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President's message : Le mot du président

We have just completed a successful Bridge Week in Montreal. The playing site and location were ideal. The hospitality room was available to the players every evening with beer, wine and cheese and pizza, all served without charge. A very special thanks are due to the volunteers from the Montreal Bridge League who gave their time to make Bridge Week memorable.



Douglas Fraser, President

Bridge Week vient tout juste de prendre fin à Montréal. Le site et la localisation étaient parfaits; les joueurs ont pu profiter de l'hospitalité de la Ligue de bridge de Montréal qui a veillé à leur fournir la bière, le vin, les fromages et la pizza à volonté tous les soirs. Un gros merci à tous les bénévoles qui ont fait de Bridge Week un événement inoubliable.

The next Bridge Week will be held in Mississauga ON 11-18 Feb 2006. It is early in the year due to the 8th World Championships that will be held 9-24 June 2006 in Verona Italy. This of course means that club qualification and the Zone finals for the CNTC and CWTC will be much earlier than in previous years. Future Bridge Weeks are expected to return to normal scheduling (May/June).

We have had two successful CBF International Fund Regional Tournaments in Montreal and Calgary. Mississauga will host our next one Feb 14-19, 2006. Please make plans to attend, especially if you do not normally participate in Bridge Week. Future tournaments are slated for Montreal (tentative) 26 Feb - 04 Mar 2007 and Victoria 24-28 Mar 2008. Victoria can promise that spring flowers and cherry blossoms will be in full bloom at that time of year!

Since the ACBL revised their Membership form CBF Membership has decreased. We are sure that this is not intentional but it must be addressed! We are working with the ACBL to improve the renewal form. We have added a bilingual insert that explains the benefits of renewing CBF membership. Effective 01 July 2005 those who pay CBF dues directly to the CBF will save \$13

L'an prochain Bridge Week se tiendra à Mississauga, Ontario, du 11 au 18 février 2006. Cette date précoce est due aux 8ièmes Championnats du monde qui auront lieu du 9 au 24 juin 2006 à Vérone, Italie. Cela signifie évidemment que les qualifications de club et les finales de zone du CNTC et CWTC seront beaucoup plus tôt que les années précédentes. Nous reviendrons à la programmation habituelle l'année suivante.

Nous avons eu deux tournois régionaux au profit de la CBF, à Montréal et à Calgary, qui ont été couronnés de succès. Mississauga sera l'hôte du prochain régional du 14 au 19 février 2006. Préparez-vous à vous y rendre. Les prochains tournois sont prévus (dates provisoires) du 26 février au 4 mars 2007 à Montréal et du 24 au 28 mars 2008 à Victoria. Victoria nous garantit que les fleurs printanières et les cerisiers seront en pleine floraison à cette époque de l'année !

Depuis que l'ACBL a révisé le formulaire de réabonnement, le nombre de membres de la FCB a diminué. Ce n'est certes pas intentionnel et cela doit être corrigé. Nous travaillons de concert avec l'ACBL pour améliorer le formulaire. Une insertion bilingue a été ajoutée qui explique les bénéfices de renouveler votre adhésion à la

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(annual CBF dues reduced from \$25 to \$12). If you include your CBF membership with the ACBL membership the CBF fee is only \$9.00.

The CSTC (Canadian Seniors Team Championship) has become an important event during Bridge Week. Winners qualify to the Seniors Bowl in odd years and the Team Olympiad or World Championships in even years. This event is open to those who qualify by age and does not require prequalification. The CIPC (Canadian Imp Pairs Championships) also is open to all. Please make plans to participate in Mississauga.

Lastly it would be appreciated if all Units would schedule a two-session International Fund game at all Sectionals. This event awards regionally rated silver points (1.4 x the number of master points) at an additional cost of only \$1.00 (Cdn) per player per session. This is a win/win situation for players and the CBF as the money generated helps our International Fund.

I wish you all a good summer.

FCB. De plus, à partir du 1er juillet 2005, ceux qui paient leur cotisation directement à la FCB obtiendront une réduction de 25 \$ à 12 \$ par année et si vous payez votre cotisation en même temps que celle de l'ACBL, elle ne s'élèvera qu'à 9 \$.

Le CSTC (Championnat canadien senior par équipes) est devenu un élément important de Bridge Week. Les gagnants se qualifient pour participer à la Coupe Senior qui se tiennent durant les années impaires et aux Olympiades par équipes et aux Championnats du monde les années paires. Cette compétition est ouverte à ceux qui ont atteint l'âge requis et ne requiert pas de qualification préalable. Le CIPC (Championnat canadien en paires imp) est aussi ouvert à tous. Préparez-vous pour Mississauga.

En dernier lieu, j'apprécierais beaucoup si toutes les unités ajoutaient à leur programme deux séances pour le Fonds international. Les points de maître argent attribués pendant cette compétition correspondent à ceux d'un régional et ne coûtent qu'un dollar canadien par joueur par séance. C'est une situation gagnante autant pour les joueurs que pour la Fédération puisque l'argent ainsi recueilli ira au Fonds international.

Passez un bel été.

DOUGLAS FRASER

President, Canadian Bridge Federation : Président, Fédération canadienne de bridge

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The term of office for the CBF Zone Directors in Zones III and VI expires on December 31, 2005. The CBF is currently accepting nominations for these positions. (Term of office will be 01 January 2006 to 31 December 2008).

Any person interested in running for one of these positions should notify the CBF office in writing of his/her 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. Declaration of candidacy will be accepted until September 30, 2005. 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 15 October to 8 December 2005.

APPEL DE CANDIDATURES

Le mandat des Directeurs de zone de la FCB, Zones III et VI, arrive à échéance le 31 décembre 2005. La période d'appel de candidatures pour ces postes est ouverte (la durée des mandats sera du 1er janvier 2006 jusqu'au 31 décembre 2008).

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 30 septembre 2005. 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 15 octobre au 8 décembre 2005.



COPC CHAMPIONS:
Waldemar Frukacz, Pierre Daigneault



CIPC CHAMPIONS:
Tom Gandolfo, Bob Crosby



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



Above: Jean Castonguay and Hostesses
Barbara Hastings (left) and Barb Corcoran.

Below: Head Director Henry Cukoff



BRIDGE WEEK *Montreal*♥

2005 CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK A GRAND SLAM

The 2005 Canadian Bridge Week which was recently held in Montreal, QC from May 28-June 4 was an overwhelming success.

This was, in a great part, due to the expert chairmanship of Jean Castonguay, who once again put his heart and soul into making this event enjoyable and successful. Thank you to all the Montreal people that helped Jean with various tasks.

Financially the tournament cleared \$22,178 made possible by:

- McGill University New Residence Hall reasonable rent for playing space.
- Montreal Bridge League contributing \$1,000 to the cost of renting the playing space. (The Montreal Bridge League held a 299er Regional on the last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the extra space we had rented.)
- Tourisme Montreal grant of \$5,75 for hosting this event in the City of Montreal.
- Donations of all boards, tables and paper supplies by the Montreal Bridge League and Vince Oddy Bridge Supplies.
- Excellent participation in all events.

