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This issue of Bridge Canada traditionally appears in August, but due to two world championships (Youth and Worlds) we're a bit delayed. We hope you enjoy it nevertheless. And please, if you feel inspired to send us articles as well as photos - a favourite hand or a funny story or a favourite bridge partner or volunteer - please do! Bridge Canada is always looking for submissions and I'm easy to reach - editor@cbf.ca

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letter

from the president

This has been an exciting and successful year so far for Canadian bridge with Canadians winning the Vanderbilt Trophy and the North American Pairs at the Spring NABC in Memphis, and the Wernher Open Pairs, the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams and the Mini-Spingold at the Summer NABC in Philadelphia.

We wish the Canadian teams competing at the upcoming 2nd World Mind Sports Games to be held August 9 - 23, 2012 in Lille, France, similar success.

The 2012 Canadian Bridge Championships were held April 25 – May 8 in Montreal. We thank Jean Castonguay and his team of volunteers for their hospitality and their efforts in organizing the event.

Unfortunately, this year's championships were marred by several unpleasant incidents. One resulted in the suspension of Daniel Lavee (Toronto) from participation in CBF events until December 31, 2014, for misconduct and unacceptable behaviour during his team's CNTC-A semi-final match.



The CBF is very serious about providing a pleasant playing environment for all participants at our events, and will therefore continue to vigorously apply Zero Tolerance policy at all events.

The 2013 Canadian Bridge Championships will be held at the Delta Toronto East (www.deltahotels.com/en/hotels/ontario/delta-toronto-east/) May 25 - June 1. The venue provides ample playing space, free parking and there will be plenty of hospitality. The winners of the major team events will have a chance to represent Canada at the 41st World Team Championships in Bali, Indonesia. I hope to see many of you in Toronto.

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.

Nader Hanna

FROM THE CBF OFFICE

The CBF Board of Director meetings were held April 25 – 27, 2012 in Montreal. Individual items discussed and voted on have been written up throughout this issue of Bridge Canada. Other points of interest can be found itemized on page 8.

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 at the bottom of this page.

Time to renew your ACBL

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



Boris Baran shows off his award at the 2012 Hall of Fame ceremonies in Montreal this summer.

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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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.

As well, turn to page 9 to read about changes and revisions to our event policies.



JANICE ANDERSON:

At the meetings in April, Jan Anderson notified the CBF Board of Directors that it is her intent to retire after the 2014 Canadian Bridge Championships

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The term of office for the CBF Zone Directors in Zones I and IV expire on December 31, 2012.

The CBF is currently accepting nominations for these positions. (Term of office will be January 1, 2013 until December 31, 2015)

Any person interested in running for one of these positions should notify the CBF office in writing of their 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. Declaration of candidacy will be accepted until September 30, 2012. The declaration shall contain the name, address, ACBL number and Unit of said candidate and may contain biographical material which is not to exceed 100 words. Voting will be conducted from October 15, 2012 until November 20, 2012.

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CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

The CBF Board of Director meetings were held April 25 – 27, 2012 in Montreal. Some of the items covered have been written up separately in this issue of Bridge Canada. Other points of interest are:

CBF will look into Canadian copywriting of our magazine, Bridge Canada

CBF will try and get more French content and French menus on the website

CBF will look to having advertising on the CBF website

Selected pins to be awarded to the 2012 National winners in the Mini-Richmond Races

If the WBF changes the IMP Conversion Scale used at World Championships, then the CBF will change to the new scale for our National Finals

George Retek represented the CBF at the 2012 Canadian Olympic Committee Session meetings in Quebec City

Any person involved with the CBF Junior program must have a Police Record Check on file with the CBF office that is no more than three (3) years old.

Not submitting an NPC report may be grounds for removal from the CBF Pre-approved NPC list.

Nader Hanna was elected as CBF President for the 2012 – 2013 year.

Peter Morse was elected as the CBF Vice President for the 2012 – 2013 year.



The CBF Board voted a large vote of thanks to **George Retek** for his 33 years as an ex-officio director of the CBF Board. The CBF greatly appreciates the help and expertise he has given to our organization.



*CBF adopted an **Electronic Device Policy** for the Canadian Bridge Championships. No electronic devices will be allowed in the playing area or vicinity during the event.*

In order to comply with the WBF uniform regulations, the CBF will supply uniforms to all of our International representatives.



CBF EVENTS

Changes and revisions notices from the 2012 CBF Board Meetings.

CHANGES TO CWTC NATIONAL FINAL FORMAT

Beginning with the 2013 CBC in Toronto, the CWTC National Final will be a six day event (26 - 31 May 2013). The format will depend on the number of teams entered.

More than 6 teams: 3-day Round Robin followed by a one day 64 board semi-final and a two-day 128 board final.

