge Week in Winnipeg, Manitoba this past May. By all accounts the tournament was a great success.

There were a few upsets on the podium. Frukacz (Waldemar Frukacz, Piotr Klimowicz, Hervé Chatagnier, Rene Pelletier, Jeffrey Smith, David Sabourin) won over former Gold Medalists and Olympic Champions Thurston (Paul Thurston, Rick Delogu, David Colbert, Keith Balcombe, Judith Gartaganis, Nickolas Gartaganis). Every member of this year's winning team enjoyed their first CNTC Gold, and David Sabourin was playing his first CNTC ever.

Caley (Sylvia Summers-Caley, Isabelle Smith, Julie Fajgelzon, Pamela Nisbet) won over multiple Canadian Championship winners Gordon (Dianna Gordon, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton, Sandra Fraser, Katrin Litwin, Beverly Kraft). This is the second CWTC Gold in a row for Nisbet but a first for the other members of her team. In contrast, Dianna Gordon has won the CWTC gold 15 times, her first in 1983, and many of her teammates have repeat wins as well.

Four other national events were concluded during bridge week, the CNTC B, CSTC, COPC (page 18), and CIPC (page 21).



2007 CHAMPIONS

CNTC: CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS

GOLD: Waldemar Frukacz, Piotr Klimowicz, Hervé Chatagnier, Rene Pelletier, Jeffrey Smith, David Sabourin

SILVER: Paul Thurston, Rick Delogu, David Colbert, Keith Balcombe, Judith Gartaganis, Nickolas Gartaganis

BRONZE: Aidan Ballantyne, Cam Doner, Jym Galland, Glen Thornborough, James McAvoy, Duncan Smith

BRONZE: Mark Molson (Honorary NPC), Robert Lebi, Dan Jacob, George Mittelman, Arno Hobart, David Grainger, Daniel Korbel

CWTC: CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAMS

GOLD: Sylvia Summers-Caley, Isabelle Smith, Julie Fajgelzon, Pamela Nisbet

SILVER: Dianna Gordon, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton, Sandra Fraser, Katrin Litwin, Beverly Kraft

BRONZE: Kathy Adachi, June Pocock, Julie Smith, Susan Peters

BRONZE: Susan Culham, Kismet Fung, Heather Peckett, Joyce Lemoine

CNTC B: CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS FLT B

GOLD: Robert Neudorf, Barb Lillie, Marielle Brentnall, Jerry Cohen

SILVER: Daniel Cecchelli, G. Alan Brooks, Laurie Due, Michael Kammermayer

BRONZE: Kam-Chuen Tang, Samuel Lai, John Chen, Tao Feng, Jack Lee

BRONZE: Cal McLeod, Richard Gaucher, Scott Rosom, James Dulmage, Darcy Louttit

CSTC: CANADIAN SENIOR TEAMS

GOLD: John Carruthers, Eric Murray, Don Piasfsky, Joseph Silver, Boris Baran, Fred Hoffer

SILVER: Ray Jotcham, Alan Lee, Andy Altay, James Priebe, Stephen Aarons, Stephen Mackay,

BRONZE: David Greenough, Ron Zambonini, Joan Priebe, Richard Soderstrom, John Morgan

BRONZE: Gary Whiteman, Dwight Bender, Jerry Richardson, William Koski



CNTC 2007

A JOURNAL

by Waldemar Frukacz

PHOTO LEFT: Canadian Open Team Gold Medalists ~ Piotr Klimowicz, Jeff Smith, Waldemar Frukacz, Hervé Chatagnier, Rene Pelletier, David Sabourin

After losing two years ago in the quarter-final and one year ago in the semi-final, I promised myself that I would not be playing in 2007 CNTC. It looks like I cannot keep my promises. I found myself talking to Peter Klimowicz, with whom I had never played before, about putting a team together for this year. We added Jeff Smith from Ottawa. Jeff and I went on to play in the Montreal zone final with two substitutions. We finished 8-9th, far behind the qualifying spot. Destiny tends to grant us our wishes in its own way, however. From the team that qualified first in Montreal, only one pair wanted to go to Winnipeg - Hervé Chatagnier and Rene Pelletier. Hervé and Rene asked us to join them so Peter and I used the back door to play in Winnipeg. Later, Jeff Smith and David Sabourin were added to the team. There we were, one seasoned pair (Hervé Chatagnier / Rene Pelletier) and two completely new partnerships (Piotr Klimowicz / Waldemar Frukacz and Jeff Smith / David Sabourin), off to the 2007 CNTC.

ROUND ROBIN

Our grand play-off plans were in jeopardy after a terrible Day 2 of the round robin, when we managed to lose four consecutive matches after winning the first one. Ten matches into the round robin, we were 2 VP below average. We resolved not to panic, and started to play better in the second half of the round robin, to qualify for the next level tied 6/8. We were 25 VP above average. Here are some hands that helped.

Bd: 15, Round Robin, Round 18
Dir: S Vul: N-S

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

WEST	NORTH <small>(Klimowicz)</small>	EAST	SOUTH <small>(Frukacz)</small>
-	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	pass	6♣

My 1♣ opener was a Polish Club, forcing one round. Partner responded 1♦ showing 0-6 HC, any distribution or 7-11 HC unbalanced without a 4-card major. My 1NT showed 18-20 balanced. 2♠ was a transfer to clubs. 2NT refused the transfer. 3♥ showed ♥ shortness. 3♠ was a cue. 4♥ showed a void and 6♣ accepted the slam.

On this board the challenge was how to play the club suit. With nine trumps, I always use the rule of playing from the top if there is no singleton in my hand or in dummy; otherwise I play for finesse (rule of symmetry). In this board dummy had a void, but I still decided to play from the top. Right decision at the right time +16 imps.

Board 24 is a good example of understanding partner's intention in the bidding which got us to this vulnerable grand slam.

