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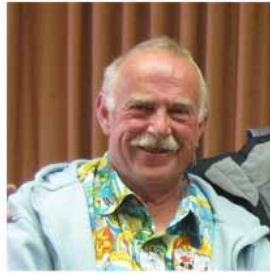
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Message from the President

by Nader Hanna

The 2011 Canadian Bridge Championships (CBC) was held May 21 – 28 in Regina. We thank Jan and Dick Anderson and their team of volunteers for their hospitality and their efforts in organizing the event. Congratulations to the winners of the various events and best wishes to the Rayner, Eaton and Baran teams who will be representing Canada at the 40th World Team Championships, October 15-29 in the Netherlands.



Nader Hanna

A reminder that the 2012 Canadian Bridge Championships will be held in Montreal April 28 - May 5, 2012. The new CNTC-Flight C (for players with fewer than 1000 masterpoints) will be held for the first time at the 2012 CBC. I hope to see many of you there.

Prior to this year's CBC, the CBF held its annual Board of Directors meeting. Some of the meeting highlights were:

- The introduction of 11 Mini-Richmond masterpoint races starting in 2012. The races, which are only open to CBF members, will be for categories starting with Rookie (0 – 5 MP) to Diamond Life Master (5,000 - 7,500 MP).
- Beginning with the 2013 CBC, in order to be eligible to represent Canada, an individual must be a continuously paid-up CBF member as of January 1st of the prior year. This means that only those who are members as of January 1, 2012 may be eligible for the 2013 events. This condition does not apply to new members joining the CBF for the first time, i.e. new members are eligible to represent Canada starting the year they join the CBF.
- The introduction of an incentive program to enlist club owners, club managers and bridge teachers to help increase the CBF membership.

Finally, if you are not a CBF member, I invite you to support your Canadian bridge organization by joining the CBF. Annual membership is only \$12. If you are already a member, I thank you and remind you to renew your CBF membership when renewing your ACBL membership.

C.B.F. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print clearly to ensure you receive your mailings)

NAME: _____

ACBL PLAYER NUMBER (if you have one): _____

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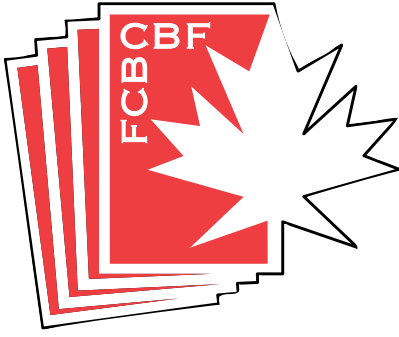
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from the cbf office

Executive Assistant
Jan Anderson

CBF MEMBERSHIP

New policies & new recruiter incentives

During the CBF Board meetings in Regina, the board made decisions in regards to CBF membership:

Beginning with the 2013 CBC, with the exception of 'new players', in order to be eligible to represent Canada and receive CBF subsidy, an individual must be a continuously paid-up CBF member since January 1st of the prior year. This means that only those who are members as of January 1, 2012 may be eligible for the 2013 International events. Determination of 'new player' status is at the discretion of the CBF Board of Directors.

To be included on the Richmond Trophy race and Mini-Richmond Trophy Races, a person must be a paid-up member of the CBF

Effective January 1, 2012, the fee for CBF memberships paid directly to the CBF office will be \$12 a year plus a \$10 administrative fee.

The CBF wants to enlist club managers, club directors and bridge teachers to help us sign up all Canadians as CBF members. To do this, the CBF Board has put the following incentives into place: the CBF will pay a finder fee to the recruiter who gets Canadian ACBL members who are non-CBF members to pay their CBF dues prior to the date of their ACBL membership renewal. CBF memberships paid under this program do not incur the administration fee. The recruiter retains 20% of the membership money collected as their finder fee. The recruiter must collect the CBF membership fee and remit it to the CBF office. The same finder fee will apply to new memberships. A promotional package will go out to club managers in September.

Please Support the CBF

Are you a member of the CBF? You can check your CBF status through My ACBL on www.acbl.org. If you did not include CBF dues with your ACBL dues you can still become a paid-up member of the CBF by completing the form on page 2.

Time to renew your ACBL membership? Don't forget to include the CBF dues with your ACBL renewal!

Highlights of 2011 CBF Board Meetings

- Nader Hanna was re-elected as CBF President for 2011-2012 term
- Peter Morse was re-elected as CBF Vice President for 2011-2012 term
- A committee will be set up to look into holding a Canadian Instant Match Point fundraising game
- Many steps were taken in regards to CBF membership – see separate articles in this publication
- Will work towards making more of the website available in French
- Passed a regulation that during the Round Robin phases of all team events at the Canadian Bridge Championships there will be a maximum of 60 boards per day.
- Beginning with the 2012 COPC, the National Final cash prizes will be: 1st: \$1500 and 2nd \$750
- HUM conventions will only be allowed in National Finals in the years of the World Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Senior Cup)
- Reduced the IF surtax on the CSTC Round Robin entry fee by 50%.
- Pre-approved NPC list will only contain names of paid up CBF members and beginning in 2013 NPCs will have the same membership requirements as players
- NPCs will have 60 days after the conclusion of the event to submit an acceptable NPC report to the CBF Board of directors. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the \$1000 subsidy money withheld.
- Neil Kimelman will replace Alex Fowlie on the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame Committee



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CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION MISSION

The mission of the Canadian Bridge Federation is to promote bridge within Canada and protect and advance the national interests of Canadian bridge, including the selection and support of Canadian bridge teams and players for international bridge competition.

CNTC-Flight C

The 2012 Canadian Bridge Championships in Montreal will be the first National Final for the CNTC-Flight C.

CNTC-Flight C is open to all players who have fewer than 1000 Masterpoints as of September 1, 2011.

CBF Membership and club qualification (earned in a club game or purchased from the CBF office) are required to participate in the National final.

The National Final will run over three days – Wednesday, May 2 thru Friday, May 4, 2012.

The Format of the National Final will be: Days 1 and 2 will be a complete Round Robin to qualify 4 teams to the Semi-Final. Day 3 will be a 32 board Semi-Final in the first session followed by a 32 board Final in the second session. Winners of the CNTC-C National Final will receive a cash prize of \$600 for the team. Gold, Silver and two sets of Bronze Medals will be awarded and the winners will have their names inscribed on the CNTC-C Trophy. Entry fees for the National Final are: \$300 for the two day Round Robin; \$75 for the Semi-Final and \$75 for the Final.

Teams must pre-register for the National Final by 01 March 2012. See 2012 CBC notice on page 7 for more details.

Plan to get qualified in a club qualifying game 01 Sept 2011 – 16 Jan 2012.

Mini-Richmond Trophy Races

Beginning with the 2012 Calendar Year, the CBF will begin awarding Mini-Richmond pins to the National Winners in all masterpoint categories up to and including 7,500 master points. The Mini-Richmond races will have the same criteria and restrictions as the current Richmond Trophy race. The criteria are:

CBF membership is required in order to be included in the races

Masterpoints won in ACBL sanctioned events (excluding ACBL-sanctioned events that are played on the Internet) including all CBF events (CNTC – all flights, CWTC, CSTC, COPC, CIPC, Canadian Rookie-Master games, Canada Wide Olympiad Fund games) will count.

During the rest of 2011 we will post these lists on the CBF website so you can get a preview of what the results will look like when the races officially begin.; however, no National awards will be given until the 2012 results are final, so that all interested parties have a chance to become paid up CBF members.

Wanted CBF Junior Manager

The CBF is currently accepting applications for the voluntary position of CBF Junior Manager. Applications should be sent to the CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson: 2719 Jolly Place Regina, SK S4V 0X8

This is strictly a voluntary position. All applications will be reviewed by the CBF Board of Directors. The Board will announce the successful candidate after their decision has been made. Deadline for submitting applications is 01 December 2011.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Junior Manager is appointed for the period early 2012 (January if possible) through 31 December 2013.