6 or fewer teams: a Double Round Robin held over four days followed by a two-day 128 board final.

When no semi-final is held, the Bronze medals will go to the team that finished third at the end of the Round Robin.

CANADIAN ROOKIE MASTER GAMES

At the CBF Board meetings in April, the CBF Board decided to try holding one of the Canadian Rookie-Master games as an afternoon game. This decision was based on the fact that there are fewer evening games than there used to be and more afternoon games. The plan is that the Helen Shields game in April will be an afternoon game and the Erin Berry game in October will remain as an evening game. The Board will review this after a couple of years to see how the effects on turnout.

2012 Erin Berry RMG Wednesday, 24 Oct 2012
Evening game

2013 Helen Shields RMG Tuesday, 23 April 2013
Afternoon game

2013 Erin Berry RMG Thursday, 24 Oct 2013
Evening game

2014 Helen Shields RMG Monday, 28 April 2014
Afternoon game

CBF REGIONALS

The 2013 CBF Regional will be held in Calgary, Alberta January 21 – 27, 2013.
Please see the program on page 11.

2014 CBF Regional will be held in Toronto, ON at the Delta Toronto East – September 17 – 21, 2014

2015 The John A. MacDonald CBF Regional will be held in Kingston, ON July 28 – August 3, 2015.

These events and more have been added to our online calendar at cbf.ca

MODIFICATION TO CBF SLOW PLAY POLICY

The following changes will go into effect at the 2013 Canadian Bridge Championship:

1. When the director does not assign any blame to either team for slow play, then the allocation of slow play penalties will be split equally between the teams.
2. When any one segment of a KO match runs over the allotted time by more than 25 minutes, an additional 50% of the actual late time will be added to the slow play record.

CBF UPDATES EVENTS

Junior Development Fund

Beginning January 1, 2013 all Junior fund money raised in Junior Fund Club Championship games and Junior fund games at Sectionals will go to the ACBL. ACBL will then fund the CBF Junior program based on budgets submitted to the ACBL.

The ACBL has committed to ensure that the Canadian Junior teams will receive equal funding to the United States Junior teams. This change is beneficial to the CBF as nearly every year we have had to transfer money from the General Fund to the Junior Fund in order to cover the costs associated with sending Junior teams to the World Youth Team Championships.

Club Managers should note that beginning with your January 2013 month end report, all Junior Fund club Championship money will go in to the ACBL with your monthly report. You will no longer be sending a separate cheque to the CBF for these games.

CNTC & COPC CLUB Q GAMES

CNTC Club Qualifying games will be held Sep 1, 2012 thru Jan 14, 2013. Stratified games may only be stratified using the set event Strats:

A: Open B: under 2500 C: under 1000

COPC Club Qualifying games are held Sep 1, 2012 thru Dec 31, 2012. Games may be stratified at a club's discretion but qualification is only based on the A (Open) Strat.



Non-Playing Captains 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 who 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 1, 2013.

Monday, January 21

1-Bracketed KO: Rounds 1 & 2	10:00 & 4:00
Stratified Charity Open Pairs	4:00
Stratified Charity 199er Pairs	4:00

Tuesday, January 22

1-Bracketed KO: Rounds 3 & 4	10:00 & 4:00
2-Bracketed KO: Rounds 1 & 2	10:00 & 4:00
Gold Rush StratiFlighted Pairs	10:00 & 4:00
Morning Side Game Series: 1 st of 5	10:00
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5 MP's) FREE	10:00
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	4:00
Afternoon Side Game Series: 1 st of 5	4:00

Wednesday, January 23

2-Bracketed KO: Rounds 3 & 4	10:00 & 4:00
3-Bracketed KO: Rounds 1 & 2	10:00 & 4:00
Gold Rush StratiFlighted Pairs	10:00 & 4:00
Morning Side Game Series: 2 nd of 5	10:00
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5 MP's) FREE	4:00
Stratified Swiss Teams	4:00
Afternoon Side Game Series: 2 nd of 5	4:00

Thursday, January 24

3-Bracketed KO: Rounds 3 & 4	10:00 & 4:00
4-Bracketed KO: Rounds 1 & 2	10:00 & 4:00
Gold Rush StratiFlighted Pairs	10:00 & 4:00
Morning Side Game Series: 3 rd of 5	10:00
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5 MP's) FREE	10:00
Stratified Swiss Teams	4:00
Afternoon Side Game Series: 3 rd of 5	4:00

Friday, January 25

4-Bracketed KO: Rounds 3 & 4	10:00 & 4:00
5-Bracketed KO: Rounds 1 & 2	10:00 & 4:00
Gold Rush StratiFlighted Pairs	10:00 & 4:00
Morning Side Game Series: 4 th of 5	10:00
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5 MP's) FREE	4:00
Stratified Swiss Teams	4:00
Afternoon Side Game Series: 4 th of 5	4:00