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BRIDGE WEEK CHAMPIONS**CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

GOLD: John Carruthers - Arno Hobart - George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC

SILVER: Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis - Gordon Campbell, Calgary AB; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB

BRONZE: James Galand - Glen Thornborough - Sandra Fraser, Victoria BC; Doran Flock, Calgary AB; David Smith, Edmonton AB; Michel Lorber, Baie-d'Urfe QC

BRONZE: Michael Hargreaves - James McAvoy - Duncan Smith, Victoria BC; Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC; Peter Herold, Ladysmith BC; Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - FLIGHT B

GOLD: Marielle Brentnall - Jerry Cohen - Barb Lillie - Robert Neudorf, Winnipeg MB

SILVER: Nancy Stewart, North York ON; R Charles McLaughlin, Mississauga ON; P Max Vaight - Michael Lancashire - Eric Lewis, Toronto; David Hamer, Brooklin ON

BRONZE: Lesley Thomson - Stephen Foster - Patrick Fournier - Melissa Giguere, Toronto ON

BRONZE: Sebastien Lachance, L'Île-Perrot QC; Richard Collette, Salab-de-Vall QC; Richard Tetreault, Valleyfield QC; Real Laberge, St Lo De Gnzque QC; Claudette Vaillancourt, Coteau-du-Lac QC; Jean-Louis Leroux, Saint-Zotique QC

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS

GOLD: Waldemar Frukacz, Ottawa ON; Pierre Daigneault, Westmount QC

SILVER: Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Peter Herold, Ladysmith BC

BRONZE: Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Doug Fraser, Victoria BC

- 4 William Treble, Winnipeg MB; Thomas Gandolfo, Edmonton
- 5 Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg MB; Karl Gohl, Oakbank MB
- 6 Carole Berry - John Gillespie, Orleans ON
- 7 Claude Garneau, Montreal QC; Charles Martineau, Brossard QC
- 8 Richard Anderson, Regina SK; Jean Castonguay, Lery QC
- 9 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal
- 10 Dan Jacob, Vancouver ; Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC
- 11 Douglas Fisher - Bob Todd, Winnipeg MB
- 12 Paul Janicki - Ian Findlay, Markham ON
- 13 Doug Baxter, Toronto ON; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON
- 14 Andre Chartrand, Chateauguay QC; Serge Chevalier, Montreal QC
- 15 Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Jurek Czyzowicz, Gatineau QC
- 16 Dianne Isfeld - Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC

CANADIAN WOMENS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLD: Francine Cimon, Montreal QC; Linda Lee - Beverly Kraft - Dianna Gordon, Toronto ON; Barbara Clinton, Aurora ON; Joan Eaton, Willowdale ON

SILVER: Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC; Anna Boivin, Victoria BC; Pamela Nisbet, Cobourg ON; Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC; Marcia Christie, Surrey BC; Heather Peckett, Nepean ON

BRONZE: Sylvia Fay Caley - Juliette Fajgelzon, Montreal QC; Maureen Beyrouti - Martine Lacroix, Saint-Laurent QC

BRONZE: June Pockock, Coquitlam BC; Kathy Adachi, Delta BC; Kismet Fung - Susan Culham, Edmonton AB

CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLD:Michael Cummings - David Lindop, Toronto ON; John Bowman - Bill Bowman, Ottawa ON

SILVER: Roger Snowling, Hamilton ON; Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON; Roman Klein, Oakville ON; Gary Westfall, Brampton ON; Gary Bernstein - Bruce Horne, Montreal QC

BRONZE: Jon Robinson, Montreal QC; Peter Schwartz - Fred Hoffer, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Don Pfafsky, Toronto ON

BRONZE: Jean Castonguay, Lery QC; Richard Anderson, Regina SK; Alex Fowle - Stephen Willard, Edmonton AB

CANADIAN IMP PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLD: Thomas Gandolfo - Robert Crosby, Edmonton AB

SILVER: Andre Chartrand, Chateauguay QC; Serge Chevalier, Montreal QC

BRONZE: Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Doug Fraser, Victoria BC

- 4 Roger Dunn, Brossard QC; Suzanne Dussault, Montreal QC
- 5, **1B, 1C** Marlene Pontifex - Sharron Dudeck, Winnipeg MB
- 6 Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg MB; Karl Gohl, Oakbank MB
- 2B, 2C Kevin Baldwin - Elaine Paul, Winnipeg MB
- 3B Richard Soderstrom, Ottawa ON; Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON
- 4B Frederick King, Dugald MB; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC
- 5B, 3C Guy Duchesne - Raymond Boyer, Montreal QC

Visit www.cbf.ca/BWeek for more results.

CWTC Story : by Linda Lee

Playing in the Canadian Women's Team Championship this year was a much different experience for me than last year. I had a new partner and a new team.

This time I was part of a team which has been the dominant women's team in Canada for 30 years. That's a remarkable record in any sport. My partner, Francine Cimon, is one of the original members of this team and she is without a doubt one of the very best women bridge players in Canada. But Francine and I had never played in person, we were playing a system that was new to both of us, and we had more than 80 pages of system notes to remember. How did I feel? Shaking in my boots!

The round-robin part of the tournament was much too exciting. Going into the last round we had to win a near blitz to have a chance to qualify for the semi-finals. We compared scores and we had done it. But now we needed one of the leaders to lose, and fortunately a narrow loss for one of them did put us into the playoffs. From there this very experienced team hit form, and we never trailed in either of our last two matches.

I usually warn my partners that I do not often bid grand slams at teams. Too often I have come back to compare and found that our opponents had not even bid the small slam. This is fine if the grand makes but not so good when you have an accident and things don't work out as planned. However, I may have to stop giving this warning now that I am playing with Francine. First, she is a superb dummy player and I know that if the grand slam has any play to it, Francine will find the best line. Second, Francine and I are very aggressive

bidders and we just seem to find those grands. We won IMPs on this deal in the third session of the semi-finals when we bid a grand slam and our opponents reached only six. I particularly like the economy of our auction.

♠ AK2 ♥ AK1096 ♦ --- ♣ KQ862

North South Vulnerable

Francine West	North	Linda East	South
			1♥
1♠	2♣	pass	2♠
pass	3♣	pass	5♦
pass	5♥	pass	7♣
all pass			

I opened 1♥ in first chair. South overcalled 1♠ (weak) and Francine bid 2♣, suggesting at least five good clubs. I cuebid 2♠ and she bid 3♣. Since she had now denied holding three-card heart support, I knew we did not have a heart loser. It seemed very likely that we would have an excellent play for 7♣ if she had the club ace. My jump to 5♦ was Exclusion Blackwood and 5♥ showed one keycard outside of the diamonds. I could now bid the grand slam confidently for a nice pickup.

The whole hand:

	♠ 76	
	♥ 8532	
	♦ QJ10975	
	♣ 5	
♠ 43		♠ AK2
♥ J4		♥ AK1096
♦ A82		♦ void
♣ AJ9753		♣ KQ862
	♠ QJ10985	
	♥ Q7	
	♦ K643	
	♣ 10	

Best Hard Luck Story : by Jim Priebe

Bob Bambrick gets the nod for best hard luck story of the week at the recent Bridge Week Canadian National tournament. Bob was a member of the Lesage team in the Senior Teams Championship (Richard Lesage, Carole Klein, Michael Schleifer, Larry Friedman, Bob Bambrick, Gerald La Flamme) when he picked up:

♠ Jxx ♥ 10xx ♦ 10x ♣ Jxxxx

He heard 1♣ on his left, double from partner, and he properly got out as cheaply as possible with 1♥. Surprise! Partner now bid 4♥ and put down this dummy:

♠ Qx
♥ AQJx
♦ AKQJxx
♣ x

♠ Jxx
♥ 10xx
♦ 10x
♣ Jxxxx

Not bad! Two spades were cashed, then a high club, and West led a diamond, hoping his partner had a red suit ten. Not so. Bob won the ten of diamonds in hand, led the ten of hearts to pick up king third of trumps on his left, and scored up his game.

Why hard luck? The board was wiped out because of slow play at the other table.

Below: Participants enjoy the Hospitality Room during Bridge Week.

**2005 CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK A GRAND SLAM** *Continued from page 5*

Hospitality was outstanding. Every night players were provided with a place to meet and socialize with free beer, wine, and food. Thanks go to our wonderful hostesses: Barbara Corcoran and Barbara Hastings. Breakfasts in the McGill New Residence Hall Cafeteria (included in room rental) also provided players with a great place to meet and visit.

Location, Location, Location. Being in such a wonderful part of Montreal really made this an extra special week with lots of good eating places around (many that allowed you to bring in your own beer and wine) players could relax over the supper breaks.