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

The Junior Manager is responsible for:

Providing input and proposals to the board on the specific activities encompassed in the junior program.

Liaison with prominent members of the Canadian bridge community on options to be pursued in the junior program

Providing input and proposals to the board on the fund raising activities in support of the junior program, with a long term goal of making the program eventually 100% self-financing.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES ENCOMPASSED IN THE JUNIOR PROGRAM

- Developing an updated vision of the junior program which covers three years (at least) of activities, and includes a calendar of events. The incumbent will be responsible for implementing the first two years of the vision.
- Developing a budget in support of the vision, including funds to be spent and proposed sources of funds.
- Identifying and assessing talented junior bridge players from across Canada.
- Recommending to the board NPCs for the board to approve from a number of candidates.
- Managing team selection in accordance with CBF policy as communicated by the Board of Directors.
- Under the leadership of the NPC, working on the development and training of the teams in preparation for International Competition.
- Administering and organizing team participation in international competitions.
- Communicating regularly with all identified Canadian Junior players.
- Providing quarterly electronic updates to the CBF Board of Directors.
- Abiding by the Code of Conduct and by the related policy on expected behaviour of adult officials towards CBF juniors at all times.
- Administering the Junior budget and funds as allocated by the CBF Board of Directors and reporting regularly on expenditures.

Calling all Junior Players

Are you interested in representing Canada in International Play?
Were you born in 1987 or later?

If you answered YES to the above questions, please contact the CBF Junior Manager, Nader Hanna (email: naderhanna@sympatico.ca) or CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson (email: jan@cbf.ca) by **Sept. 30, 2011** to register your name. When registering please provide your date of birth, email address, mailing address, phone number and ACBL number.

The CBF Junior Manager will work with all registered juniors through various training/coaching programs.

The 2012 World Youth and World Schools teams will be chosen from players who register and complete all training/coaching exercises. There will **not** be a team trials in 2012.

Failure to register may mean you are ineligible for consideration when the 2012 teams are selected.

Call for Nominations

The term of office for the CBF Zone Directors in Zones III and VI expire on 31 December 2011.

The CBF is currently accepting nominations for these positions. Term of office will be 01 January 2012 until 31 December 2014.

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 he/she is running for election in.\. Declaration of candidacy will be accepted until 30 September 2011. 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 2011 until 20 November 2011.

Attention Club Managers

Packages containing information and sanction applications for all CBF events were mailed out at the end of July. Please make sure to apply for sanctions if your club wishes to hold any CBF games. on-line sanction applications for CNTC, COPC and Rookie-Master games are available on the CBF website. Click on Application Forms in the main menu on the left of every page.

Member Address Changes

We get our mailing addresses directly from the ACBL. If you submit an address change to the ACBL, it will also result in an address change with the CBF.

Non-Playing Captain List

In 2008 the CBF established a list of potential non-playing captains for our open, women's and senior teams competing in the various World Championships. The purpose of the NPC list is to assist teams in selecting their NPC in a timely fashion, in order to maximize the team's preparation time for the championships. The list, which is updated annually, includes CBF members in good standing that have adequate international experience, either as a player or as a NPC, who have expressed interest in performing the NPC role, and have been approved by the CBF Board of Directors. All people on the NPC list **MUST** be paid up members of the CBF and beginning in 2013 they will have had to have been continuous members of the CBF since January 1 of the previous year (for 2013 this means since January 1, 2012).

If you are interested in being an approved NPC, please send your name, contact information and a brief description of your international experience, to Janice Anderson at jan@cbf.ca. The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is January 15, 2012.

Erin Berry Memorial Fund

This fund was established in 2001 as a trust fund set up by Erin Berry's father, Larry Berry. The Trust Fund is meant to help Junior players 19 or younger with expenses incurred to attend bridge events. The Trustees of the Erin Berry Memorial Fund met in Regina, SK in late May and made the following grants to Canadian Youth players:

Xinyu (Bob) Feng, Moncton, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Evan Jones, Lower Coverdale, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Yeram (Jessica) Kim, Moncton, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Seyoung Ko, Moncton, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Do Eun (Grace) Park, Riverview, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Benjamin Randall, Riverview, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Jeffrey Robinson, Moncton, NB
\$600.00 to attend the Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

Geoff Webb of Kelowna, BC \$
\$600 to attend the summer NABC and Youth NABC in Toronto, ON

The deadline for applying for grants is April 10. For information on the Erin Berry Memorial Fund please visit the CBF website at www.cbf.ca



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24 - 29 JANUARY 2012

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TUESDAY

Bracketed KO 1 (1st & 2nd)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:00 pm
Evening Compact KO 1 (1st & 2nd)	7:00 pm
Swiss Teams	7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1:00 pm
49er Pairs	1:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00 pm
49er Pairs	7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Morning Bracketed KO (1st)	9:00 am
Bracketed KO 1 (3rd & 4th)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 2 (1st & 2nd)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:00 pm
Evening Compact KO 1 (3rd & 4th)	7:00 pm
Evening Compact KO 2 (1st & 2nd)	7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1:00 pm
49er Pairs	1:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00 pm
49er Pairs	7:00 pm

THURSDAY

Morning Bracketed KO (2nd)	9:00 am
Morning Compact KO 1 (1st & 2nd)	9:00 am
Bracketed KO 2 (3rd & 4th)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (1st & 2nd)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:00 pm
Evening Compact KO 2 (3rd & 4th)	7:00 pm
Swiss Teams	7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1:00 pm
49er Pairs	1:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00 pm
49er Pairs	7:00 pm

FRIDAY

Morning Bracketed KO (3rd)	9:00 am
Morning Compact KO 1 (3rd & 4th)	9:00 am
Morning Compact KO 2 (1st & 2nd)	9:00 am
Bracketed KO 3 (3rd & 4th)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 4 (1st & 2nd)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:00 pm
Evening Compact KO 3 (1st & 2nd)	7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1:00 pm
49er Pairs	1:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00 pm
49er Pairs	7:00 pm

Special reservations link:

deltatorontoeast.com/gcbf0124

Room rates start at \$112 with complimentary upgrade for reservations made before 21 November 2011.

Overnight parking is complimentary.

SATURDAY

Morning Bracketed KO (4th)	9:00 am
Morning Compact KO 2 (3rd & 4th)	9:00 am
Bracketed KO 4 (3rd & 4th)	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratiflighted Open Pairs	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Compact KO	1:00 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:00 pm
Evening Compact KO 3 (3rd & 4th)	7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	1:00 pm
49er Pairs	1:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00 pm
49er Pairs	7:00 pm

SUNDAY

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	11:00 am & 4:00 pm
299er Swiss Teams	11:00 am & 4:00 pm

FUTURE CBF INTERNATIONAL FUND REGIONALS

2013 – January 21 – 27, 2013 – Calgary, AB

2014 – Toronto, ON area

2015 – July 28 – August 3, 2015

Sir John A MacDonald CBF Regional – Kingston, ON

FUTURE CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2012: April 28 – May 5. Montreal, QC (page 7)

2013: May 25 – June 1. Toronto area

2014: TBD. Zone V – tentatively Calgary, AB



2011 COPC Gold Medalists: David Smith & Doran Flock



2011 COPC Silver Medalists: Daniel Korbel & Danny Miles



2011 COPC Bronze Medalists: Ray Jotcham & Steve Mackay

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CANADIAN BRIDGE

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CNTC-A : Saturday, April 28 - Saturday, May 5, 2012

Pre-registration required (see below)

CNTC-B (<2500mpts) : Sunday, April 29-Thursday, May 3, 2012

Pre-registration required (see below)

CNTC-C (<1000mpts) : Wednesday, May 2 - Friday, May 4, 2012

Pre-registration required (see below)

CWTC : Sunday, April 29 - Thursday, May 3, 2012

Pre-registration required (see below)

CSTC : Wednesday, May 2 - Saturday, May 5, 2012

All team members must be born in 1952 or earlier. All team members must be paid up members of the CBF. Pre-registration is not required. Purchase entry on site prior to game time. Guaranteed two days of play.