Bd: 34, Round Robin, Round 19
Dir: E Vul: N-S

♠ void ♥ 10 7 6 2 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ K Q J 9 6 4	♠ KQ9754 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 7 5 ♣ A 5	♠ J 6 3 2 ♥ Q J 8 5 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ 10 2	♠ A 10 8 ♥ A K 9 4 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ 8 7 3
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	(Klimowicz)	Pass	(Frukacz) 1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦(1)	Pass	3♥(2)
Pass	3♠(3)	Pass	4♦(4)
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦(5)
Pass	5NT(6)	Pass	7♠

3♦ showed 5 spades and 4 diamonds and was forcing. 3♥s by me was a cue-bid, establishing spades as the trump suit and promising a good hand. 3♠ showed 6 spades. 4♦ was a cue bid. 5♦ showed 0-3 controls and 5NT was a slam try asking for specific kings.

QUARTER-FINAL

Our quarter-final match against the Bowman team was close enough, but the opponents were leading by 19 imps after three quarters. We rallied in the fourth segment to win it comfortably, 66-11.

This 3NT contract played by the East hand produced one of the swings. South led ♦5.

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

On South's ♦5 lead (4th best), North played ♦A and continued ♦J. After taking ♦K, I played five times clubs, discarding a spade from dummy. As clubs were 2-2, on three clubs North discarded ♦10 and ♠4, ♠2, while South discarded ♥5 and ♠7, ♠6. Are you ready to find the ♥Q?

Knowing my opponents, I assumed that South discarded a heart to make it look like his partner has the ♥Q. Full board:

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

In our semi-final match against the Molson team we were leading 140-93 after three quarters. In the middle of Board 6 of the 4th quarter, the director came to our table and announced that one of the boards from Segment 3 was reevaluated, resulting in a 13-imp swing for opponents.

Dir: S Vul: E-W

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

Opening Lead ♠5

Lead ♠5, ♠J from the dummy, ♠K from South, ♠7 from West. South continued ♠6, and declarer claimed 7 tricks, down 2. When declarer subsequently realized the spade suit was blocked, the director was called and the result was changed to 3NT contract making.

This decision was later changed to 3NT down 1, with the explanation that dummy will be squeezed when the third spade is played. I have a strong argument against the explanation, as the ♥10 was in declarer's hand and the ending position would look like this:

♠ - ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ K Q ♦ K Q J ♣ -
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The obvious play at that point is small ♥ and 9 easy tricks.

The same match saw the young generation in action.

Bd: 26, Semi-Final, 2nd segment.
 Dir: E Vul: Both

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Smith	Korbelt	Sabourin	Grainger
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥ (1)	Pass
4♠!	All Pass		
(1) Shortness			
Lead, ♣6			

After winning the ♣ lead, David ruffed a club in dummy, cashed ♥A and ♥K, then ruffed a

heart in his hand, ruffed another club, cashed ♦K, ♦A, ruffed the last club and exited with the good ♥10. South had to ruff, but the contract was secured. Our opponents stopped in 2♦ making four.

FINAL

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	TOT
Thurston	44	5	31	28	40	37	22	52	259
Frukacz	41	19	37	37	50	50	46	38	318

The two-day final was very close in each segment, but we were building an advantage and had a 73-imp lead after 7 segments. We won 6 out of 8 segments, losing only the first and the last.

There were a lot of good plays on both sides, and a lot of simple mistakes. In my opinion, the key to our success was our aggressiveness which did not leave much room for precision bidding by opponents. Here are two hands that demonstrate this.

Bd: 26, Final, Segment 6 of 8.
 Dir: E Vul: Both

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Frukacz	Balcombe	Klimowicz	Colbert
-	-	2♦ (1)	Pass
3♥(2)	Pass	3♠	All Pass
(1) Multi, weak version only, weak with 6♥/♠			
(2) Preemptive with both majors			

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
N. Gartaganis	Pelletier	J. Gartaganis	Chatagnier
-	-	2♣	Dbl
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

3♠ was down 2 for -200 while 4♥ made +620 for a 9-imp swing.

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Hand Evaluation Rules : 4

by *Medric Cousineau*

The Power of Shape and its Hand Evaluation Implications.

As our newer players continue to advance they often run into situations where the rules they learned early in their bridge careers come up short. For example, it has often been a rule of thumb that you need 26 high card points for a major suit game and more likely 28 for a minor suit game. Nice in theory until you start playing the big guns at the clubs in the "open" games. All of a sudden there appears to be a game on every hand and sometimes both sides are bidding game (and no, they aren't sacrificing).

So did you miss the memo? You know, the one that says we are playing with the 60 point deck today? Chances are you didn't miss the memo. The more experienced players are bidding the strength of their hands based on shape rather than point counts. "Blasphemy" says the newer player? Hardly!

What the experts know, and those early in their bridge careers often overlook, is that strongly distributional hands which consist of holdings concentrated in 2 suits have powerful trick taking potential. My dear friend and bridge partner, John Vincent of St. Catharines can sniff out distributional slams better than anyone I have had the joy of playing with or against. John is a relative newcomer to the ACBL but he has played hundreds of thousands of hands of rubber bridge in mining towns in places you would never want to spend the winter. He taught me that those 2-suiters, (5-5, 6-5, 6-4, 6-6, and 7-5 's) need just a little bit of support from your partner to play really big. If you recall our article on 2-suited overcalls in the April 2006 issue of Bridge Canada, the loser count on those hands plays really strong.

Look at the following hand:

♠ AKxxxx
♥ KQxxxx
♦ x
♣ void

12 HCP but, using the Losing Trick Count, this is a three loser hand. Imagine how it would play opposite this minimum holding from your partner:

♠ Qx
♥ Axx
♦ xxx
♣ xxxxx

6 HCP and barring a 4-0 break in either major, a small slam comes rolling home. However, with your side controlling the majors and their side owning the minors, a hotly contested auction is sure to ensue. I am not going to get into all the ways to bid these strange, magical hands, but I can guarantee you that if my buddy John has the first hand, he will be in the auction almost assuredly to the "Slam Level".

To help you on your way, the following little mnemonics will help jog your memory as to when you should compete:

5-5, Come Alive
6-4, Bid Some More
6-5, Overdrive
6-6, Six Guns Ablazing

With any hand that has stronger distribution than these, for example 7-5, get in there and bid' em up.

Will these sayings always work? Nope, but they should get you on the right track more often than not.

In our next issue: What did he say? Re-evaluating your hand throughout the auction.

Medric Cousineau is a player and director at Halifax Bridge World.