Thanks must also go to the Directing Staff: Henry Cukoff, Director in Charge; Jacques Lafrance, Mark Yudin and

Sylvain Descoteaux. Henry personally reported all the results to our webmaster for posting as they came in.

Once again we were able to broadcast the CNTC-A final on Bridge Base. Thank you to Fred Gitelman and all those connected with Bridge Base Inc. and to our Montreal operator, Drew Cannell.

A big thank you also goes out to all the participants in 2005 Canadian Bridge Week. We hope to see you all again in Mississauga in February.





BERMUDA BOWL TEAM

Michael Gamble, NPC (not shown), George Mittelman, Arno Hobart, John Carruthers, Joseph Silver, Boris Baran, Allan Graves.



VENICE CUP TEAM

John Gowdy, NPC (not shown), Beverley Kraft, Joan Eaton, Dianna Gordon, Barbara Clinton, Francine Cimon, Linda Lee.



SENIOR CUP TEAM

David T. Willis, NPC (not shown), Michael Cummings, David Lindop, John Bowman, Bill Bowman. Not shown: Pierre Daigneault, Stephen Brown.

WORLD ZONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held every odd-numbered year, the World Zonal Team Championships is contested in three series, by teams representing the eight WBF geographical zones. In the Open series, contestants have the Bermuda Bowl at stake, while the Women series play for the Venice Cup. The third series, reserved for Senior players, was added in 2001. Canada's official entries for the 2005 World Team Championships, which will be held in Estoril, Portugal from October 22-November 5, 2005 are pictured at left.

CANADA MEXICO BI-COUNTRY PLAYOFFS

North America, World Bridge Federation Zone 2, is allotted 3 teams for the World Zonal Team Championships Bermuda Bowl and 3 teams for the Venice Cup. Two of these teams come from the US. The other is decided through a Canada vs Mexico playoff. Canada's teams in these playoffs are the winners of the CNTC and the CWTC at Bridge Week. The playoffs were conducted in June, and Canada won both events (see below). As there was no Mexican team for the Senior Event, Canada's Senior team was not required to compete in a playoff.

Canada vs Mexico : Open Teams

	32bds	64bds	96bds	Final
Canada	95	183	267	337
Mexico	79	150	214	238

Canada: Michael Gamble, NPC; John Carruthers, Joseph Silver, George Mittelman, Arno Hobart, Boris Baran, Allan Graves

Mexico: Captain: Moises Ades; Miguel Reygadas, Magy Mohan, Miriam Rosenberg, Moises Ades, Mauricio Smid.

Canada vs Mexico : Women's Teams

	32bds	64bds	96bds	Final
Canada	84	152	230	267
Mexico	58	100	141	172

Canada: Francine Cimon, Linda Lee, Dianna Gordon, Beverly Kraft, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton

Mexico: Captain: Reiko Ohara; Luisa Grinberg, Nancy Gerson, Nancy Lira, Laura Salinas, Frida Harari, Reiko Ohara.

2006 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS June 9-24, 2006 VERONA, ITALY

If you are planning to participate in the 2006 World Championships, no matter what the national mix of your team, you must be a paid up member of the CBF and register with the CBF in the following manner:

1. Send your complete name, ACBL number and address (along with email address) to the CBF Office (see inside front cover).
2. List all events you wish to participate in and list all partners and team mates along with their ACBL numbers.
3. Confirm you are a paid up CBF member and if you are not, then submit \$12 Canadian to the CBF office to bring your CBF membership up to date.

Please submit entries to the CBF no later than 15 March 2006.

HELEN SHIELDS ROOKIE MASTER GAME 2005

NATIONAL WINNERS

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Jean Polischuk & Dorothy Erickson | 70.57% |
| 2. Gillian Jagasia & Robin Stephens | 69.09% |
| 3. Mary Lou Norman & Joyce Leeming | 68.61% |
| 4. Bruce Bryson & Gene Froc | 67.30% |
| 5. Dragos Luca & Arlene Resnick | 67.25% |

See www.cbf.ca for complete results.

Everything You Wanted to Know About THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some might find the various world events confusing so here is a brief summary: The World Zonal Teams (with Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup) are held in odd-numbered years, the World Championships are held in even-numbered, non-leap years and the World Olympiad Teams are held every leap year.

Canada has no quota for the 2006 World Championships. We can enter any number of Canadian teams and pairs. The winners of our 2006 CNTC-A, CWTC, CSTC and the 2005 COPC will be eligible for funding for the 2006 events. If the teams or pair that win decide to attend the World Championships, they will receive \$10,000 per team and \$4000 for the pair from the CBF. If they choose not to attend the World Championships they will receive half the money as a prize and the second place teams and pairs will be offered the other half if they attend the World Championships. Teams and pairs have to be all Canadian to be eligible to play in our National Finals during Bridge Week.

Other teams and pairs may enter the World Championships without CBF subsidy money. These may be transnational but all individuals in the world must register with their NCBO (National Contract Bridge Organization) before they can be entered in the World Championships. The NCBO submits a list of people to the WBF *for invitation to attend*. All entries in the World Championships must be invited by the WBF. Interested persons apply to their NCBO (see left sidebar). The NCBO screens applicants to make sure they meet all requirements and that they are not suspended or on probation. Once applicants clear a country's screening and the country nominates them for invitation, the WBF usually accepts their entry.

In the case of transnational teams all members must register with their own NCBO so that they can be cleared for invitation. Thus if a USBF player was part of a team with a CBF player, each individual would need to submit their name to their own NCBO, with details.

Our 2006 Bridge Week will determine who is eligible for subsidy so those championships are very important if teams or pairs want any financial help for attending the World Championships.



MEXICAN ADVENTURE

By Linda Lee

The weather in Mexico City was beautiful — sunny and pleasantly warm in early July when the Canadian Open Team and Women's Team arrived to face off against Mexico for the right to play in the World Championships in Estoril Portugal.

The Canadian Women's team was made up of Beverley Kraft, Joan Eaton, Dianna Gordon, Barbara Clinton, Francine Cimon and me. The entire team played well and we won every set we played, finishing when the Mexican ladies resigned after seven rounds. The Open team made it just a bit more exciting when the Mexicans came back in a couple of sets. Canada led by only 33 imps at the halfway point. The Canadian Open team finished strongly, though, and were able to join us in the early celebrations.

Usually Joan Eaton and Barbara Clinton finish their session ahead of their teammates. It came as a surprise when several times they finished significantly later than the other pair. When I asked Barbara what had happened, she said she'd had to play a lot of especially tough hands.

Barbara found an extra chance on this hand when she gave her opponent an opportunity to make a mistake.

	♠ Q J x	
	♥ A x	
	♦ K x x x x x	
	♣ x x	
♠ K x		♠ x x x
♥ 10 x		♥ K Q J x x
♦ Q J 10		♦ void
♣ A K J x x x		♣ Q x x x x
	♠ A 10 x x x	
	♥ x x x x	
	♦ A x x x	
	♣ void	

Barbara found herself in 4♠ after the following auction:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	2♠*
pass	3♠	4♣	pass
pass	4♠	all pass	

* fit showing at least 5♠ and 4♦ 10+points

The opening lead was a high club, which Barbara ruffed. Based on the bidding it seemed unlikely that the ♠K was onside, so she led a spade towards dummy; this was indeed won by West with the ♠K. West returned a heart, won in dummy with the ace. At this point, assuming that the diamonds split 2-1, Barbara had two losers (a heart and a spade), since she could discard the hearts from her hand on diamonds. But what if the diamonds split 3-0? If Barbara draws trumps, when her opponents win their diamond trick, they will be able to cash hearts. If she doesn't draw trumps, then her opponents may be able to ruff a diamond winner for their fourth trick.