Saturday, January 26

5-Bracketed KO: Rounds 3 & 4	10:00 & 4:00
Emily Quennell Bracketed Compact KO	10:00 & 4:00
StratiFlighted Open Pairs	10:00 & 4:00
Morning Side Game Series: 5 th of 5	10:00
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5 MP's) FREE	10:00
Stratified Swiss Teams	4:00
Afternoon Side Game Series: 5 th of 5	4:00

Sunday, January 27

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams	10:00 & TBA
A SHORT LUNCH BREAK WILL BE PROVIDED	
Stratified 199er Swiss Teams	10:00
Stratified 199er Swiss Teams	2:30
Fast Pairs	10:00am to 12:30 & 1:30 to 4:00



**CALGARY
CBF REGIONAL**

JAN 21-27, 2013

Marlborough Park
Community Centre
6021 Madigan Drive NE
Calgary AB

**TOURNAMENT
HIGHLIGHTS**

- Daily Knockouts
- Daily 2-Session
Gold Rush Pairs
- Daily Single Session
Side Game Series
- Daily FREE Supervised
Newcomer Games
- FREE Reception for 199ers,
Sponsors and Goodwill
Members 2:00 - 3:30 pm,
Tuesday and Saturday

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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CO-CHAIR | Delores Hedley | dollyd@telus.net | 403 254 4995

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and Calgary Unit 390 of the ACBL

PREFERRED ACCOMMODATION

Free transportation between hotels and playing site

Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport | 1 800 661 1678 | \$115
Coast Plaza Hotel | 1 800 661 1464 | \$119
Pointe Inn | 403 291 4681 | \$71.10



14TH WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Taicang, China
25 Jul to 4 Aug

The 14th World Youth Bridge Team Championships were held in Taicang, a historic port city near Shanghai, in China. A quarter of a century since its original launch, the flagship competition of the WBF youth program was expanded to accommodate a total of 20 zone-representative teams in each of the Junior and Youngsters series, and 14 teams in the Girls series.

Canada's Youngsters (21 and under) and Juniors (25 and under) did admirably in China. The event was extremely well run and the hosts were attentive and helpful. The food on the other hand was as I remembered it - not very good. We ate out frequently, finding good pizza and a DQ nearby - as well as a Walmart. There were 3 tour days, so we got to sample some of the beauty of the world's largest city - Shanghai.

We saw the city center with an amazing array of beautiful and tall buildings, the river that wound through the city and had great cruises, and several shopping areas. We visited the famous Nanjing Road area and had amazing dumplings

around some real bargains shopping for knock-off Rolex watches and everything under the sun. Another tour took us to a Buddhist temple and then a tourist market with the most famous of Shanghai dumpling places - incredibly crowded but everything seemed well organized. All around, massive building projects were under way, and the economy was booming.

The Youngsters did better than I expected, beating a couple of good teams - England and USA2 - and finished 15th out of 17 - however, a 2-IMP cell phone infraction left us 1 VP behind Argentina, but comfortably ahead of Japan. Considering many of the players on the team were beginners (2 took



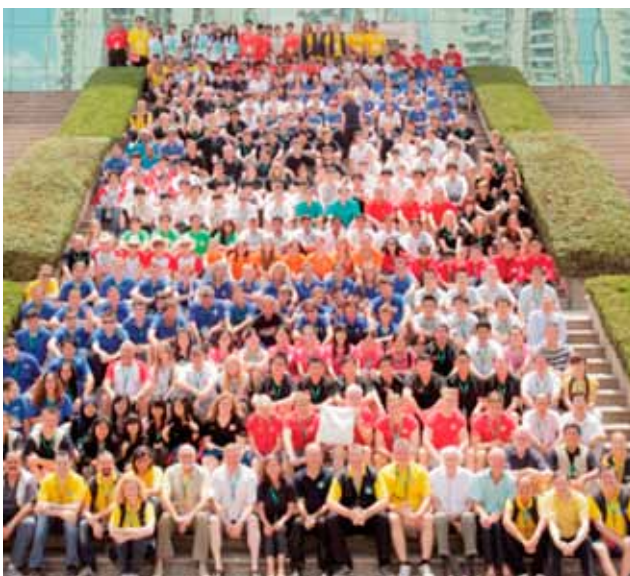
their first lessons in February of this year), that was an excellent accomplishment. Our 13 year old, Bob Feng, was the star of the team and will be a very good player for many years to come. All of the team demonstrated the qualities needed to do well in bridge and in life. They learned how to function as a team, support one another through good times and bad, survive setbacks and appreciate success with modesty. They behaved well toward other teams and tried their best at all times. I am proud of them. They are all bright individuals with a passion for the game. We should see them do well in the world of bridge in the near future.