THE FORCING PASS

par Martine Lacroix

Everybody is bidding. You and your partner seem to have the majority of the high cards. Now there is a bid to your right. You don't know what to do. Should you double, bid or leave the decision to your partner?

You would like to pass the buck on this particular deal. Maybe, for once, partner will know what to do. But wait! If you pass, partner might not know whether your pass is forcing. Do you have agreements to cover this situation ?

"Half the blame for any misunderstanding can be laid upon the partnership. As is often the case, any agreement would have kept the partnership out of trouble." — Mark Feldman

Rule number 1. When your partnership is in a game-forcing auction, either your side plays the hand or the other side plays it doubled.

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2NT	3♠	Pass
Pass	?		

Assume North's 2NT response is a game force. South's pass of 3♠ is forcing. North cannot pass.

Rule number 2. When an invitational bid has been accepted, a game-forcing auction is in effect. Your side will play the hand or the opponents will play the hand doubled.

West	North	East	South
—	1♥	Pass	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	?		

South's 3♥ is a limit raise inviting to game and North accepted it. South's pass is forcing.

Rule number 3. Any time you and your partner have voluntarily bid game after an adverse preemptive opening bid or preemptive jump overcall, all subsequent passes by your side are forcing when you are vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	?		

South's pass is forcing only if North/South are vulnerable.

IN THE BEGINNING

(of a new partnership)
by Sylvia Summers-Caley

In the beginning you need a partner. Then you need to have some basic partnership agreements. One of my stone cold theories is that it is much easier to play bridge if you are in the correct contract. Having sound basic agreements is the first giant step in forming a new partnership.

First let's look at some of the major differences between Standard American Yellow Card and Old Fashion Standard.

1N - 2♦ and 1N - 2♥
are they transfers (SAYC) or are they natural (OFS)?

1♣ - 3♣ and 1♦ - 3♦
do they show 10-11 HCPs (SAYC) or are they forcing (OFS)?

1♥ - 3♥ and 1♠ - 3♠
do they show limit raise values (SAYC) or are they forcing (OFS)?

1♥ - 2NT and 1♠ - 2NT
are they forcing Jacoby Raises (SAYC) or are they natural and forcing (OFS)?

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Améliorez l'évaluation de votre jeu 4 La puissance de la distribution et son impact sur l'évaluation.

Par Medric Cousineau

Au fur et à mesure que les joueurs progressent, ils découvrent vite que les règles apprises quand ils étaient débutants ne s'appliquent plus à toutes les situations. Par exemple, considérez la règle qui dit que 26 points sont nécessaires pour déclarer une manche en majeure et 28 pour la manche en mineure. C'est bien beau en théorie jusqu'au moment où ces mêmes joueurs affrontent les gros joueurs de leur club où soudainement il semble y avoir une manche dans chaque donne quand ce n'est pas des deux côtés de la table (non, personne n'envisageait un sacrifice...)

Ont-ils manqué le bateau ? Quelqu'un prétendait qu'il y avait 60 points dans un jeu de cartes. Eh oui, ils viennent de découvrir que les joueurs expérimentés enchérissent selon la force de leur distribution plutôt que de leurs points d'honneur. Sacrilège, crieront les nouveaux ! Pas du tout !

Ce qu'ils ignorent au début de leur carrière de bridge est que les mains fortes en distribution dont les points sont concentrés dans deux couleurs produiront un plus grand

nombre de levées. Mon ami et partenaire de bridge, John Vincent de Ste-Catherine, peut flairer un chelem basé sur une bonne distribution à des milles à la ronde. J'ai le plaisir de jouer avec ou contre lui régulièrement. John est un nouveau venu à l'ACBL, mais il a joué des milliers de main au rubber bridge dans des villes minières où vous n'envisageriez même pas de passer l'hiver. Il m'a appris que les bicolors (5-5, 6-5, 6-4, 6-6 ou 7-5) n'ont besoin que d'un tout petit complément dans la main du partenaire pour devenir fantastiques.

Si vous vous rappelez l'article sur les surenchères avec les bicolors dans l'édition d'avril 2006 de Bridge Canada, vous constaterez que le compte des levées perdantes est vraiment efficace dans ces cas. Prenez la main suivante :

♠ ARxxxx
♥ RDxxxx
♦ x
♣ void

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1♣ - 1M and 1♦ - 1M
1NT - 2♦ 1NT - 2♣
is this New Minor Forcing (SAYC) or natural and non forcing (OFS)?

There is absolutely nothing wrong with Old Fashion Standard. The point is that you and your partner need to be playing the same thing. Another question for Standard American players is how soon can you pass after a two over one response? The following set of answers is a reflection of what is most commonly played.

1♠ - 2♣
2♥ forcing for one round

1♠ - 2♣
2♠ forcing for one round

1♠ - 2♣
2NT non-forcing

1♠ - 2♣
2♦ - 2♠ non-forcing

1♠ - 2♣
2x - 2NT non-forcing

1♠ - 2♣
2x - 3♣ non-forcing

The standard ACBL convention card is also very useful. If possible you should get together ahead of time, have a cup of tea and carefully fill out your card. You're off to a good start! Good Luck!

(Watch for more articles by Sylvia Summers-Caley in future issues of Bridge Canada.)

Le passe forcing

Par Martine Lacroix

Tout le monde enchérit à qui mieux mieux. Votre partenaire et vous semblez avoir la majorité des points et, soudainement, après une enchère à votre droite, vous ne savez plus quoi faire. Devez-vous contrer, enchérir ou laisser la décision au partenaire ?

Vous aimeriez laisser votre partenaire prendre la décision finale; pour une fois, il saura peut-être quoi faire. Attendez ! Si vous passez, il est possible que votre partenaire ne sache pas que votre passe est forcing. Avez-vous une entente pour couvrir cette situation ?

« La moitié du blâme pour n'importe quelle mésentente entre partenaires provient souvent du fait qu'ils n'ont jamais discuté de ces situations. Comme c'est souvent le cas, une entente, même incomplète, aurait pu sauver la situation. » — Mark Feldman

Règle numéro 1. *Quand vous êtes dans une séquence forcing à la manche, soit vous jouez le contrat, soit vous contrez les adversaires si ce sont eux qui le jouent.*

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	—	—	1♥
Passe	2SA	3♠	Passe
Passe	?		