In fact, there is no legitimate way to make the hand if the diamonds are 3-0 and the opponent who is short in diamonds has the third trump, which was the actual lie of the cards. But perhaps the opponents could be induced to help out. Based on the bidding and play so far, Barbara deduced that East was more likely to have the short diamonds. She therefore drew only one more round of trumps, leaving East with one small spade. Then she led a diamond from dummy. East couldn't resist making an unexpected trick with her baby trump. In fact, she had ruffed her partner's winner and now diamonds were set up while dummy still had a trump to deal with the defenders' heart winners.

Barbara had realized that if diamonds were 2-1, then there was no harm in cashing a diamond honour; if diamonds weren't 2-1, then it couldn't hurt to give her opponents a chance to make a mistake.

My partner Francine and I are very aggressive bidders. It is not often that we miss a game. It also turns out that we can be pretty aggressive in getting to slams too. Sometimes Francine will say after a hand "I bid a lot" but then I tell her that it works out fine because she plays the dummy so well. On this hand Francine trusted me to play the dummy. The auction began 3♣ to me, holding the South hand.

♠ Q x x
♥ 10 x x
♦ K Q x x
♣ A x x

♠ A x
♥ K Q J 9 x x
♦ A x x
♣ K x

It is our style that an overcall in the direct seat shows a good hand so I bid 3♥. Francine cuebid 4♣ and now I felt that our side had enough for slam. I bid 4NT. When Francine showed me one ace we were in slam.

While 6NT is the best contract, I can't think of any way to get there and the heart slam had its chances. I won the ace of clubs and led the ♥ 10, which was ducked. I played another heart, won by East, West showing out and signaling with a high spade.

I won the spade return and played for a simple squeeze, running all my trumps and cashing the club ace to reach this position:

♠ Q
♥ —
♦ KQxx
♣ —

♠ x
♥ x
♦ Axx
♣ —

I led the last trump. West had to come down to three diamonds to hold the ♠K so I was able to discard the ♠Q and claim.

This is my favourite type of squeeze because I don't need to count anything, just watch for the ♠K. While the play of this hand was not that challenging, it was satisfying to bid and make a slam on a squeeze — good for 11 IMPs. The whole hand was:

♠ Q x x
♥ 10 x x
♦ K Q x x
♣ A x x

♠ K J x x x
♥ x
♦ J 10 x x x
♣ x x

♠ x x x
♥ A x x
♦ x
♣ Q J 10 x x x

♠ A x
♥ K Q J 9 x x
♦ A x x
♣ K x

By the way, after the event, the Mexican ladies told me that they had given me a nickname — Mini-splinter. I have no idea why.

CBF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORT

The Trustees of the CBF Charitable Foundation met in Montreal on May 26, 2005. The following grants were made for 2005:

Canadian Feed the Children Domestic Program - \$3500.00

Zone Trustees and Chairperson - \$2000.00 each to be given to charities within their Zones.

In 2005 and 2006 the CBFCF will continue to focus on charities that deal with Child Poverty and with Food Banks. At the 2006 CBF Charitable Foundation meeting a new focal group will be selected for 2007 - 2011.

Marilyn White of Toronto was re-elected to the position of Chairperson of the CBF Charitable Foundation.



JUNIOR MANAGER APPOINTED

John Carruthers, of Toronto, has been appointed as the new

CBF Junior Manager. John brings a wealth of experience to this position. He was instrumental in getting Canada involved in Junior Bridge and was the NPC of Canadian Junior Teams in 1991, 1993 and 1995. From 1994 to 1996, John represented Zone III on the CBF Board of Directors and was in charge of the CBF Junior Program for the Board. John was the driving force behind Canada's bid to host the 1997 World Youth Team Championship and he served as the Chairperson of the event. John has just recently won his fourth CNTC. Previous victories were in 1983, 1987 and 1999. The CBF welcomes John and the experience and expertise that he brings to the job of Junior Manager.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH BRIDGE TEACHERS

For just \$1.00 a year CDN, the CBF will grant CBF membership to students under the age of 19 who are graduates of or enrolled in a School Bridge Lesson Series program course.

Teachers can submit to the CBF a list of students which includes: name, address, date of birth and ACBL number, if applicable, along with \$1.00 CDN for each student. Perhaps local clubs or Units, if approached by the teacher, would be willing to pay the \$1.00 on behalf of these students. The CBF promises that the lists of Youth members will not be given out to any other organization or company. Each teacher will receive Bridge Canada magazines for all students. The CBF will use this list of Youth members to help spread the word about CBF Junior programs and events.

UNIVERSITY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP ONLINE

The 2006 University Bridge World Championships will take place in China during the summer. With a view to sending a Canadian Team, the CBF intends to organize a Canadian University Championship (using the internet) in the Spring of 2006. At its last meeting, the CBF Board of Directors established a program to assist University Bridge Clubs. Students (full or part time) and lecturers born in 1978 or later, attending university, college or CEGEP, who are interested in participating should contact the CBF head office as soon as possible (see inside front cover for contact details).

The CBF is trying to identify and contact any University Bridge Clubs or university students who play bridge. If university players are identified in universities that do not have bridge clubs, the CBF will help them set up bridge clubs on campus and will provide them with start up materials for the club (cards, boards, books, teaching materials, paper supplies, etc). Once we have a list of university bridge players, the CBF will proceed in setting up a Canadian University Team Championship.

Mr. George Retek of Montreal has agreed to be the CBF official in charge of the University Bridge Program. Names and contact information for university clubs or players should be sent to George Retek or the CBF Office.



ERIN BERRY MEMORIAL FUND

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

For 2005 The Erin Berry Memorial Fund awarded financial assistance to six youth bridge players to help them attend the Can-At Regional in Fredericton, NB. These players were:

Hershel Macaulay, Bedford, NS (17)
Ethan Macaulay, Bedford, NS (15)
Emily Logan, Moncton, NB (16)
J. P. Laszchuk, Riverview, NB (16)
Darcy Jones, Steeves, NB (15)
Brendan Leblanc, Steeves, NB (14)

These six youths attended the Regional for the purpose of training and for selecting a team of four to attend the Canadian Junior Trials which will be held September 3- 5, 2005 in Toronto at the Toronto Games Sectional.

The Erin Berry Memorial Fund will also provide financial assistance to the four players who attend the 2005 Canadian Junior trials.

To apply for an award from the Erin Berry Youth Memorial Fund, an application for funding must be submitted to the CBF Executive Assistant, Jan Anderson, by 10 May of each year. See www.cbf.ca for more information.

10th WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney, Australia : Aug 8-17, 2005
www.cbf.ca

As you read this magazine, the 2005 Canadian Youth Team will be competing at the 2005 World Youth Team Championships in Australia. The Canadian Team is:

Jonathan Steinberg, NPC; Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Demuy, Daniel Lavee, David Grainger, Charles Halasi and Tim Capes.

Please check the CBF website for up-to-date information and results.

The CBF and our Canadian Youth Team would like to thank the following for the support given to them:

- Eric Kokish - team coach
- ACBL Ontario Unit 166 - \$4000 donation
- David Cohen and DeakNet Computer Corporation - donation of one set of team shirts
- ACBL - entry fee plus team windbreakers
- George Rosenkrantz
- Rose Meltzer
- Various other North American bridge players who donated money but wish to remain anonymous.

ATTENTION: SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT COORDINATORS

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23 CLASSES : 500 KIDS

John Gillespie and Carole Berry teach kids to play during Math class.

by John Gillespie, Ottawa

A little over two years ago, Carole Berry went looking for the “joy of bridge” and hit the mother lode by teaching two classes of elementary students how to ruff and sluff. Carole enlisted me and with the help of the ACBL Education Foundation and their Bridge in Schools program, we taught 23 classes totaling just under 500 kids in a number of Ottawa schools last term.

It has been quite a ride so far and I can see no end to the demand. Why? We don't really know but have several theories. Many of them change on a daily basis.

It may be as simple as being in the right demographic, 9-14 years old where the curriculum is not as serious as university preparation. Almost all of our classes are held weekly during a regular math period.