CIPC : Thursday, May 3, 2012

No pre-qualification required and no pre-registration. Participants must be paid up member of the CBF.

COPC : Friday and Saturday, 4-5 May 2012

Club qualification required and must be paid up members of the CBF. Pre-registration not required. One day two-session Qualifying followed by two-session Final

SWISS TEAMS : Saturday, 5 May 2012

Two session Regionally rated Swiss teams. Open to all. No pre-registration, no pre-qualification & CBF membership is not required.

CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C and CWTC

PRE-REGISTRATION DETAILS

Pre-register with the CBF Office by March 1, 2012

Registration must include:

- Team captain's name and ACBL number
- Captain's address, phone number and email
- Name and ACBL number for all team members
- Round robin entry fee (non-refundable)

CNTC-A: \$924.00 CNTC-B: \$540.00 CNTC-C: \$300 CWTC: \$744.00

All team members must be paid-up members of the CBF.

For CNTC-A, CNTC-B & CNTC-C, all team members must have club round qualification - earned in a club game or purchased from the CBF office.

No Zone Finals: Form your teams and enter by 01 March 2012.

KEY to event initials

CNTC : Canadian National Team Championships

CWTC : Canadian Women's Team Championships

CSTC : Canadian Senior Team Championships

CIPC : Canadian IMP Pairs Championships

COPC : Canadian Open Pairs Championships



2011 CNTC Gold Medalists: David Lindop, Doug Baxter, Michael Hargreaves, James McAvoy, Michael Roche, John Rayner



2011 CWTC Gold Medalists: Joan Eaton, Nader Hanna - CBF President, Sandra Fraser, Karen Cumpstone, Katrin Litwin



2011 CSTC Gold Medalists: Jurek Czyzowicz, Dan Jacob, Michael Shoenborn, Boris Baran, Fred Hoffer, Don Piafsky

Follow our Canadian Teams at the 2012 World Team Championships 15-29 OCTOBER 2011

BERMUDA BOWL TEAM

John Carruthers, NPC

John Rayner, Michael Roche, David Lindop, Doug Baxter, Mike Hargreaves, James McAvoy

VENICE CUP TEAM

Nader Hanna, NPC

Joan Eaton, Karen Cumpstone, Katrin Litwin, Sandra Fraser, Diana Gordon, Sharyn Reus

SENIOR CUP TEAM

Kamel Fergani, NPC

Boris Baran, Michael Schoenborn, Don Piafsky, Fred Hoffer, Dan Jacob, Jurek Czyzowicz

From the Championship Website at www.worldbridge.org:

The 2011 World Bridge Championships, comprising the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Bowl and Transnational Open Teams competitions, will take place in Veldhoven, The Netherlands.

The Bermuda Bowl is the symbol of world supremacy at bridge. It is awarded to the winner of the open teams competition between the representatives of the WBF geographical zones. Since its inauguration in 1950, the competition has been played 39 times. So far, the United States of America were victorious 18 times, while their European rival, Italy, prevailed 14 times. The current holders are the United States.

The Venice Cup is awarded to the winner of the zonal competition for women players. It was established in 1974 and, so far, only five countries have won it. The reigning champions, China, were the first Venice Cup holders from outside Europe and North America (WBF zones 1 & 2) winning in São Paulo '09. The USA have won 10 times, Europe 6 times (Great Britain twice, Germany twice, the Netherlands and France).

The Senior Bowl is a new competition for senior players (60 years of age or older) competing for the trophy presented by Ernesto d'Orsi, a former WBF president, in 2009. Representative teams from all zones are invited to participate.

The World Transnational Open Teams Championship came into being in 1997 in Hammamet, Tunisia. It is contested by teams nominated by the NBOs without nationality or other restrictions.

2011 CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS**CNTC FLIGHT A TEAMS**

16 Tables

- 1 John Rayner, Mississauga ON; Michael Roche - Michael Hargreaves - James McAvoy, Victoria BC; David Lindop - Doug Baxter, Toronto ON
- 2 Roy Hughes, Toronto ON; David Turner, Oakville ON; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC; Bryan Maksymetz, Squamish BC
- 3/4 Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON; Robert Lebi - Stephen Cooper, Toronto ON; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON
- 3/4 Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON; David Grainger, Bend OR; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON
- 5/8 Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher - Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg MB; Karl Gohl, Oakbank MB; Jonathan Steinberg - Danny Miles, Toronto ON
- 5/8 Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; David Sabourin - Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Anton Blagov, Richmond Hill ON; John Carruthers, Harrow ON
- 5/8 Paul Janicki - Stephen Mackay, Markham ON; James Priebe, Mississauga ON; Robert Kuz, St Andrews MB; Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON; Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON
- 5/8 Barry Harper - Gary Johannsson, Regina SK; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Ron Bishop, Toronto ON

CNTC FLIGHT B TEAMS

11 Tables

- 1 Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB; Don McCarthy, West Kelowna BC; Nazir Ahmad, Red Deer AB; Larry Custead, Saskatoon SK
- 2 Jason Larrivee, Regina SK; Rupa Krishnan, Dewinton AB; Paul Clemens - Larry Whitlow, Saskatoon SK
- 3/4 Tom Walsh - Don Shatilla - Mark Churchman, Saskatoon SK; Derrick Furber, Prince Albert SK
- 3/4 Cal McLeod - James Dulmage - Rick Gaucher, Regina SK; Jackson Chan, Moose Jaw SK

CWTC WOMEN'S TEAMS

8 Tables

- 1 Joan Eaton, North York ON; Karen Cumpstone, Nanaimo BC; Katrin Litwin, Burnaby BC; Sandra Fraser, Victoria BC
- 2 Francine Cimon - Rhoda Habert - Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Linda Lee, Toronto ON
- 3/4 Julie Smith - Susan Peters - Angela Fenton, Vancouver BC; Samantha Nystrom, Port Moody BC
- 3/4 Kathie Macnab, Halifax NS; Anne Mahoney, Moncton NB; Diane Knowles - Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC

CSTC SENIORS TEAMS

7 Tables

- 1 Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Michael Schoenborn, Brantford ON; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Jurek Czynowicz, Gatineau QC; Fred Hoffer, Montreal QC; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON
- 2 Richard Anderson, Regina SK; William Koski, King City ON; Robert Crosby - Faith Pritchard - Barry Pritchard - Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB
- 3/4 James Dickie, Bellingham WA; Duncan Smith, Victoria BC; Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Peter Herold, Ladysmith BC
- 3/4 Ken Penton - Donald Gladman - Allan Simon, Calgary AB; Sandy McIlwain, Invermere BC

CBF CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS

13.5 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

- 1 David Smith, Edmonton AB; Doran Flock, Calgary AB
- 2 Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Danny Miles, Toronto ON
- 3 Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON; Stephen Mackay, Markham ON
- 4 Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC
- 5 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brad Bart, Burnaby BC
- 6 Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Anton Blagov, Richmond Hill ON
- 7 Barry Harper, Regina SK; Tom Walsh, Saskatoon SK
- 8 James Priebe, Mississauga ON; Paul Janicki, Markham ON
- 9 Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; David Grainger, Bend OR
- 10 Ron Bishop, Toronto ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON
- 11 Karen Turner - Karen Billett, Victoria BC

CBF IMP PAIRS

20.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables

- 1 Kelvin Raywood - Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC
- 2 Julie Smith - Susan Peters, Vancouver BC
- 3 David Sabourin - Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON
- 4 Alex McGregor, Saskatoon SK; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB
- 5 Glen Fidler - Marianne Johnson, Winnipeg MB
- 6 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brad Bart, Burnaby BC

CBC SWISS TEAMS

9 Tables

- | A | B | C |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | Dianne Isfeld - Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC; Angela Fenton, Vancouver BC; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB | |
| 2 | Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson - Peggy McGregor Linda Connell, Saskatoon SK | |
| 3/4 | Ken Penton - Allan Simon - Donald Gladman, Calgary AB; Sandy McIlwain, Invermere BC | |
| 3/4 | 1 Patty Kinney - Doug Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Pat Lang, Edmonton AB; Lance Connell - Gil Lafreniere, Regina SK | |
| 2 | 1 Leslie Mortin - Joan Quinlan - Marilyn Drever - Donald Drever, Regina SK | |



2011 CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

by Francine Cimon

This year, Canadian Bridge Championships, which determines the Canadian representatives for the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup and the Orsi Seniors Bowl, was held on May 21-28, in Regina. The Canadian Championships are open to all players who are members of the Canadian Bridge Federation; there are no longer any zone qualifications required for any of the events in the championships. For the less experienced players, there is the Canadian National Team Championship-B (CNTC-B), open to players with less than 2500 MP as of September 1st of the preceding year. For many of the CNTC-B and CWTC players whom I met, this was their first experience playing with table screens. Quite an experience those screens! For those players who prefer pair events, there is the Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) which starts with a club-level qualification; winners obtain the title of Canadian Pair Champion and win \$2000, second place winning \$1000. Players who do not have a team may play in the Canadian Imp Pairs Championship.