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12 points d'honneur, mais en utilisant le compte des levées perdantes, vous n'en comptez que trois. Imaginez le nombre de levées que vous ferez avec aussi peu que

♠	Dx
♥	Axx
♦	xxx
♣	xxxxx

dans la main du partenaire. Seulement 6 points et, en supposant qu'aucune des couleurs majeures ne brise 4-0 ou 4-1, le chelem est réalisable. Évidemment, puisque vous contrôlez

Si le 2SA de Nord est forcing à la manche, le passe de Sud est 100% forcing. Nord n'a pas le droit de passer.

Règle numéro 2. *Si vous avez accepté une invitation à la manche, vous êtes dans une situation forcing. Votre camp joue le contrat ou vous contrez celui des adversaires.*

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	1♥	Passe	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Passe
Passe	?		

Le 3♥ de Sud est une invitation à la manche et Nord l'a acceptée. Le passe de Sud est 100% forcing.

Règle numéro 3. *Lorsque les adversaires ouvrent ou interviennent avec un barrage et que votre camp se rend librement à la manche, vous êtes dans une situation de passe forcing seulement quand votre camp est vulnérable.*

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
4♥	4♠	5♥	Passe
Passe	?		

Le passe de Sud n'est forcing que si le camp Nord/Sud est vulnérable.

les majeures, le camp adverse détient les mineures et il s'ensuivra une séquence d'enchères ardemment disputée. Je ne m'aventurerai pas à essayer de vous expliquer comment on doit annoncer ces mains magiques, mais je peux vous assurer que si mon copain John a la première main, il sera dans les enchères jusqu'au niveau du chelem.

Rappelez-vous ceci, les bicolores 5-5, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6 ont un pouvoir magique. Enchérissez, mes amis, enchérissez.

Dans le prochain numéro : Que révèlent les annonces ? Réévaluer votre jeu pendant les enchères.

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Bd: 11. Final, Segment 3 of 8.
 Dir: S Vul: None

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

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



CNTC B Champions : Jerry Cohen, Marielle Brentnall, Barb Lillie, Robert Neudorf

KORBEL BRIDGE ADVENTURES

Susie and Dan Korbel have an online blog (web journal) where they share their bridge experiences and many bridge hands as well. During Bridge Week their daily posts provided excellent extra coverage for the championship's 11,926 online visitors. Their website url is korbelbridge.blogspot.com. You can look in the menu at right for archives and choose May 2007. The graphics will take a few seconds to load, then scroll down and read upwards. Blogs read like a roll of paper with the more recent entry at the top.

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Frukacz	Balcombe	Klimowicz	Colbert
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	

(1) Starts sign-off sequence

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Delogu	Smith	Thurston	Sabourin
-	-	-	1NT
2♦	2♠	4♥	dbl

All Pass

David Sabourin led a ♥, got in with a ♦ and led another trump. Down 3, +500 and a 12-imp swing

Piotr Klimowicz and I played 100% of the boards from day 4 to the end, having skipped only three matches in the round robin. We went back home to our ordinary schedule, sick and extremely exhausted but happy.

For all of us this was the first CNTC win, and for David Sabourin this was his first CNTC ever. What a start!

Editor's Note: Our open team was required to play off against Mexico for a chance to represent North America in the upcoming World Championships. See page 19 for story.

The following has been reprinted from the Korbel blog, with permission.

Here's a hand from the first day of the CNTC-B. Team Yurkowski had a great result on this deal:

Dir: W

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♠	2NT	3♠	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

The auction may not be a typical one but it propelled the North South pair (Dave Brett and Alan Lee) to a great slam which goes down only on a heart lead. Bidding the slam won the team 17 IMPs .

Jerry Richardson gave me a neat defensive problem from yesterday afternoon (Day Three). Try it with one hand first on the auction

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

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

Partner leads the ♦A (A from AK). You play the ♦9 (somewhat suit preference) and partner switches to a trump which you win with the Ace. What's your plan to defeat the contract?

The winning play is to return a diamond. How can declarer get off dummy? If he plays a trump, the defense has a good diamond to cash when in with the ♠A, so he has to exit with the ♠K. The defense's best try is to duck the ♠K and now to make the hand, declarer must exit a low spade, then later use a club entry to ruff out the ♠A.

So it is possible to make it double dummy but in practice, declarer will go wrong more often than not. Here is the full hand:

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



GOPC: Canadian Open Pairs

GOLD: Kamel Fergani
Pierre Daigneau

SILVER: Thomas Gandolfo
Maurice de la Salle

BRONZE: David Willis
Bryan Maksymetz

- 4 Robert Lebi - Dan Jacob
- 5 Serge Chevalier - Andre Chartrand
- 6 Aidan Ballantyne - Katrin Litwin
- 7 Jerry Cohen - Marielle Brentnall
- 8 Kai Cheng - Allan Mowat
- 9 Gary Whiteman - Dwight Bender
- 10 David Lindop - Jurek Czyzowicz
- 11 William Koski - Jerry Richardson
- 12 Andy Stark - Cameron Doner
- 13 Bradley Bart - Chris Buchanan
- 14 Serge Hamelin - Claude Valiquette
- 15 Guy Coutanche - Michael Yuen
- 16 Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher
- 17 Monroe Miller - Steve Merovitz
- 18 Ron Zambonini - Richard Soderstrom

**2007 WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
29 SEP - 13 OCT 2007**

Shanghai, China's mega city, hosts the 2007 World Team Championships. The Championships comprise the Bermuda Bowl (Open Series), the Venice Cup (Women Series) and the Senior Bowl competitions, as well as an open competition, the Transnational Teams.

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BI-COUNTRY PLAYOFF**ON THE ROAD TO SHANGHAI**

by Nader Hanna

The bi-country playoff between Canada and Mexico was held in Montreal July 14-15. The prize was a berth in this year's Bermuda Bowl in Shanghai September 29 - Oct 13. CANADA emerged victorious. The final score in the 128-board match was Canada 339 - Mexico 271.