We are very conscious of the fact that we are dealing with three separate audiences, the kids, the teachers and the parents. A non-bridge playing math teacher is unimpressed with the dry math value of the game but loves the social and teamwork aspects as well as the concentration and focus required to perform the more simple calculations at high speed.

One surprising side effect has been the number of students ranking highly in the end of course tournaments who are considered to have behavioural problems. These kids are just as bored with school as I was at that age. To their teachers, the overall effect of their enthusiasm for bridge is by far the most appealing aspect.

Parents like the idea that their kids can work on bridge for life as they would tennis or golf and meet and make friends all over the world. We use a quote from Deng Xiaoping, roughly “I can tell more about a person's character in two hours of playing bridge than in twenty years of doing business”. Although



it was Nixon who gets credit for opening the door to China through ping-pong diplomacy, it was Kathy Wei and bridge that kicked it in.

We are also working on the theory that game-playing as a family activity is on the rebound. A small number of parent-child bridge partnerships are popping up in the local clubs novice sections and that number will grow.

As for the kids, when the class is in line to be rewarded for a good job on a non-bridge day, the teacher offers them a choice of fun activities and playing a few hands of bridge is the runaway popular choice. The way they

take to the game is unbelievable! We have a growing bag of tricks to keep the lessons fun.

They learn our version of a bridge code of conduct. It's easy to cheat (and they will!) but a real bridge player doesn't. This code of conduct comes from the days of Whist. What do you think King Arthur and his Knights were doing around that round table? Historical accuracy and our students' imagination are strangers.

When it comes time to teach the finesse, they lay out the James Bond hand from Moonraker, he holding

♠ void ♥ void ♦ Q8765432 ♣ AQ1084
opposite M's
♠ 10987 ♥ 5432 ♦ void ♣ 76532

And we walk them through the story and the hand with James declaring a contract of 7♣ redoubled playing with his partner, M (or the Bond girl, depending on the student) against the evil cheat Hugo Drax who holds a 31 HCP hand that includes the ♣ KJ9 of clubs with his partner to lead. Our hero trumps the opening Jack of diamonds lead and wins all 13 tricks by double finessing the clubs and trumping the diamond suit as Drax drops the Ace and King.

The hand introduces the idea of claiming (at trick 5) by counting out the hand but the main emphasis is on the finesse. During the practice session that follows, we consult with each and every declarer and help them identify their "James Bond" opportunities. Taking a finesse or overbidding is known as a 007.

Another favorite lesson that breaks up some of the drier material is Bridge Lingo and Acceptable Trash Talking. That "joy of bridge" thing surfaces again when Carole walks by a table and a nine year old rueful rabbit exclaims, "Oh, Ms. Berry, I'm in the tank!"

We have had a great turnout for the North American School Instant Matchpoint Championships each April and with the

support of our Unit 192, the Pierre Treuil Memorial Fund and too many others to list, we are now prepared to run special kids events at our Sectional and Regional Tournaments. The kids are not really ready for these yet but we are convinced that if we make these opportunities available, it's only a matter of time.

Towards the end of the course, we touch on duplicate and the various scoring methods from total points to matchpoint and instant matchpoint contests. Naturally, they don't get it but it reinforces the variety and scope of the mental gymnastics involved in their bridge playing future. They have been introduced to the game and have the next 5 or 6 decades to work on it. Most of our teachers ask us back in the next term to help them take the next step.

What is that next step? Again, we don't really know but have several theories.

Teaching is a very giving profession and a number of retired teachers are active in the local bridge scene. They continue to help us develop new and fun ways to get certain concepts across in areas where we have difficulties keeping the kids focused. For example, "Scoring is boring".

The one thing they will not do is return to a classroom and that is only fair. But as we are able to recruit more volunteers to help with the increased demand, their assistance with everything from the curriculum to classroom management techniques will be forthcoming and appreciated.

The demand for bridge in elementary schools is set to take another jump in the fall that is almost certain to outpace our current capacity and anyone who has predicted the demise of our game is sorely mistaken. We may have lost a generation of bridge players but as they get closer to retirement in fifteen years or so, could it be their kids that bring them back to the game?



THINKING ON DEFENSE

by Jim Priebe

How do you see the defense?

You sit East during a competitive auction at matchpoints. South's 2♣ over your strong 1NT showed a one-suited hand. Partner's double showed clubs and competitive values. The auction ends in a part score by South and partner leads the ten of diamonds. Declarer covers with dummy's jack, and your queen loses to declarer's ace. Now Declarer lays down the king of hearts.

Partner's lead is surely a doubleton, and as often happens after a doubleton lead in an off suit, you have a count on the whole hand. Declarer is marked with at least ten cards in the red suits, leaving him at most three black cards. How do you see the defense?

From the bidding and play to trick one, you can calculate that declarer is going to take five heart tricks, the ace of diamonds, and a ruff of his fourth diamond to bring his total to seven tricks. He likely has the king of spades, otherwise partner would have been able to take stronger action during the bidding. That makes eight tricks.

In spite of the fact that you know that partner can ruff a diamond, you can see that your diamond spots are such that you have two diamond tricks without a ruff, so you look elsewhere for a good play. You know that partner has length in clubs for his double, possibly a five card suit. There is no advantage to the defense in playing clubs. You have no tricks coming in that suit and can only help declarer by leading one. Likewise, returning a trump will not help the defense.

Where is the jack of spades? If declarer has that card in addition to the king, he will make two spade tricks and his contract when you lead ace and another spade. But you realize that if declarer is left to his own devices, he will draw the last trump, ruff his fourth diamond with dummy's third trump, and then cash the ace of clubs and pitch a spade, making nine tricks anyway.

You see that playing ace and another spade will not cost, and in the actual hand, will result in a one trick set. Lots of matchpoints for East-West!

NORTH			
♠ 9 5 3			
♥ 8 6 4			
♦ J 9 3			
♣ A 10 9 7			
WEST			EAST
♦ 10			♠ A Q 4
			♥ A 9
			♦ K Q 8 7
	♣ J 6 4 2		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	1NT	2♣*
Dbl*	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

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



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PRE-QUALIFICATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CWTC, COPC.

CNTC-A and CNTC-B club qualifying rounds run from July 1 - October 15, 2005.

Zone Finals must be completed by December 19, 2005. Teams must confirm intent to play in National Final by January 1, 2006.

CWTC all Zones must have their teams decided by December 19, 2005 and teams must confirm their intent to play in the National Final by January 1, 2006.

COPC club qualifying rounds run from Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2006.

Watch www.cbf.ca for details on various Zone Finals.

2006 CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL FUND REGIONAL

The 2006 Annual International Fund Regional is being held in conjunction with Bridge Week. February 14- 19

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LES CHAMPIONNATS CANADIENS 2005

Un grand chelem

Les championnats nationaux 2005 qui se sont déroulés à Montréal du 28 mai au 4 juin ont été un succès sur toute la ligne.

Tout cela est dû, en grande partie, au dévouement inlassable de Jean Castonguay qui s'est dédié corps et âme pour rendre ce tournoi agréable et en faire une belle réussite. Merci aussi à tous ceux qui ont secondé Jean sans relâche.

Financièrement, le tournoi a réalisé un surplus de 22 178 \$ grâce à :

La résidence de l'Université McGill dont le prix de location des salles était raisonnable ;

La Ligue de bridge de Montréal qui a contribué (1 000 \$) au coût de location des salles. (La LBM a tenu un régional pour les moins de 300 points de maître durant les trois derniers jours où nous n'avions pas besoin de tout l'espace que nous avions loué.) ;

Tourisme Montréal qui a accordé une subvention de 5 751 \$ pour tenir cet événement à Montréal ;

La Ligue de bridge de Montréal et Vince Oddy Bridge Supplies qui ont fourni gratuitement les étuis, tables et fournitures nécessaires pour le tournoi ; et

Une belle participation dans toutes les compétitions.