The Canadian Bridge Federation and ACBL unit 573 (South Saskatchewan) deserve congratulations for their hospitality and a very well organised tournament.

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (CNTC-A)

This year, only 16 teams participated in the CNTC-A, representing quite a drop from last year (23 teams). The winners were John Rayner, Michael Roche, David Lindop, Doug Baxter, Mike Hargreaves and Jim McAvoy; the silver medal went to Roy Hughes, David Turner, Zygmunt Marcinski and Bryan Maksymetz. The final was hotly contested throughout the two days and 128 deals. Kibitzers on BBO were kept on the edge of their seats until the end, with the Rayner team winning by only 8 IMPS.



Round Robin play during the Canadian Bridge Championships. Notice the table screens which prevent partners from seeing each other. The bidding is silent using bid boxes.

CNTC Flight A Silver Medalists : Zygmunt Marcinski, David Turner, Roy Hughes, Bryan Maksymetz (Photo left)

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The following deal generated some sparks; it was played on the first day, the result at the time being Hughes 73 Rayner 71.

Dealer : South
Vul : None

		North	
		♠	A J 6 3 2
		♥	K 8
		♦	Q 10 7 2
		♣	10 5
West		East	
♠	K 10 8 7 5 4	♠	-
♥	Q 10 4	♥	J 9 7 5 2
♦	J 5	♦	9 3
♣	A 4	♣	K 9 8 7 6 2
		South	
		♠	Q 9
		♥	A 6 3
		♦	A K 8 6 4
		♣	Q J 3

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rayner	Turner	Roche	Hughes
-	-	-	1NT
Pass	2♥ ¹	2♠	X
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
X	All Pass		

¹ Transfer

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marcinsky	Baxter	Maksymetz	Lindop
-	-	-	1NT
Pass	2♥ ¹	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

¹ Transfer

Roche bid an aggressive Michael cue bid showing hearts and a minor, allowing his partner to jump to 4♥ when he discovered the double fit, with the ace of clubs worth its weight in gold. The meaning of Hughes' double is not clear; presumably he wanted to show a good defensive hand, but it seems that Turner interpreted it for a fit in spades. The contract went down 3, 500 to Rayner. In the open room, the bidding was standard and the contract ended in 3NT; with the 4♠ lead, Lindop made 10 tricks and gained 14 Imps. In this deal, we have to note that the two West players, with their 6 spades, remained silent over a strong 1NT.

With 4 deals to play Rayner lead by 22 Imps when this hand arose:

Dealer : North
Vul : All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marcinsky	Baxter	Maksymetz	Lindop
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
	6♦	Pass	6NT

Lead : 10♥

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rayner	Turner	Roche	Hughes
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
	4♥	Pass	5♦

Lead : 4♣

North's hand was difficult to bid; the 2NT opening created a distortion. The 4NT bid was quantitative and the jump to 6♦ showed at least a 5 card suit. Declarer didn't have a chance: none of the finesses worked, down two. At the other table, Turner opened 1♦ and over partner's 1♥, he jumped to 3 NT, showing a long suit and stoppers in the other suits. With this bid, Hughes' hand took on value; he therefore followed with 4♦, a forcing bid inviting to slam. It would probably have been better for North to ask for controls rather than cue bidding hearts. On the club lead, trapping the queen, declarer had no trouble taking 13 tricks for 13 Imps. Rayner's lead was now only 9 Imps, with 3 hands left. The next deal gives another win to Hughes.

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Deal 30
Dealer : East Vul : NoneNorth
♠ K 10 5 3
♥ 4 3
♦ Q 10 8 7 4
♣ J 9West
♠ A J 9 8 7
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ 6
♣ 7 4 2East
♠ Q 6
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ J 5 3
♣ A Q 10 5South
♠ 4 2
♥ A Q 10
♦ A K 9 2
♣ K 8 6 3

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rayner	Turner	Roche	Hughes
		1NT	X
2♠	X	All pass	

Lead : 4♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marcinsky	Baxter	Maksymetz	Lindop
		1♦	1NT
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Lead : ♦A

¹ Stayman

In the closed room, the 1NT opening shows 11-14 HCP, while the double shows 14+ HCP. Rayner could have shown the two majors, but the quality of his spades and the fact that it is usually more difficult for opponents to immediately double for penalty, convinced him to bid 2♠. Turner, with only 5 HCP but good spades, makes the right decision and doubles. Many commentators on BBO would have preferred a diamond lead, to shorten declarer's trumps, but Turner preferred the ♥4 lead, won by his partner's heart queen, followed by a spade to the king and two diamonds. Declarer went down 2. In the Open Room, Maksymetz plays 2♥, down one : 6 IMPS to Hughes who now trails by only 3 IMPS, with 2 hands to go. In the next deal, both North-South pairs play 3NT making 11 tricks. The last deal will then decide the winner.

Deal 32
Dealer : West Vul : East-WestNorth
♠ J 10 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ A 9 4
♣ Q 10 9 3West
♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ 9 7 6 5
♦ 10
♣ A 8 4 2East
♠ 8
♥ A J 3
♦ K J 8 7 6
♣ K J 7 6South
♠ A K 6 5 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ 5

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rayner	Turner	Roche	Hughes
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Lead : 7♦

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marcinsky	Baxter	Maksymetz	Lindop
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Lead : ♥7

In the Closed Room, Turner preferred bidding 1NT instead of a cue bid showing a fit and an invitation. Unfortunately for Hughes, 1NT goes down 1 while 2 spades makes, giving the victory to Rayner, by 7 IMPS.

Congratulations to the winners John Rayner, Michael Roche, David Lindop, Doug Baxter, Mike Hargreaves and Jim McAvo. Congratulations also to Roy Hughes, David Turner, Zygmunt Marcinski and Bryan Maksymetz who gave us quite a match despite the fact that, even though the CNTC is a long 8-day tournament, they were only a four-man team.

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CANADIAN WOMEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (CWTC)

This year, like last year, the CWTC attracted only 8 teams. The numbers of teams has dropped dramatically (from an average of 16 teams, to 8 teams), ever since the tournament is held at the same time as the CNTC, during the school year (in the past it was held during the summer holidays). We must specify that, since many women bridge players are school teachers, or mothers of school-age children, spring is not really the best time to go on vacation. In my case, being a teacher, I would never have been able to participate in so many CWTCs if the tournaments had not taken place during the summer months, especially since it was necessary to take another leave of absence in the fall, in order to represent Canada in the World Championships. Could the Canadian Bridge Federation re-adjust its policy so that this competition regains the importance it once had? The CWTC winners were Joan Eaton, Karen Cumpstone, Sandra Fraser and Katrin Litwin. The silver medal went to Francine Cimon, Linda Lee, Rhoda Habert and Sylvia Caley. Let's start with a lead problem.