CANADA'S BERMUDA BOWL TEAM: Piotr Klimowicz, John Zaluski, Nick L'Ecuyer, Jeff Smith, Kamel Fergani, Nader Hanna (NPC), Waldemar Frukacz

Canada started slowly losing the 1st 16-board segment by 6 IMPs then winning 4 IMPs in the 2nd segment. However, strong 3rd and 4th segments put Canada ahead by 91 IMPs at the halfway mark. Mexico mounted a minor comeback reducing the deficit to 60 IMPs after the 5th and 6th segments, but when Canada added to their lead in the 7th segment, the match was out of reach and the Mexican team called it a day.

Nick L'Ecuyer found an imaginative defence on the following hand to take advantage of a slight error by declarer and beat what appeared to be an unbeatable contract, earning his side 10 IMPs in the process.

Board: 104

DLR: W

VUL: None

<p>♠ A Q ♥ A 9 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ K 10 9 7 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K J 4 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ K Q 9 5 2 ♣ J 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A Q 5</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♦	1♠	Fergani
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
Lead ♦4 (3rd & 5th)			All Pass

Declarer won the lead in dummy with the ♦A and played the ♠A followed by the ♠Q. L'Ecuyer won the ♠K while Fergani discarded a discouraging ♥8 (upside down attitude). L'Ecuyer could now count 2 spade tricks and a diamond trick. He needed a heart or a club trick to beat the contract. However, the ♥A was in dummy, and partner denied holding the ♥Q so a heart switch would not be effective unless he can get to partner's hand to switch to a heart through dummy's Ace. Backing his excellent analysis, L'Ecuyer underlead his ♦KQ to Fergani's ♦J for the killing heart switch.

Can you spot declarer's error? If declarer ducks the opening diamond lead, there would be no way for North to get to the South hand for the heart switch and the contract could not be defeated.

Mexico did not have a Senior team or a Women's team so those Canadian teams advance directly to Shanghai. As well as the Bermuda Bowl team, Canada will be sending the following:

Women's Team - Venice Cup

Sylvia Summers-Caley, Rhoda Habert, Pamela Nisbet, Isabelle Smith, Julie Fajelson, Francine Cimon


Senior Team - Senior Cup

Daniel Korbel (NPC), John Carruthers, Joseph Silver, Boris Baran, Arno Hobart, Fred Hoffer, Don Pfafsky

CANADIANS DO WELL IN NASHVILLE at the summer NABC

Long-time ACBL tournament director Karl Hicks and fellow Canadian Brian Alexander topped the field in the three-day Bruce LM-5000 Pairs this summer at the NABCs in Nashville. Hicks, of Dominion NS, is a retired school principal and a 36-year veteran of the ACBL tournament directing staff. He has been the CNTC Zone Coordinator in Zone I for many, many years. Alexander, of Fredericton NB, is a Deputy Minister of Tourism for the province of New Brunswick. Prior to their victory Hicks and Alexander have played together only a few times. The contest was limited to Life Masters with fewer than 5000 masterpoints.

Later in the week, Hicks and Alexander went on to win the Mini-Spingold with a team captained by James Gordon which included Michael Betts. They led by 32 IMPs at halftime, increased it to 77 at the three-quarter mark and won after the trailing team withdrew. "We did very little that was spectacular," said Gordon. "It was mostly just solid play." The team was formed at a Canadian tournament where four friends were socializing and enjoying themselves. After a few beers, one of them said, "Let's go to Nashville." Three members - Hicks, Betts and Alexander - were able to attend. When the fourth could not, James Gordon, nicknamed Flash, was recruited to fill out the team. "You never really expect to win," said Alexander, "but we thought we could do well and be competitive."



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Hicks and Alexander had entered the Bruce Life Master Pairs to get some practice! Gordon and Betts, who play usually once or twice a year, also entered and did well in the same event. The two pairs were tied for first-second with one round to play.

Mike Betts is a former Canadian champion, CNTC Gold Medalist in 1990 and COPC Gold Medalist in 1997. He represented his country in the world play in Yokohama, Japan in 1991. He is an IT consultant, presently working in Richmond VA.

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Helen Shields

ROOKIE-MASTER GAME 2007

22 clubs took part in our annual Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game, which is named in memory of Helen Shields. Helen, who was from Thunder Bay, was a past President of the Canadian Bridge Federation. Helen was very active in teaching and introducing new players to duplicate bridge. Congratulations to James Duffus and Edith Vehrs of Tillsonburg DBC who won with a 71.11% game. Judy Iverson and E. F. Antoine from the Meota DBC were second with a 69.90% game.

NATIONAL WINNERS (676 PAIRS)

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 1. James Duffus & Edith Vehrs
Tillsonburg DBC | 71.11% |
| 2. Judy Iverson & E. F. Antoine
Meota DBC | 69.90% |
| 3/4. Bob Bell & Joffre McCleary
Barrie Bridge Club | 69.44% |
| 3/4. Alison Beaton & Vivian Rhodes
Superior DBC | 69.44% |
| 5. Patricia Lavergne & Eleanor Cavanagh
Gatineau Bridge Club | 68.64% |
| 6. Dennis Glazebrook & Mike Pritchard
Bridge Centre of Niagara | 68.18% |
| 7. Patricia Ofner & Francis Gaudino
Thunder Bay DBC | 67.63% |
| 8. Susan Forbes & John Rayner
Mississauga-Oakville BC | 66.82% |
| 9. Maureen Blahut & Jacqueline Wetmiller
Ottawa Bridge Centre | 66.67% |
| 10. Hershel Macaulay & Rob Macaulay
Maritime Cards & Games | 65.96% |



2007 Helen Shields Winners
Edith Vehrs & James Duffus



CIPC : CANADIAN IMP PAIRS

Linda Connell, Peggy McGregor
(Pictured at top with medals and trophies)

Flight A

- Linda Connell - Peggy McGregor
- Bob Todd - David McLellan
- Peter Jones - Chris Buchanan
- David Breton - Ernie Tradewell
- Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster
- William Treble - Sue Moore Tremble

Flight B

- Don Sharp - Peter Jacquest
- Sondra Blank - Andrew Collins
- Frank Hastings - Lorraine Hagen
- Maureen Marsch - Shirley Pearlman
- Serge Hamelin - Claude Valiquette
- Curtis Wright - Mary Beeching

Flight C

- Sondra Blank - Andrew Collins
- Frank Hastings - Lorraine Hagen
- Curtis Wright - Mary Beeching
- Malcolm Yurkowski - Dave Brett
- Lynne Tolson - John Tolson
- Donald Smith - Glen Sutley



La Semaine du bridge Édition 2007

par Martine Lacroix

La Semaine du bridge, édition 2007, a réservé quelques surprises. Les observateurs ne s'attendaient pas à la victoire de Frukacz dans le Championnat canadien par équipes. Tous les membres de l'équipe - Waldemar Frukacz, Piotr Klimowicz, Hervé Chatagnier, René Pelletier, David Sabourin et Jeff Smith - en sont à leur première victoire dans le CNTC.