L'hospitalité a été exceptionnelle. Chaque soir, les joueurs ont pu profiter d'un endroit pour se rencontrer autour d'un lunch généreusement

arrosé de bière et de vin. Merci à Barbara Corcoran et Barbara Hasting qui se sont révélées des hôtes incomparables. Le déjeuner à la cafétéria de la Résidence de l'Université McGill (inclus dans le prix des chambres) a aussi offert aux joueurs un excellent point de rencontre.

La localisation du tournoi, dans un secteur animé de Montréal, en a fait une semaine très spéciale. Des restaurants nombreux et variés, à quelques minutes à pied du site, (dont beaucoup permettaient d'apporter leur propre vin) ont permis aux joueurs de se détendre pendant la pause-repas.

Merci aussi au personnel de direction : Henry Cukoff, directeur en chef, Jacques Lafrance, Mark Yudin et Sylvain Descoteaux.

Cette fois encore, la finale a pu être diffusée sur Bridge Base. Merci à Fred Gitelman et à son équipe et un merci tout particulier à Drew Cannell, notre opérateur à Montréal.

Enfin, un gros merci à tous ceux d'entre vous qui ont pris part aux compétitions de Bridge Week 2005. Nous espérons vous revoir l'an prochain à Mississauga en février 2006.

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Les championnats canadiens

par Martine Lacroix

Les championnats canadiens, qui ont pris fin le 5 juin dernier, ont couronné de nouveaux champions.

Dans l'open, l'équipe Carruthers (John Carruthers, Boris Baran, Arno Hobart, Joey Silver, George Mittleman, Allan Graves) l'a emporté sur Gartaganis par 30 imps, 302 à 272.

Chez les dames, l'équipe Cimon (Francine Cimon, Linda Lee, Dianna Gordon, Beverly Kraft, Joan Clinton, Barbara Eaton) a vaincu Foster par un marge équivalente, soit 150 à 122.

Du côté des seniors, ce sont Michael Cummings, David Lindop, Joan et Bill Bowman qui ont emporté la victoire avec un résultat de 192 à 135.

Finalement, en paires libres, Pierre-Daigneault et Waldemar Frukacz sont les nouveaux champions avec un score final de 422.39.

Les équipes des trois premières catégories représenteront le Canada aux championnats du monde qui auront lieu en novembre à Estoril au Portugal.

Pour les résultats complets et les photos des gagnants, consultez le site de la Fédération canadienne de bridge www.cbf.ca.

Un lent départ

J'ai pris part à la compétition par équipes de dames avec Maureen Beyrouiti comme partenaire ainsi que Julie Fajgelzon et Sylvia Fay Caley comme coéquipières. La première partie, d'une durée de trois jours, consiste en un round-robin (une poule comme l'appellent les Français) où toutes les équipes jouent un match l'une contre l'autre. Les quatre équipes qui terminent en tête du classement ainsi obtenu accèdent à la semi-finale, un knock-out de 64 étuis, et les deux

équipes survivantes s'affrontent en finale, un knock-out de 72 étuis cette fois.

Il y avait 14 équipes dans notre section et, à la fin de la première journée, après quatre matchs, nous étions en onzième place. Pas fameux. Mais il ne faut pas se décourager et espérer que la journée du lendemain ira mieux.

Quand on tire de l'arrière, il faut parfois prendre certains risques. Nous avons besoin de gagner chaque match par une bonne marge pour tenter d'obtenir le maximum de points de victoire (25 par match) si nous voulons remonter jusqu'à la quatrième place. Il reste deux jours pour y arriver.

Au milieu de la deuxième journée, je relève la main suivante alors que les trois autres joueurs ont passé :

♠ 9862 ♥ R72 ♦ AD10 ♣ R106

Nous sommes vulnérables. Je vais ouvrir les enchères, c'est sûr, mais comment ? Si au moins je disposais du sans-atout faible dans mon arsenal, ce serait vite fait. Mais je ne le joue pas. L'ouverture en mineure ne me tente guère, car elle permet aux adversaires d'intervenir à bas niveau. Pourquoi pas une ouverture à 1♠ ? Au moins, si le contrat se joue à pique, je vois venir l'entame. Et puis, je ne risque pas de me ramasser à un palier trop élevé puisqu'on joue le Drury à deux niveaux. Et si Maureen répond 1SA forcing, je vais tout simplement passer. Enfin si les adversaires s'en mêlent et que ma

partenaire fait un barrage à 3♠, elle en aura au moins quatre et, même si je suis au palier de trois, je serai dans un fit 4-4. Jusque là tout baigne, mais Maureen en décide autrement, elle saute directement à 4♠. Dans quel guépier me suis-je fourrée ?

Donneur : Ouest

Vul. : Nord/Sud

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

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Passe	Passe	Passe	1♠
Passe	4♠	Passe	Passe
Passe			

Entame : Le 3 de carreau.

Au moins, mon enchère a le mérite d'avoir placé le déclarant du bon côté. Pris par Nord, la chute est assurée sur l'entame à cœur. Je laisse venir l'entame vers ma main capturant le Valet d'Est en passant. Je prends l'impasse au Roi de pique et je rentre en main à l'As de carreau pour refaire l'impasse à pique, sur lequel Est défause un trèfle. Je tire l'As de pique, le Roi de carreau et le 9 de carreau sur lequel je me défais d'un cœur. Ouest coupe... et ne peut plus faire chuter le contrat. Un beau 10 imps.

De leur côté, mes coéquipières ne restent pas inactives.

Donneur : Sud

Vul. : Tous

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

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	<i>Julie</i>	—	<i>Sylvia</i>
Passe	1SA*	Passe	1♥
Passe	3♦	Passe	2♠
Passe	4♥	Passe	3♥
Passe		Passe	Passe

* Forcing.

Entame : L'As de trèfle.

Même si elles jouent le sans-atout forcing, elles ont établi que l'ouvreur pouvait passer avec un minimum et une main régulière; 2♠ est une inversée montrant au moins cinq cœurs et quatre piques avec 16 points et plus; 3♦ est une enchère faible, pour jouer. Si Julie avait eu une main constructive, elle aurait fait une interrogative à 2SA. Sylvia a le choix entre passer ou montrer son sixième cœur, mais ce faisant elle montre aussi quelques extras et se retrouve subito presto à la manche.

Ce n'est pas un très bon contrat, mais il a une chance de réussir, particulièrement sur une entame à trèfle. Ouest, qui a bien écouté les enchères, entame dûment trèfle et continue trèfle. Sylvia gagne du Roi, traverse au mort à carreau et prend l'impasse à pique, qui réussit. Elle poursuit avec l'As de pique et pique coupé avec le 10 de cœur. Elle peut maintenant tirer un petit cœur vers sa Dame. Même si le Roi de cœur avait été mal placé, elle aurait pu

trouver le Valet d'atout doubleton et réussir son contrat. Une manche non déclarée à l'autre table.

La leçon à retenir est que lorsque votre équipe est en arrière, vous pouvez choisir d'y rester ou vous battre pour gagner des imps. À la troisième journée, nous avons conquis la troisième place au deuxième match et nous y sommes restées jusqu'à la fin pour accéder à la semi-finale le lendemain.

Le vent dans les voiles

Nous voilà en semi-finale, fatiguées avant même de commencer. Jouer à quatre rend l'épreuve encore plus difficile. Les journées sont longues, vous êtes toujours sur la sellette. Les seuls moments de repos sont ceux où vous étendez le mort. Profitez-en pour relaxer et non pour compter les cartes qui passent. Laissez ce rôle à votre partenaire et détendez-vous.

L'équipe adverse, Foster, avait le vent dans les voiles cette journée-là et nous leur avons gracieusement concédé la victoire après le troisième segment. Cette donne vous donnera un aperçu du vent qui soufflait ce jour-là.