As East you hold ♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ 10 8 5 2 and the bidding is:

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

Karen Cumpstone led the jack of diamonds, thereby beating the contract by one trick. One school of thought recommends that, on this bidding sequence, it is always better to lead the other minor. Others think that, with few HCP, you must lead your partner's longest suit, and the chances of your partner having 5 diamonds are probably better than 5 hearts. In this deal, you find your partner with ♠54 ♥J83 ♦KQ9873 ♣K9. At the other table, with the same bidding, the lead was a club and declarer ended up with 10 tricks, for a 10-imp gain for Eaton.

With 18 deals to go, Eaton's lead was 52 Imps. The penultimate deal was very interesting. What are you supposed to do when you need the opponents to make a bad decision in order for you to achieve the contract?



Dealer : South
Vul: East-West

North
♠ Q 8 6
♥ 9 7 5
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ A 9 8

West
♠ Void
♥ A 8 2
♦ A Q 8 6 5 3
♣ Q 10 5 3

East
♠ K 7 5
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ 4
♣ J 7 6 4 2

South
♠ A J 10 9 4 3 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ J 2
♣ K

West	North	East	South
Cumpstone	Lee	Eaton	Cimon
-	-	-	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Lead ♣5

After thinking it out for quite a while, I decided that the spade finesse was more likely than a singleton king. If the finesse works and spades are split 2-1, it will be over. A heart will be pitched on the diamond, leaving the ♠8 for entry to dummy. I win in dummy with the ♣A and follow with the ♠Q covered by the King and Ace, West pitching the ♦3. The 3-0 break in spades complicates the situation; now the contract cannot be made unless West makes a bad decision. With her vulnerable overcall of 2♦, it is obvious that West owns 6 diamonds and the heart Ace.

I believe that it is important to provoke the opponents as soon as possible in the hand because, if you wait, the defenders have time to exchange useful information. With the opponents playing upside down count and attitude, I followed with the ♦2. West has a problem: does declarer have ♠AJ9xxx; in which case, with no entry in the dummy, her partner's spade trick is protected. If I have the jack of diamonds, the suit is blocked, and if I have the 4 of diamonds, she will be able to give her partner a ruff. So West goes up with the Ace; seeing the 4 from her partner, which could be from J4, she returns a club. The contract is now impossible to defeat. I ruffed the club, followed by a spade to the 8, then another club ruff and start running spades, West pitching 2 diamonds, one club and finally a heart, in that order.

The situation, with 4 cards left, is (see next page) -

Photo left: CWTC Silver Medalists: Sylvia Caley, Francine Cimon, Linda Lee, Rhoda Habert

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

I was able to play the ♦ J to the king and came back with a diamond. West had to give me the ♥ K. If West had kept her club, with 5 cards to go, the position would have been:

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

I do not play my last spade. Instead I advances the jack of diamonds, then a small heart. I ruff the club return and play another heart. This deal allowed Cimon to win 11 IMPs, because the opponents at the other table went down two in the same contract. However, it was too little, too late.

Congratulations to Joan Eaton, Karen Cumpstone, Sandra Fraser and Katrin Litwin, and the very best of luck in the Venice Cup competition in the Netherlands.

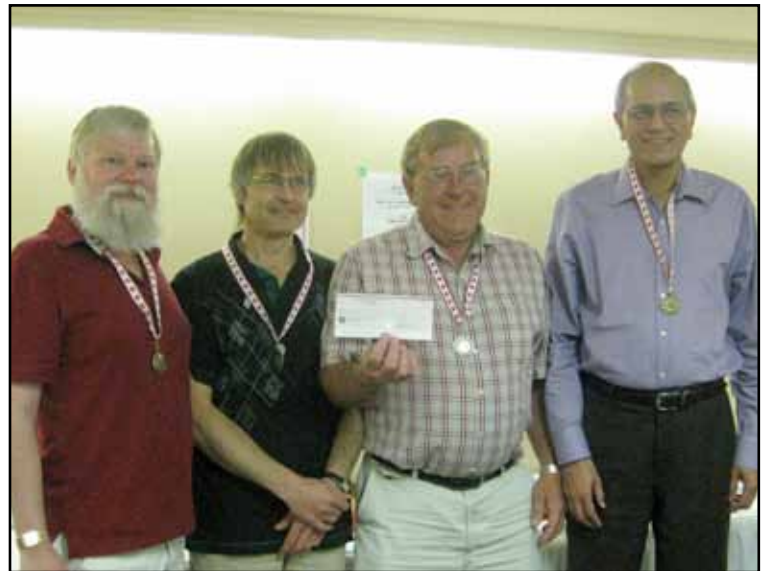
CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (CSTC)

The winners of this year's CSTC are: Boris Baran, Michael Schoenborn, Dan Jacob, Jurek Czyzowicz, Fred Hoffer and Don Piafsky. The silver medal was won by: Dick Anderson, Bill Koski, Bob Crosby, Faith Pritchard, Barry Pritchard and Alex Fowlie.

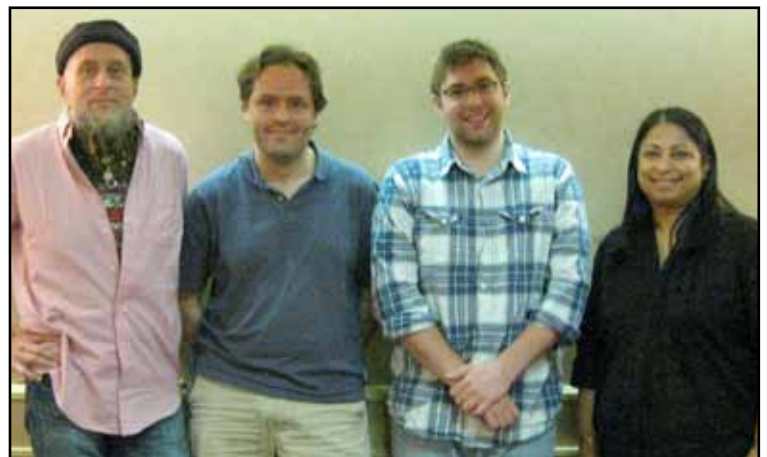
Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to all in the World Bridge Championships.



2011 CSTC Silver Medalists: Alex Fowlie, Richard Anderson, William Koski, Barry Pritchard, Faith Pritchard, Robert Crosby



2011 CNTC Flights B Gold Medalists: Larry Custead, Glen Cossey, Don McCarthy, Nazir Ahmad



2011 CNTC Flights B Silver Medalists: Larry Whitlow, Jason Larrivee, Paul Clemens, Rupa Krishnan

2011 CNTC A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Part 1 – The Round Robin by Neil Kimelman

The Canadian Bridge Championships were held this year in Regina. There was a field of 16 teams in this year's premier flight, with the winners to represent Canada at the Bermuda Bowl this fall in The Netherlands. The teams this year:

1. Nader Hanna, Robert Lebi, Stephen Cooper, Waldemar Frukacz
2. Bob Todd, Douglas Fisher, Neil Kimelman, K.W. Gohl, Danny Miles, Jonathan Steinberg
3. Jerry Mamer, Doug Schmeiser, Claire Jones, Dennis Nelson
4. Joey Silver, John Carruthers, Anton Blagov, Daniel Lavee, David Sabourin, Jeff Smith
5. Barry Harper, Gary Johannsson, John Duquette, Ron Bishop
6. Judith Gartaganis, Nicholas Gartaganis, Paul Thurston, David Willis
7. Paul Janicki, James Priebe, Robert Kuz, Barry Senensky, Ray Jotcham, Steve Mackay
8. Vince Nowlan, Vince Lambert, Peter Jones, Gerry McCully, Doug Deschner, Allan Terplawy
9. Andy Anderson, Curly Anderson, Bill Zerebesky, Kash Andreychuk, Alex McGregor
10. Ron Zambonini, David Grainger, Daniel Korbel, Darren Wolpert, Nicholas L'Ecuyer, Vince Demuy
11. Roy Hughes, David Turner, Zygmunt Marcinski, Bryan Maksymetz
12. Richard Anderson, Janice Anderson, Kevin Young, Peter Worby, Alex Fowlie, Steve Lawrence
13. Brad Bart, Cam Doner, Doug Fraser, Aidan Ballantyne, Maurice de la Salle, Mike Yuen
14. John Rayner, Michael Roche, David Lindop, Doug Baxter, Mike Hargreaves, Jim McAvoy
15. Bill Treble, Len Doerksen, Sandy McIlwain, Mike Newcombe, David Sired, Ray Hornby
16. Charles Martineau, André Chartrand, Kevin Grégoire, Jacques Cloutier

The speculation was that there were four teams that were favored: Hanna, Silver, Gartaganis and Zambonini. The next four teams were all considered solid contenders, and could win if playing well: Rayner, Todd, Hughes and Janicki.