Tout comme les gagnantes du Championnat canadien féminin par équipes, Sylvia Summers-Caley, Julie Fajelson, Isabelle Smith, qui viennent elles aussi de remporter leur première victoire, alors que le quatrième membre de l'équipe, Pamela Nisbet, en est à sa seconde médaille d'or dans cette compétition.

Le plus savoureux de l'histoire est la victoire de Jeff et Isabelle Smith ainsi que de Hervé Chatagnier et sa fiancée, Pamela Nisbet, dont les membres de chaque couple sont devenus champions canadiens dans des compétitions différentes.

Moins de surprise dans les autres compétitions où des habitués de la scène nationale ont raflé les titres et les médailles. Dans le Championnat canadien par paires, Kamel Fergani et Pierre Daigneault ont obtenu la médaille d'or et dans le Championnat canadien senior par équipes, John Carruthers, Eric Murray, Don Pfafsky, Joseph Silver, Boris Baran et Fred Hoffer l'ont emporté.

Les résultats complets sont publiés sur le site de la FCB: www.cbf.ca/BWeek

LA FINALE DU CNTC

Pour la petite histoire, Hervé Chatagnier et René Pelletier, sont les seuls à s'être qualifiés dans leur zone pour la finale du CNTC. Ils ont repêché Frukacz, Smith et Klimowicz qui n'avaient pas réussi à se qualifier ainsi que David Sabourin, qui n'a pas tenté de se qualifier. Selon Jonathan Ferguson, qui a commenté les 128 donnes

de la finale sur son blogue (www.jonathanferguson.com), Chatagnier et Pelletier ont été la paire la plus solide de leur équipe pendant toute la compétition. Si cela vous tente, vous pouvez revoir les donnes de la finale dans les archives du Vu-Graph de Bridge Base Online.

Leurs adversaires sont redoutables : Paul Thurston, Rick Delogu, David Colbert, Keith Balcombe, Judith et Nickolas Gartaganis. Deux des membres de l'équipe, Balcombe et Nickolas Gartaganis ont remporté la médaille d'or au Grand Prix de Salt Lake City en 2002 et plusieurs membres de l'équipe ont déjà porté la couronne nationale.

Au premier segment de 16 étuis, Thurston prend une petite avance de 3 imps (44-41). Au deuxième segment, peu de imps sont échangés, à peine 24, mais ils penchent presque tous du côté de Frukacz (19-5). Les segments 3 et 4 contribuent à augmenter cette avance amenant le score total de la journée à 134-108. Voici une donne tirée du quatrième segment où les enchères ont fait toute une différence.

Donne 31 Donneur : Sud

Vul: Nord/Sud

♠	2
♥	R 10 6
♦	A D 10 9 8
♣	D V 10 9

♠	A D 8 7 6
♥	9 3
♦	6 2
♣	A 7 5 3

♠	R V 10
♥	V 7 5 4 2
♦	7 5 3
♣	6 2

♠	9 5 4 3
♥	A D 8
♦	R V 4
♣	R 8 4

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
-	Pelletier	-	Chatagnier
1♠	2♦	2♠	1♣
Passe	3♣	Passe	3♦
Passe	4♥	Passe	4♣
Passe	Passe	Passe	5♦

Entame : Le Valet de pique

En ouvrant les enchères à 1♣ puis en soutenant les carreaux à son deuxième tour, Hervé Chatagnier a rendu la tâche facile à son vis-à-vis, René Pelletier, qui, en découvrant le double fit, envisage même le petit chelem. Mais après quelques cue-bids, la paire s'arrête à la manche. Le contrat ne présente guère de difficulté et le déclarant aligne 11 levées après avoir concédé au flanc les deux As noirs.

Leurs adversaires, en salle ouverte, n'ont pas eu cette chance.

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Frukacz	Nick G.	Klimowicz	Judy G.
-	-	-	1SA(1)
2♠ (2)	X(3)	3♣	Passe
Passe	Passe		

- 1 11-13 points.
- 2 Pique et une mineure.
- 3 Négatif.

L'ouverture d'un sans-atout (faible) de Judy Gartaganis en Sud a empêché son camp de découvrir à quel point leurs jeux se complétaient. Qu'auriez-vous fait à la place de Nick Gartaganis en Nord à votre deuxième tour d'enchère ? Le singleton pique laisse présager une certaine longueur dans la main du partenaire et les honneurs primaires suggèrent de jouer en défense. Le contrat adverse est destiné à l'échec, alors que la manche en mineure semble pour le moins aléatoire. Un tiens vaut mieux que deux tu l'auras, n'est-ce pas ? Une décision qui a coûté 11 imps.

Les trois segments suivants sont un reflet de la journée précédente, Frukacz accumule les imps de son côté, 50-40, 50-37, 46-22. Au sixième segment, une manche

audacieuse d'un côté et des enchères insolites de l'autre rapportent 9 imps. Voici la donne.

Donne 26

Donneur : Est
Vul: Tous

♠ D 8 3
♥ R D 10 5 2
♦ D 7 5
♣ 8 3

♠ A 4
♥ V 7
♦ V 10 9 6 3
♣ D V 10 7

♠ 10 2
♥ A 9 6 4
♦ A R 4
♣ R 9 5 2

♠ R V 9 7 6 5
♥ 8 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 6 4

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Nick G.	Pelletier	Judy G.	Chatagnier
-	-	2♠	Contre
3♠	4♥	Passe	Passe
Passe			

Entame : Le 7 de pique

Le moins qu'on puisse dire c'est que René Pelletier n'a pas froid aux yeux. Encore faut-il que son jeu soit à la hauteur de ses enchères. Ouest gagne l'entame à pique de l'As et rejoue pique pour le 8 et le Valet. La continuation du Roi de pique place René sous les feux de la rampe. Pour éviter une surcoupe, il est forcé de couper avec l'As de cœur et d'envisager un bris 3-1 des atouts. Si c'est le cas, c'est Ouest qui devrait en détenir trois puisque Est a montré une longue à pique. Pelletier joue un honneur de cœur et doit retourner au mort pour tenter l'impasse au Valet de coeur. Comme il a besoin de l'As de trèfle bien placé pour réussir son contrat, autant jouer trèfle au Roi maintenant! Quand le Roi remporte le pli et que le Valet de coeur apparaît, la suite est facile.