Votre main :

♠ D1096 ♥ R43 ♦ — ♣ A87643

Samantha Nystrom ouvre d'un cœur à votre droite, sa partenaire, Anna Boivin, répond 1♠, Samantha revient à 2♦, 3♣, quatrième couleur forcing par Anna, 3♦ par l'ouvreur, confirmant un bicolore au moins 5-5, bientôt suivi par 4♦, 5♦, 6♦. Quelle est votre entame ?

Évidemment, cœur sous le Roi, dans l'ouverture de la déclarante ou pique, dans la première couleur du mort, ne sont guère tentants. Il ne reste que l'entame de l'As de trèfle, n'est-ce pas ?

La donne complète :

Donneur : Sud

Vul. : Personne

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

Ouest	Nord <i>Anna</i>	Est	Sud <i>Samantha</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Passe	1♠	Passe	2♦
Passe	3♣*	Passe	3♦
Passe	4♦	Passe	5♦
Passe	6♦	Passe	Passe
Passe			

Entame : L'As de trèfle.

L'entame de l'As de trèfle est malheureuse. Samantha Nystrom coupe, rentre au mort à l'As de pique et défausse un pique sur le Roi de trèfle. Samantha peut maintenant assurer son contrat contre tout bris 4-1 des piques. Elle coupe un pique avec le 10 de carreau, rentre au mort à l'atout, et coupe un deuxième pique avec l'As. Elle n'a plus qu'à retirer les atouts et réclamer son contrat.

La jeune Samantha Nystrom, en Sud, a trouvé que ses sept points d'honneur et sa distribution 6-5 valaient une ouverture (!), mais à l'autre table, Sud n'a pas ouvert les enchères et le chelem a été déclaré par Nord. Entame à trèfle par Est. Ma coéquipière a bien tenté elle aussi d'affranchir les piques par la coupe, mais Est a coupé au deuxième tour et s'est empressée d'encaisser l'As de cœur. Moins un, perd 14 imps. Adieu, médaille d'or.

La quatrième place

De son côté, l'équipe Cimon (Francine Cimon, Linda Lee, Dianna Gordon, Beverly Kraft, Joan Clinton, Barbara Eaton) a connu des hauts et des bas. À la fin du round-robin, avant le dernier match, elle est en cinquième position à 7 points de la quatrième place et à 9 points de la troisième. C'est beaucoup. Cela veut dire qu'elle doit gagner le dernier match par une grande marge afin de récolter le maximum de points de victoire (25). Si l'équipe qui est en quatrième place connaît un bon match de son côté (19 points de victoire ou plus), elle conservera sa place, même chose pour notre équipe qui était déjà en troisième place. Un suspense jusqu'à la dernière minute.

Donneur : Sud
Vul. : Nord/Sud

Nord
♠ R 10 9 6 3
♥ R D 10 4
♦ 8
♣ 10 6 4

Ouest
♠ 4
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ D 7
♣ D V 7 5 3 2

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

Sud
♠ A V 5
♥ V 8 7
♦ A R 6 4 3
♣ A 8

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Francine		Linda	
—	—	—	1SA
Passe	2♣	Passe	2♦
Passe	3♥*	Passe	3♠
Passe	4♠	Passe	Passe
Passe			

* Smolen : 5 piques et 4 cœurs.

Entame : La Dame de trèfle.

Il semble difficile de croire que la déclarante a pu chuter à 4♠. La main de Nord n'a que trois perdantes : 1 pique, 1 cœur et 1 trèfle

puisque la deuxième perdante à trèfle s'évapore sur un carreau. Le coup est beaucoup plus complexe qu'il n'en a l'air, le contrat a chuté à plusieurs tables.

Francine Cimon en Ouest est à l'entame et sélectionne la Dame de trèfle. Sud prend de l'As et joue As et Roi de carreau pour défausser un trèfle. Elle joue l'As de pique et pique au Valet, qui perd à la Dame d'Est. Linda Lee, en Est, encaisse le Roi de trèfle et fait couper le mort à carreau.

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

Le mort est réduit au même nombre d'atouts qu'Est. Sud ne peut pas retirer les atouts, car quand elle va Déloger l'As de cœur, Francine va prendre et jouer ses trèfles maîtres. La déclarante appelle donc le 4 de cœur du mort, pour son Valet, que Francine laisse passer. Sud n'a pas d'autre choix que de continuer cœur pour l'As d'Ouest. Francine fait couper le mort et c'en est fait du contrat.

À l'autre table, Joan Eaton et Barbara Clinton jouent respectivement en Nord/Sud. L'entame à trèfle a été remportée par Barbara qui enchaîne avec l'As de pique et petit pique vers le 10, conservant ainsi son Valet pour éviter la surcoupe à trèfle. La Dame de pique fait la levée et est suivie du Roi de trèfle. Ouest change ensuite à carreau pour l'As du mort. Barbara se défait d'un trèfle sur le Roi de carreau et retire les atouts en prenant le Valet du Roi pour encaisser le 9. Elle peut déloger l'As de cœur en toute tranquillité, car il lui reste

encore un atout. Un gain de 12 imps. L'équipe Cimon a remporté le match par 34 imps ce qui lui vaut 23 points de victoire. L'équipe qui occupait la quatrième position n'a récolté que 13 points de victoire, Cimon est donc passée en quatrième position avec 3 points de victoire de plus que sa rivale se qualifiant de justesse pour la semi-finale. Il ne lui en fallait pas plus pour atteindre aussi la finale et enlever la médaille d'or.

Championnat de paires libres

Pierre Daigneault de Montréal et Waldemar Frukacz d'Ottawa ont remporté le championnat canadien de paires libres. La lutte a été extrêmement serrée jusqu'à la toute dernière ronde où les champions ont impérieusement besoin de deux bonnes marques pour s'assurer la victoire.

Les deux dernières donnes offrent l'occasion à Pierre Daigneault de démontrer son savoir-faire.

Donneur : Ouest
Vul. : Nord/Sud

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

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

Entame : L'As de trèfle.

Pierre atteint d'abord ce contrat de 4 piques. Avec une petite longueur dans la couleur adverse, son partenaire ne s'attendait

sûrement pas à y perdre autant de levées. Le flanc encaisse trois plis à trèfle et change au 2 de carreau après qu'Est ait signalé son intérêt dans cette couleur. Pierre Daigneault sait pertinemment qu'Ouest ne peut pas détenir le Roi de carreau, pas plus que la Dame de pique ou la Dame de cœur, puisqu'il n'a pas ouvert les enchères. Il appelle donc l'As de carreau, prend l'impasse à la Dame de pique et défile tous ses piques.

Voici la position à quatre cartes de la fin :

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

Sur le dernier atout, Est est irrémédiablement squeeé et doit jeter le Roi de carreau ou dégarnir la Dame de cœur. Une belle récolte de 11 matchpoints sur 12.

La donne suivante est tout aussi fructueuse et c'est encore grâce à un excellent jeu de la carte de Pierre Daigneault que la paire encaisse 10 matchpoints remportant du même coup le championnat canadien de paires libres.

ALERTE : Championnats du monde

Du 9 au 24 juin 2006 Vérone, Italie

Toutes les compétitions seront transnationales et ouvertes à tous. Si vous prévoyez participer aux Championnats du monde de 2006, vous devez d'abord vous inscrire auprès de la FCB. Pour être éligible aux Championnats du monde, vous devez être membre en règle de la FCB.

Le Fonds commémoratif **ERIN BERRY**

Le Fonds commémoratif Erin Berry a eu le plaisir d'offrir une aide financière aux jeunes joueurs de bridge suivants pour leur participation au régional Can-At de Frédéricton, NB.

Hershel Macaulay, Bedford, NS, 17 ans.
Ethan Macaulay, Bedford, NS, 15 ans.
Emily Logan, Moncton, NB, 16 ans.
J. P. Laszchuk, Riverview, NB, 16 ans.
Darcy Jones, Steeves, NB, 15 ans.
Brendan Leblanc, 14 ans.