One-half way through the round robin the top eight teams were:

1) Hanna	130
2) Zambonini	129
3) Hughes	125
4) Silver	119
5) Rayner	124
6) Janicki	123
7) Martineau	117
8) Todd	109

As usual it is hard to gauge how well each team is placed, unless you are aware of whom they have played and whom they haven't. The big surprise at this point is that the defending champions Gartaganis sitting outside the playoffs with a total of 93. One of the reasons was our 45 IMP win against them in the third round. However 25 of these IMPs were due to their bad luck on board 10, (and our only good luck of the event) on one of the most often discussed hands during the whole tournament:

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

Thurston and Willis bid to the excellent 7♦. Alas it was not to be. Some pairs bid 7♣, and made it on a criss-cross squeeze:

♠	-	♠	-
♥	K	♥	K
♦	10 8	♦	10 8 7
♣	3	♦	-
♠	-	♣	-
♥	Q 3	♠	-
♦	J 6	♥	J 9 6
♣	void	♦	Q 4
		♣	-

Coming down to this ending, on the last club declarer throws the ♦4, and West cannot protect both hearts and diamonds. Sometimes declarer has to guess the distribution on a criss-cross squeeze,

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but two rounds of diamonds early made this one easy. At our table effective preempting by Nick and Judy Gartaganis helped stop us from bidding the slam.

I found the 1st round to have the most interesting hands of the entire Round Robin. Here are a couple of hands from our close first round win against Hanna.

Round 1, Board 10, both Vul., you hold as north:

♠ A 8 7 3 ♥ A Q 10 6 3 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ 2.

What do you bid?

West	North	East	South
1NT	pass	pass	2♠
pass	?		

1NT = 14-17

Here is my first hand from this year's Canadian Bridge Championships. It occurred during our first round CNTC match versus the very good Hanna team. I chose not to overcall in direct seat. There are a number of reasons:

- 1) There is a large disparity between my suits
- 2) We are vulnerable
- 3) The event just started and I saw no need to risk a penalty on the first board.
- 4) Partner could still balance which he did.

Now things have changed. I know we have a least a nine-card spade fit. I also have a source of tricks, a singleton and the heart finesse is likely winning if needed. This hand is 100% worth 4♠. If partner has as little as ♠ K x x x x ♥ x x x ♦ x ♣ x x x game will make. The full deal:

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

The heart finesse was offside and West had ♠K102 so we were down one. This hand was a precursor of our overall misfortune yet to come in this event. Our opponents missed this excellent vulnerable game so a deserved 10 IMP gain became a 6 IMP loss instead. One more

hand from this round (if you would like to see my articles on other interesting hands from this round go to www.bridgemanitoba.org).

Round 1, Board 9, E-W vul., you hold as South:

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

West	North	East	South
-	pass	4♣	dbl
pass	4♠	pass	?

What do you bid? What would you bid if East had opened 5♣? The full deal:

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

I think the right choice over 4♠ is passing. You know there are bad splits on the hand, and you have only three card trump support. Diamonds may play better, but it might not. Over 5♣ I think double is still clear.

Karl Gohl passed my 4♠ bid and we picked up 11 IMPs when the other pair got too high with our cards. A trap to avoid is opening an undisciplined weak two spade bid, which partner will likely raise to six. The other pitfall is converting 4♠ to 5♦. At several tables North, expecting South to have a better hand with short spades for this auction, raised 5♦ to 6♦.

On day two Roche, the eventual winners, had a solid win against us to move into good position. Although I do not have much use for support doubles this one got us good!!

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Round 7, board 9; E-W vul: Hargreaves was delighted with the way the auction progressed:

West	North	East	South
Hargreaves	Kimelman	McAvoy	Gohl
-	pass	1♦	1♥
dbl	2♥ ¹	dbl ²	All pass!!

¹Weak raise
²three spades

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

He converted the support double to penalties and duly collected 800. (By the way if the defense plays three rounds of diamonds, ruffing with the ♥Q will save declarer at least one trick).

During the same round, on board 5, only a few pairs got to the grand on ♠ void ♥ K Q 9 6 3 2 ♦ A K Q J 10 3 ♣ Q opposite ♠ Q 9 7 3 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A J 8 3. I think the bidding should go:

North	South
1♥	1♠
3♦	3NT
4♦	5♣
5NT ¹	6♣ ²
7♥	dbl

¹Grand slam force

²♥A or ♥K

The key is the 5♣ cue bid by south. He must recognize that partner has a big red two suiter, and his two aces are golden.

Bewildered and Betwixed Problem

One final hand that bewildered and betwixed me from the 2nd day: Sitting north with N-S vulnerable you pick up a very nice hand: ♠ A K J 6 5 ♥ A K 8 5 2 ♦ K ♣ Q J. Your warm glow quickly fades when LHO overcalls your 1♠ bid with 1NT. Partner to your surprise bids 2♦. It goes pass. What now? Give this some thought. I will provide a solution at the end of this article.

End of Day 3

With one day to go in the Round Robin the top eight teams were:

1) Hanna	196
2) Rayner	190
3) Janicki	181
4) Hughes	179
5) Gartaganis	178
6) Silver	177
7) Zambonini	175
8) Harper	173

Out of the top 8 but close were Martineau with 169 and Todd with 168.

In round 9, board 2, N-S vulnerable, you hold as South ♠ Q 5 4 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ A K J 6. 1♠ on you right. And you?

This hand is a good example of a theme that I first started noticing at the World Championships in Philadelphia last year, and on many hands at this year's CNTCs – showing your values. I have also included a section on this topic in my upcoming second book on Improving your Bidding Judgment. Here South must double. Although his shape and hearts are imperfect he has, in my view, too much not to bid. My partner passed. At this vulnerability, we were shut out of the rest of the auction and missed our cold game. My hand: ♠ J ♥ Q J 8 4 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 10 9 8 5 6 2.

Day 4

The last day saw a big move by a few teams with the biggest one by my team, Todd. We had a big win over Bart, a team many people thought could easily do quite well. Here is a hand where an aggressive bid by me paved the way for an easy decision by partner, and a 12 IMP gain.

Round 14, board 20, Both vul:

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

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West	North	East	South
de la Salle	Kimelman	Yuen	Gohl
pass	1♦	1♠	dbl
2♠	3♠ ¹	4♠	5♦
All pass			

¹Either heart support, game forcing or solid diamonds looking for a spade stopper.

I knew I had a very good hand on this auction and basically told him what I had on my 2nd bid. Gohl knew that his hand was good for either red suit, and was uncertain about defensive prospect against 4♠ (it makes). The key is the heart fit. Should East bid 4♥, realizing that 4♠ will not buy the contract, and getting help on the five level decisions from partner? On this hand it was right, but I think Yuen made the right bid, as he wanted to hide his distribution from the opponents, regardless if he ended up declaring or defending. Despite doubling, the opponents could not beat 5♦, as long as I guessed the club.