À l'autre table, leurs coéquipiers entrent dans le jeu avec un 2♦ Multi.

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Frukacz	Delogu	Klimowicz	Thurston
-	-	2♦(1)	Passe
3♥(2)	Passe	3♠	Passe
Passe			

1 Multi : deux faible dans l'une ou l'autre majeure.
2 Passe ou corrige.

Thurston s'abstient d'intervenir à son premier tour et Frukacz en profite pour faire une enchère imaginative à 3♥ muselant définitivement le camp adverse. Les enchères se terminent à 3♠, chute de deux.

Le dernier segment retourne en faveur de Thurston (52-38), mais l'écart est trop grand pour être comblé et le score final est de 318-259. À la toute dernière donne, Delogu chute un contrat de 3 sans-atout, résultat qui semble normal, car il faudrait être devin pour réussir à trouver neuf levées. Mais, à l'autre table, Frukacz semble doué du don de seconde vue.

Donne 32
Donneur : Ouest
Vul: Est/Ouest

Nord
Frukacz
♠ R 5 3 2
♥ A R 7
♦ 6 2
♣ D V 6 5

Ouest
N. Gartaganis
♠ V 10 6 4
♥ V 6 4 2
♦ D 9 8
♣ 9 2

Sud
Klimowicz
♠ D 9 8
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A R V 3
♣ A 8 7

Contrat : 3SA par Nord.
Entame : Le 9 de coeur

A priori, il semble que le déclarant doive miser sur un bris favorable des couleurs mineures pour réussir ce contrat. Ouest

couvre le 9 de coeur avec le Valet et le déclarant laisse passer. Le retour coeur est pris par le Roi de Nord. Frukacz poursuit en jouant un pique vers la Dame, puis un petit pique vers son jeu, Ouest fournit le Valet. Puisque la Dame a gagné le pli, l'As de pique est sûrement en Est. Waldemar fait le jeu-clé de fournir un petit pique sur lequel s'écrase l'As doubleton d'Est. Judy Gartaganis change au 4 de carreau que le déclarant prend de l'As au mort. Il rentre en main par l'As de coeur et présente la Dame de trèfle, couverte par le Roi et l'As. Il encaisse le Valet de trèfle, notant avec intérêt la chute du 9. Il n'a plus qu'à concéder le 10 de trèfle pour affranchir le 6. Est n'ayant plus de coeur, le contrat est maintenant assuré... avec une levée supplémentaire, puisque Ouest est irrémédiablement squeezé pique-carreau sur le jeu du dernier trèfle. 11 imp

LE CHAMPIONNAT CANADIEN FÉMININ PAR ÉQUIPES

Dans le CWTC, Summers-Caley a affronté Gordon en finale, une équipe composée de joueuses pour le moins expérimentées : Dianna Gordon, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton, Sandra Fraser, Katrin Litwin et Beverly Kraft. Mais celles-ci, malgré leur supériorité numérique, ont dû s'incliner, 185-134, devant Sylvia Summers-Caley, Isabelle Smith, Julie Fajgelson et Pamela Nisbet.

Dans le tournoi à la ronde, une séquence d'enchères solides a conduit Summers-

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Caley-Smith au chelem.

Donneur : Sud ♠ 10 5 4
 Vul: Tous ♥ -

♦ 7 6 3
 ♣ A V 9 8 5 3 2

♠ D 9 3
 ♥ A D 9 6 3
 ♦ V 8 4
 ♣ 7 4

♠ V 7 2
 ♥ R 10 5 2
 ♦ 10 9 5 2
 ♣ D 10

♠ A R 8 6
 ♥ V 8 7 4
 ♦ A R D
 ♣ R 6

Sud (Caley)

2SA
 3SA
 4♦
 4♠
 5♦

Nord (Smith)

3♠
 4♣
 4♥
 4SA
 6♣

Sylvia Summers-Caley ouvre les enchères à 2SA (20-21) et sa partenaire, Isabelle Smith, flaire tout de suite la possibilité d'un petit chelem à trèfle. Elle initie donc un relais à 3SA suivi de 4♣ pour indiquer cet intérêt. Sylvia coopère avec un cue-bid à carreau et, quelques instants plus tard, après s'être assurée que toutes les couleurs sont sous contrôle, la paire déclare le petit chelem. Le contrat est sans histoire, les 12 levées n'attendant que la récolte. Un bel exemple de coopération dans les enchères.

Le résultat, +1370, a été d'autant plus apprécié que leurs coéquipières à l'autre table ont battu d'une levée le contrat de 3SA sur une entame à cœur.

La seconde donne s'est présentée dans le dernier quart de la finale.

Donneur: Nord ♠ D 7 5 2
 Vul: Tous ♥ 9 8
 ♦ 9 8 7 6 2
 ♣ D 10

♠ 9 8
 ♥ A 6 4
 ♦ D 4
 ♣ R 9 8 7 5 2

♠ A 10 6 4 3
 ♥ V 10 7 5
 ♦ R 10 5
 ♣ 3

♠ R V
 ♥ R D 3 2
 ♦ A V 3
 ♣ A V 6 4

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Smith		Caley	
Passe	Passe	1♣	Passe
Passe	X	1SA	Passe
Passe	Passe		

Entame : Le 7 de trèfle

Les contrats où tout le jeu est du même côté sont, sans aucun doute, les plus difficiles à jouer. Voici le déroulement du coup.