Ces six jeunes ont participé au régional à titre d'entraînement et de sélection pour la formation d'une équipe de quatre qui participera à la Sélection canadienne junior qui se tiendra du 3 au 5 septembre 2005 à Toronto pendant le Toronto Games Sectional.

Le Fonds procurera aussi une aide financière aux quatre joueurs qui participeront à la Sélection canadienne junior 2005.

NOUVEAU GÉRANT DU PROGRAMME JUNIOR DE LA FCB

John Carruthers, de Toronto, a été nommé gérant du programme junior de la FCB. John a une vaste expérience en la matière. Il a contribué à impliquer le Canada dans le bridge junior. Il a été capitaine non-joueur de l'équipe junior canadienne en 1991, 1993 et 1995. De 1994 à 1996, John a représenté la Zone III au conseil d'administration de la FCB où il était en charge du programme junior. C'est grâce à lui que le Canada a été l'hôte des Championnats du monde junior en 1997, événement qu'il a présidé. John vient de remporter pour la quatrième fois le titre de champion canadien dans le CNTC. Les autres victoires remontent à 1983, 1987 et 1999. La FCB lui souhaite une chaleureuse bienvenue et est heureuse qu'il mette son savoir au service de ce programme.

BRIDGE DANS LES UNIVERSITÉS

La FCB essaie d'identifier et de contacter tous les clubs de bridge universitaires (ou collégiaux) ainsi que tous les étudiants de niveau universitaire (ou collégial) qui jouent au bridge. S'il y a des universités (ou cégeps) qui n'ont pas de club de bridge, la FCB peut les aider à mettre sur pied un club de bridge sur le campus en leur fournissant tout le matériel requis (cartes, étuis, livres, matériel d'enseignement, fournitures, etc.) La FCB veut mettre sur pied un Championnat canadien universitaire par équipes dans le but de représenter le Canada au Championnat mondial universitaire 2006 en autant que le financement soit assuré par des sources indépendantes.

M. George Retek de Montréal est le représentant officiel de la FCB en charge du bridge universitaire. Les noms des joueurs et des responsables de clubs universitaires doivent être envoyés à George Retek ou au bureau de la FCB.

À CEUX QUI ENSEIGNENT AUX JEUNES

Les jeunes de 19 ans et moins inscrits à un cours de bridge ou ayant complété un cours de bridge, pourront devenir membres pour seulement 1 \$ CDN par année, le reste étant subventionné par la FCB. Nous demandons aux enseignants de soumettre la liste de leurs élèves éligibles au programme en incluant : leurs nom, adresse, date de naissance et numéro d'ACBL s'ils en ont un, accompagné d'un dollar par élève. Les enseignants peuvent demander une aide financière à leur club ou à leur unité pour couvrir le coût d'adhésion de 1 \$. La FCB garantit que la liste des élèves ne sera pas remise à aucune autre organisation ou entreprise. La FCB enverra aux enseignants un exemplaire additionnel de Bridge Canada pour chaque élève inscrit et utilisera la liste des jeunes pour diffuser l'information concernant les programmes et les événements de la FCB accessibles aux juniors.

inthe news

www.bridgeiscool.com

Simpson Communications LLC has been hired by the ACBL to help create more interest in bridge among the younger generation. On Aug. 16, a major part of the company's efforts will go live. It's www.bridgeiscool.com, a web site just for young people aimed at building a bridge community among them. It will feature minibridge, bridge, video, lots of data and links to other bridge sites.

The Simpson company – with offices in Williamsburg VA, Washington DC and Chicago – will also be building alliances with 14 national organizations, including the YMCA and the Girl Scouts, to get them to help introduce bridge to young people. There will also be traditional marketing efforts such as tee shirt and wrist band giveaways.

The company was hired on the initiative of Linda Granell, ACBL's director of marketing. Simpson believes the elements for success are there to position bridge as being, fun, hip and cool.

MONCTON CITY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Moncton Annual City Bridge Championship held in April had 139 students playing bridge and mini bridge. President Mike Hartop sends out thanks to sponsors School District 2, Magnetic Hill School, Unit 230, Moncton Bridge Club Volunteers, Blue Cross and the bus drivers. Winners of the Bridge Division were : Justin Sprott & Ryan Kane from Lou McNarin Middle School. Second were Sean Carson & Jeremy Bourque from Lewisville Middle School. Winners of the Mini-bridge Division were Sabrina Veneau & Jessica, from Magnetic Hill schools and Jordon Breckenridge & Brandon Lerette from Edith Cavell.

CANADA'S FIRST LIFE MASTER WINS VON ZEDTWITZ AWARD IN ACBL HALL OF FAME

The late Percy Sheardown received the von Zedtwitz Award at the NABC in Atlanta this July. Ralph Cohen spoke of Sheardown's many accomplishments. He won the first Chicago Board-a-Match Teams, now the Reisinger. He was Canada's first Life Master in 1948. Even more impressive, however, was the effort he devoted to promoting and mentoring bridge players. Cohen listed a who's who of Canadian bridge stars who passed through Sheardown's bridge club and benefited from his teaching.

CANADA ON TV

The Canadian Television Network has contributed \$300,000 for a documentary about some of Canada's brightest bridge players. Director Andy Pedersen and cinematographer Warren Jefferies were shooting during the Spingold KO Teams in Atlanta. Filming began during the Orlando NABC

last fall and has followed several players throughout the year. He also filmed at the Cavendish and Bridge Week and will travel to the World Junior Teams Championship in Australia this summer and the World Open Pairs in Verona, Italy, next year.

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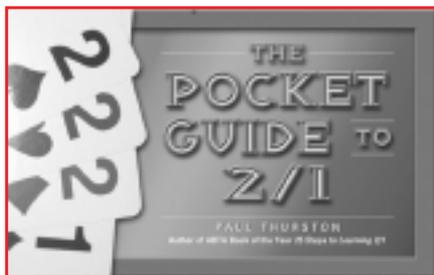
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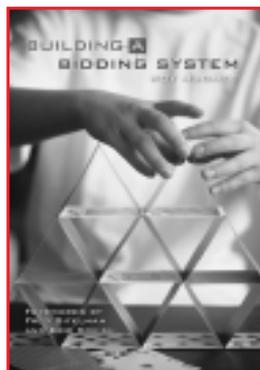
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2005/2006 SPECIAL EVENTS AND DEADLINES

2005

10th World Youth Team Championships	Aug 7-17	Sydney, Australia
COPC Club Level Rounds	Sept 1 - Dec 31	Club Level Rounds
CBF Junior Team Trials	Sept 3-5	See page 15/24
Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2	October 3	Eve: Hand Records
37th World Team Championships	Oct 22 - Nov 5	Estorial Portugal
Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game	October 25	Eve: Hand Records
ACBL Wide Charity #2	November 21	Eve: Hand Records
CNTC Zone Finals	December 19	must be completed
CWTC Zone Finals	December 19	must be submitted

2006

ACBL Wide IF Game #1	January 28	
CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK	Feb 11 -18	Mississauga, ON
Canadian International Fund Regional	Feb 14-19	Mississauga, ON
STAC	February 20 - 26	Canada Wide
Deadline for registering with CBF for entry in the 2006 World Championships		DEADLINE
Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game #1	March 15	Evening
ACBL Wide Charity #1	March 15	Evening
Helen Shields RM Game	April 5	Canada Wide
Erin Berry Funding Application	April 27	Canada Wide
ACBL Wide IF Game #2	May 10	DEADLINE
ACBL Wide IF Game #3	May 11	Afternoon
Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2	July 14	Evening
Erin Berry RM Game	October 12	Evening
	October 25	Canada Wide

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2007 CANADIAN BRIDGE WEEK	May 26 - June 2	Thunder Bay, ON
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