With one round to go in the Round Robin the standings were:

1) Hanna	248
2) Rayner	247
3) Todd	236
4) Hughes	233
5) Zambonini	230
6) Silver	224
7) Gartaganis	223
8) Janicki	215
9) Harper	214

It looked like several mini-competitions: Hanna and Rayner for 1st, Todd, Hughes and Zambonini for 3rd and Janicki-Harper to see who would win the last spot.

It didn't quite work out that way. Harper continued their upward spiral to secure a spot, winning 22-8 over Anderson. Janicki earned theirs, by a 20-10 win over Zambonini. Coupled with Gartaganis's 22-8 loss to Hughes, that put Janicki in and eliminated the former champions, Gartaganis. Rayner had a bigger win than Hanna and earned that all important 1st place, that garners the selection of opponents for the quarters and semis.

Final Round Robin Standings

1) Rayner	268
2) Hanna	267
3) Hughes	255
4) Todd	253
5) Zambonini	240
6) Silver	238
7) Harper	236
8) Janicki	235
9) Gartaganis	231

Rayner picked Harper, Hanna picked Janicki, Hughes picked...Silver, and Todd was left with...oh no not again - a team with Korbel and Wolpert!

Next issue: The Knockout Stage

Solution to 'Bewildered and Betwixed'

One final hand that bewildered and betwixed me: Sitting North with N-S vulnerable you pick up a very nice hand: ♠AKJ65 ♥AK852 ♦K ♣QJ. Your warm glow quickly fades when RHO overcalls your 1♠ with 1NT. Partner to your surprise bids 2♦. It goes pass. What now?

My thinking:

'Partner rates to have less than 5 HCPs (simple math). You probably don't have a game, and might not have a fit, so a pass could easily be right. However East is not vulnerable, and it would be a great time for him to psych! So I must bid. But what? The obvious choices are 2♥ or 3♥. The former doesn't sound strong and latter could get us too high, and in a major when diamonds might be right. I finally decided that the best call was 3♦! This is encouraging and if partner does pass it is likely our best part score.' The full deal:

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

The opponents did not find a club lead so we were +150 and 6 IMPs when our opponents holding the same cards got too high.



Bridge for Bright Brains

by George Retek

The Young Lions of Montreal

Recently the great raconteur, Zeke Jabour, wrote an article (New Kids On the Block) about a few successful former junior players (some of whom became millionaires) and by 2010 were winning North American and World Championships. Two of them, Fred Gitelman and Geoff Hampson, previously represented Canada prior to moving to the USA.

The changing of the guard is now complete in Canada as well. My hero, Eric Kokish, was deservedly selected to the Bridge Hall of Fame and a new generation of excellent players has grown up. Some were actually taught by Eric.

The two most successful Canadians are Nick L'Ecuyer and Vincent Demuy, who have won countless National titles and represented Canada internationally. I had the pleasure of playing against them in a team competition at the CBF Regional in Montreal. This event is run by the tireless Jean Castonguay who even sacrifices his own playing time to assist the CBF to raise substantial funds for international competition. Over the years Jean and the Montreal League have raised close to \$100,000.

In the past few years experts have developed an interesting bidding tool. What do your bids mean on the 3-level in response to partner's 1NT opening? A useful treatment follows:

- 3C= 5+5 in the minors, weak hand
- 3D= 5-5 in the minors, good hand
- 3H= singleton H 3 spaces, 4-5 in the minors
- 3S= singleton Spade 3 hearts 4-5 in the minors

Back to the tournament, Vincent on my right opened 1NT (11-13). After I passed, Nick admired his collection of cards: ♠A x ♥Q x ♦A Q x x ♣Q 10 x x x and judged to bid 3 hearts showing a singleton in that suit, 3 spades and 4-5 in the minors. Partner is allowed to bid 3NT with a heart stopper. When Vince bid 4♦ it became obvious they did not belong in a NT contract. Nick passed. At the other table, my team-mates ended up in the 'normal' 3NT down one and we lost 5 imps. Nick's ingenious bid variation was not without risk. His partner could have ♥J x x and they would miss an easy 3NT contract. The sign of a great player is not only in the play but also in the well-judged variation in the bidding. Nick later told me, had Vince bid 3 spades, he was ready to raise him to 4 spades playing a 'mini-moysean' fit of 4-2 trumps!

The actual layout:

Peckett

♠ x x x
♥ A K x x
♦ x x x
♣ J x

L'Ecuyer

♠ A x
♥ Q x
♦ A Q x x
♣ Q 10 x x x

Demuy

♠ K Q x
♥ x x x
♦ K J x x
♣ A x x

Retek

♠ J x x x
♥ 10 x x x
♦ x x
♣ K x x



2011 CNTC Bronze Medallists : Vince Demuy, Ron Zambonini, Daniel Korb, Nick L'Ecuyer, Darren Wolpert, David Grainger



By Sylvia Caley

Dear Caley

A number of my partners like to open light in third seat. I never know how much to bid and we often get too high. Here is an example of what sometimes happens:

My hand

♠ K Q 10 x
♥ x x
♦ A x x
♣ Q x x x

Partner's hand

♠ x x
♥ A K x x x
♦ Q x x
♣ J x x

The auction was:

Me	Opp	Partner	Opp
pass	pass	1♥	pass
1♠	pass	1NT	pass
2NT	pass	pass	pass

We went down one in 2NT and partner said that I should have passed 1NT. We play that an opening 1NT shows 16 to 18 high card points so I didn't think that passing 1NT was right. What do you think? *Sarah Thomas Montreal, Quebec*

Dear Sarah

I like to have certain agreements about 3rd seat openers:

- 1) If a player opens in 3rd seat and then passes on the next round, he/she may not have full values.
- 2) Conversely if a player opens in 3rd seat and then takes another call, he/she shows full opening values.
- 3) A 3rd seat opening of 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ may be only a 5 card suit.

On the hand your partner held I probably would have passed in 3rd seat. Non vul and behind in an IMP match I might have opened 2♥ with it. If I had held one more spade I would have opened 1♥ and passed partner's 1♠ response. Spades is the master suit and it's good to be a bit careful when you do not hold the master.

Dear Caley

In a recent team game partner and I had the following auction:

Me	Opp	Partner	Opp
1NT	pass	2♣	pass
2♥	pass	4NT	pass
pass	pass		

I passed because I thought it was quantitative. He wanted to ask for aces and insisted that 4NT was Ace asking. What do you think?

Janice Carpenter Toronto, ONT.

At some point in time our ancestors decided that these auction are all quantitative:

1NT	pass	4NT		1NT	pass	2♣	pass
				2any	pass	4NT	

(the next two auctions assume that transfers are being played)

1NT	pass	2♦	pass	1NT	pass	2♥	pass
2♥	pass	4NT		2♠	pass	4NT	

To play anything other than quantitative in these auctions might upset Father Time and we wouldn't want to do that. In your early years of bridge you might choose to play that 4♣ is always Gerber (always ace asking). It's good to be able to ask for aces and if you play GERBER ALWAYS you always know if it is or is not Gerber because it's ALWAYS GERBER.

I think that GERBER ALWAYS is a simple and useful convention.

Dear Caley

In a recent flighted KO with everyone not vulnerable the opponent opened 1♣ and my partner overcalled 3♥ with

♠ K x
♥ K J 9 8 x x x
♦ x x x
♣ x

This got doubled and went down 800. Partner thought that he had made a normal bid and had just gotten unlucky. What do you think? *Amy Albright Tickel Cove, Newfoundland*

Many players don't realize the difference between a preempt and a preemptive bid in competition. If you open a preempt the opponents have not yet exchanged any information. They may not be able to double you for penalty even if that would be their best result. Preemptive bidding in competition is much different. The opponents have already exchanged information and will almost always know when to double you. A preemptive bid in competition should always have a solid source of tricks (ie. an excellent suit). Overcalling at the one level is always an option!

BID YOUR SUITS

1. When you have support for partner

By Neil Kimelman

This column is the second in a series of articles on guidelines for bidding your suit(s) in several common situations.