L'entame du 7 de trèfle est prise par la Dame du mort. Sylvia joue le 9 de carreau, couvert par le Roi et l'As. Le Valet de carreau se rend à la Dame d'Ouest, qui change au 9 de pique. La déclarante gagne du Valet et poursuit avec le 3 de carreau. Est, en main au 10 de carreau, contre-attaque du Valet de cœur, pour la Dame et l'As. Ouest persiste à pique. Lorsqu'Est refuse de mettre l'As, Sylvia doit forcément prendre du Roi. Elle encaisse ensuite le Roi de cœur. Après huit levées, Sud a cinq levées en caisse : 2 piques, 1 cœur, 1 carreau et 1 trèfle. La position est maintenant la suivante :

	♠ D 7		♠ A 10 6
	♥ -		♥ 10 5
	♦ 8 7		♦ -
	♣ 10		♣ -
♠ -		♠ -	
♥ 6		♥ 3 2	
♦ -		♦ -	
♣ R985		♣ A V 6	

Sylvia rend maintenant la main à l'adversaire à cœur, forçant ainsi Est à encaisser ses deux cœurs et à jouer pique, ce qui affranchit la Dame. Le même contrat a chuté d'une levée à l'autre table. Un petit gain de 5 imps. Ces petits écarts semblent anodins à prime abord, mais si vous en rapportez en grand nombre, ils finissent par vous rapporter la victoire !

CHANGEMENTS POUR 2007-2008

Championnat canadien par paires (COPC)

Le fonds de voyage du COPC a été éliminé. Désormais, il n'y aura plus de subvention distribuée à la finale nationale. Cela aura pour effet de réduire le coût de sanction à 4 \$ par table (au lieu de 10 \$). La version 7,49 de l'ACBL, que vous pourrez télécharger sur le site de l'ACBL (www.acbl.org) d'ici la fin d'août, comprendra les nouveaux coûts de sanction.

Nous espérons que les coûts de sanction réduits inciteront plus de clubs à tenir ces séances.

Les prix pour la finale nationale du COPC ont aussi été changés. À compter de la finale nationale du COPC à Montréal en 2008, la paire victorieuse recevra un prix en argent de 2 000 \$ et la seconde place 1 000 \$.

Championnat canadien par équipes (CNTC)

Aucune Zone ne pourra avoir plus de 60 % des équipes dans la finale nationale. Cela s'applique autant au CNTC-A qu'au CNTC-B. Ainsi, si une Zone a trois équipes qui se sont qualifiées et que seulement quatre équipes jouent dans la finale nationale, la zone en question ne pourra envoyer plus de deux équipes. La place vacante sera comblée en établissant un classement parmi les zones basé sur la participation per capita. Si l'application de cette politique fait tomber le nombre des équipes en bas de 22 à la finale nationale – le coordinateur national pourra ajouter d'autres équipes en se basant sur la participation per capita même si cela signifie qu'une zone pourrait avoir une équipe qui ne se serait pas qualifiée autrement.

Les droits d'entrées pour le tournoi à la ronde de la finale nationale doivent être payés au coordinateur national 54 jours avant le début du tournoi. Ainsi, les finales de zone devront être terminées avant cette période de 54 jours.

Pour la finale nationale du CNTC-A, les pré-alertes doivent être remises (en quantité suffisante) au coordinateur national au plus tard une heure et quinze minutes avant le début du tournoi à la ronde au Jour 1. Pour la finale nationale du CNTC-B, les pré-alertes doivent être remises (en quantité suffisante) au coordinateur national au moins 35 jours avant la finale nationale.

Championnat canadien féminin par équipes (CWTC)

Les droits d'entrées pour le tournoi à la ronde de la finale nationale doivent être payés au coordinateur national 54 jours avant le début du tournoi. Ainsi, les zones devront confirmer leurs inscriptions au coordinateur national avant cette période de 54 jours.

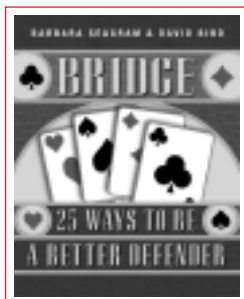
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LE MATCH CONTRE LE MEXIQUE

Avant de se rendre aux Championnats du monde à Shangaï, les gagnants du CNTC et du CWTC devaient affronter la sélection nationale mexicaine pour savoir qui, des deux pays, aurait une place à la Bermuda Bowl et à la Venice Cup. La finale a eu lieu à Montréal à la mi-juillet. L'équipe gagnante du CWTC, enrichie de nouveaux membres, Francine Cimon et Rhoda Habert, ont obtenu un billet d'avion garanti puisque le Mexique ne leur a pas envoyé d'adversaires. Les gagnants du CNTC, quant à eux, ont dû lutter vaillamment contre les champions mexicains (Gonzalo Herrera, Enrico Pagani, Mauricio Smid et Moises Ades). L'équipe canadienne, qui a été quelque peu remaniée entretemps (Waldemar Frukacz, Piotr Klimowicz, John Zaluski, Jeffrey Smith, Nicolas L'Écuyer et Kamel Fergani) l'a emporté par un score de 339-271.

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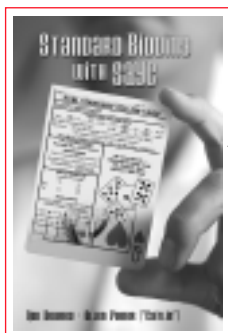


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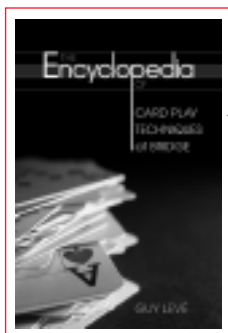


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26 Nov 2007	Continent-Wide Charity Game	8 May 2008	International Fund Game (aft)
2 Feb 2008	International Fund Game (aft)	24-31 May 2008	Bridge Week, Montreal PQ
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CWTC

- Zone Representatives must be reported to the National Coordinator no later than March 17, 2008.
- National Final 25-29 May 2008 : Canadian Bridge Week, Montreal, PQ

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- Club Round 01 Sep - 31 Dec 2007
- National Final 30-31 May 2008 : Canadian Bridge Week, Montreal, PQ

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- Zone finals in both the CNTC Flights A and B to be completed by 17 March 2008.
- National Final Flight A 24-31 May 2008 : Canadian Bridge Week, Montreal, PQ
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