I. ii) When you have two suits and support for partner

An important bidding principle is to try to show where your values are located. Sometimes there is a choice of suits you can bid. For example with ♠K98 ♥K3 ♦9872 ♣AKJ2, 1♣ is a better opening bid than 1♦. On offence partner will give greater value to any honors in your bid suits. On defence he will often lead the suit you open.

The same principle applies when responding. Here is a recent hand I held that is a good example of what this looks like. I held at IMPs ♠10 ♥QJ10 ♦AKQ2 ♣108753. The bidding started:

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	1♠	?

I wanted to show my partner where my stuff was so he could evaluate his hand properly, so I bid 2♦. The full deal:

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

The bidding continued:

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	pass	3♠ ¹
Pass	4NT	pass	5♣
Pass	5♦ ²	pass	5NT ³
Pass	6♥	All pass	

¹ Splinter

² Do you have the ♥Q partner?

³ Yes, and the ♦K.

Had I responded 2♣ partner would have simply signed off in 4♥.

Here is a final application of this principle that occurred at the 2011 Canadian Bridge Championships held in Regina. In our quarter-final match against the Zambonini team I picked up (see next page)

♠10 9 6 5 3 ♥J 6 5 ♦Q 5 ♣A K 7 as North. The bidding started:

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	pass	1♥
pass	?		

I could either treat this hand as a limit raise or not. Being vulnerable with 10 HCPs and a ruffing value I decided this was too good for a simple raise. Once this was decided, I had two options to show a limit:

- 1) Bid 1♠ and then 3♥.
- 2) Bid 2♣, which we play as 10-11 HCPs and club values.

I chose option two. This to me is more descriptive. It shows where you live. Another way of looking at it is that you want partner to know that ♣Qxx is a good holding and ♠Qxx is not. The full deal:

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

My partner drove to the under-par slam which was a lucky make. However give partner ♠A ♥AK10873 ♦A3 ♣Q1042 then the slam is a good one, and is not reachable had you initially responded 1♠.

Lessons to Learn

- 1) Always look for opportunities to bid the suit(s) where your values are located.
- 2) The corollary to this first tip is that when partner bids a suit it is a good indication that he has some high cards there, but there are no guarantees. Keep an open mind.

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SPRING FUNDRAISER

by Michael Yuen

Vancouver Unit 430 held a two-session Swiss on Saturday, 14th of May. It was a fundraising event to support local players who were going to Regina, Saskatchewan to play in this year's Canadian Championships. Besides friendly bridge, we were also treated to a pizza lunch between sessions. A good time was had by all.

The event was won by Julie Smith, Susan Peters, Bryan Maksymetz and Rock Shi Yan.

Clay Connelly-South playing with Ann Scott-North, played the following hand rather well.

Board 7. Dealer South. North-South vulnerable.

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

The contract was 3NT by Clay (South). The lead was the ten of diamonds, jack, queen, won by the king. Recognizing that he needed eight more tricks for his contract. Clay began by placing the key cards where they had to be in order for him to succeed. He needed entries to the North hand so he placed the queen of spades with West. Since he also needed the heart finesse to win, he placed the king of hearts in East.

At trick two, he played the spade ten, when his left hand opponents followed with the four, he called for the jack, two. Ten of hearts from dummy, three, two and four. Seven of hearts, king, ace and five. Nine of spades, five, three and seven. Eight of spades, queen, king and six. Clay made nine tricks for +600.

Here is the deal.

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

At the other table, The lead was also a diamond, won by the king. At trick two, declarer tried to sneak a club through, but Larry Pocock (West) was having none of that second hand low business and went in with the Ace. Soon after he cashed all his diamond winners and put the contract down two for +200.

Clay's good play earned his side 13 IMPs.

IN THE NEWS

NEW WEBSITE: Bookmark <http://bridgefinesse.com/Chart>. Type in your name (or any bridge player) and you will get links to photos of that person from all of my photo albums. Also the player's master-point bridge history in pair games in Florida - District 9 (NABCs, Regional, Unit, Clubs) - all in a pie chart. Plus much more in the future.

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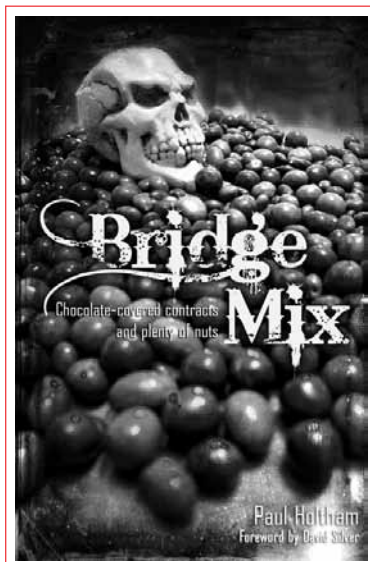
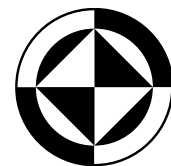
From Jonathan Steinberg

NEW ACBL CEO: The American Contract Bridge League announced that after an eight month search, its Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Robert Hartman as the new Chief Executive Officer of the ACBL, beginning November 7. Hartman will replace Jay Baum, who announced his retirement earlier this year after 10 years as Chief Executive Officer.

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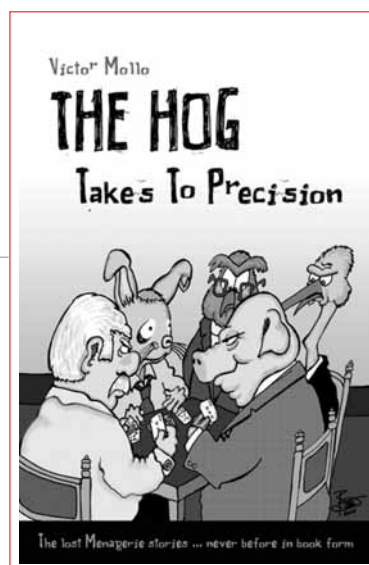
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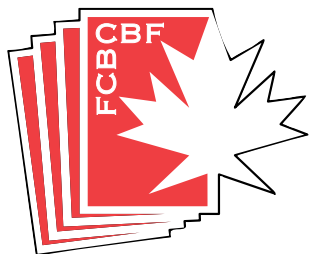
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2011

September	International Fund Month
September	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
September	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Sept 4-9	Beijing, China. Elite Women's Bridge Tournament
Sept 14	ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game
October	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
October	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Oct 15-29	Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/Senior Cup - Eindhoven, Holland
Oct 19	(Wed. Eve) Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game (\$8.35/table)
Oct 27	(Thurs. Eve) Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game (\$6 a table)
November	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
November	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Nov 28	(Mon. Eve) ACBL-Wide Charity Game #2 (\$6.35/table)
December	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
December	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)

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Jan 1-16	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Jan 24-29	CBF International Fund Regional - Delta Toronto East, Toronto ON (See page 6)
Jan 28	(Sat. Aft.) ACBL-wide International Fund Game #1 (\$8.35/table)
February	Junior Fund Month
Feb 20-26	CBF STaC Open To All Clubs in Canada (\$9/table)
March 1	Deadline for registering CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C, CWTC for Canadian Bridge Championships (See page 6)
March 6	(Tues. Eve.) Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game (\$8.35/table)
March 21	(Wed. Eve.) ACBL-wide Charity Game #1 (\$6.35/table)
March 30	Deadline for changes to team rosters & deadline for submitting pre-alerts for Canadian Bridge Championships (See page 7)
April	Charity Fund Month
April 10	Deadline for applying for grants from Erin Berry Memorial Fund (See page 5)
April 23	(Mon. Eve.) Helen Shields RM Game (\$6/table)
April 28 - May 5	Canadian Bridge Championships (See page 7)
May 5	(Sat. Morn.) CBF Annual General Membership Meeting Canadian Bridge Championships, Montreal QC (See page 7)
May 10	(Thurs.Aft.) ACBL-wide International Fund Game #2 (\$8.35/table)
July 13	(Fri. Eve.) ACBL-wide International Fund Game #3 (\$8.35/table)
September	International Fund Month
September	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)