The Junior team was our best hope for a playoff spot and they contended for much of the round robin, coming within 10 VPs or so of a playoff spot. David Sabourin did a great job as captain and I am sure will provide a report of his own.

All of the players made friends and enjoyed the high standard of bridge. For the Youngsters, they got to experience screens for the first time, and even played one match on BBO. I am sure it is something they will all remember and appreciate. I will include their own summaries of the experience.

Everyone is very grateful to the CBF for this wonderful opportunity. There are many players in this group who will go on to be Canada's stars on the international bridge stage for many years to come.

Bryan Maksymetz
CBF Junior Manager



All photos taken from the Championship Daily Bulletins, Editors Phillip Alder, Biran Senior, P.O. Sundelin. To read the bulletins visit this website: <http://www.worldbridge1.org/tourn/TaiCang.12/microSite/Bulletins.htm>

A **ARMIN** : You can play in a club, you can play in a regional tournament, and then you can play internationally for your country.

Playing in China was such a great experience not only because it was somewhere new, but because of the atmosphere: competitive yet fun. You sit down and play people from across the world that can't speak your language and yet you can form some kind of connection just by playing with them.

It was a really different experience to play with screens and trays. It makes you nervous at first but once you get used to it, it's not so bad. And every time I got to sit EW I was so glad because I didn't have to move the annoying tray and keep entering in the contract and the leads. And it can get depressing at times when you enter a slam contract and you have to write -1.

The best part of the trip was how much bridge I learned. Every 16 boards, there were always mistakes made and when we went over those mistakes and found what the proper bid or proper lead might have been, and we did that over a couple of days, I learned so much.

But the most exciting part, which was sometimes the most demoralizing part, was coming out after the 16th board and rushing up to your partners to see how you did, to compare every contract. And when you see that your team has earned more victory point than the other, that's just the best. But when you see you made slam on board 4 to gain you 13 imps, and you go down a bit further to board 6 where your partners went 3C down 5 on a 3-0 fit where 4S was cold, that's when you get upset. We learned from those mistakes and had a good laugh from it, so it was all worth it.

The whole tournament just made me more excited for future tournaments and going to new places and hopefully meeting up with some of the friends I made. When you go to a different country to play bridge, sometimes you just forget about the cards and just enjoy yourself with the rest of your teammates.

P.S. Partying in Jessie's room was awesome!!
You were a great coach Bryan.



J **JORDAN**: I wanted to thank you for all the work and effort you put into this team. It is much appreciated by our team.

My time in China was an experience I will never forget. Seeing the culture was incredible. The way the society interacts with each other is quite a change to the way I see my life. I won't take a lot of things for granted any more. I really enjoyed the food and the different areas we experienced. It was not at all what I expected. Shanghai is a very modern city, they have good food if you can find it and they don't know what an actual toilet is. On the bridge side of things, it was a massive learning experience, only dbf if you can trust your partner, write your explanations down when you alert bids, (especially to the Italians), and rdbl as much as possible :). If you ever have the chance to play with Bob there is a couple things to remember when playing with Mr. Feng. 0-11 preempts, all the time. Never trust his dbls, overcalls, and especially his preempts. Aggressive bidding is an understatement. He only passes when you don't want him to. And if you ever make a forcing bid, be prepared to play in that contract. Oh, and don't agree to play phantom club.

Besides the point, I did learn loads of new things in bridge. I feel like I have gained lots of experience from playing in the competition. But I have tons more to learn. I hope that I never stop learning, because if I did, bridge would get quite boring if I did. I hope that I will be able to come to the next tournament, and see the rest of the team soon. Thanks for all the fun, sorry this email is so short.



A

ALLEN : AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

~ For a month, we slaved away memorizing conventions, practicing the play of the hand, and working on our partnership agreements. All six of

us; all for one goal: the 14th World Youth Bridge Team Championship.

We were proud to represent Canada and lucky to be presented with this opportunity. When we arrived in Taicang, China, we knew there would be many challenges ahead of us. Apart from the blazing heat and language barriers, we were up against the best youth bridge players from 16 other countries. Some had practiced for months; others had played bridge for most of their lives! Being able to just sit in the same playing table with them was breathtaking. The tables even had cool-looking screens and trays that made bidding even more exciting! The rules were strict and the environment was different than what most of us were used to. We were introduced to new systems such as Precision and the Polish Club and new bidding procedures which we quickly adapted to. The playing area became our second home and our fellow competitors became our friends.

Our days consisted of playing bridge, eating, and sleeping, but we never complained. It was fun. It was challenging. And it was an amazing learning experience. Not only did we get to learn from our fellow teammates and opponents, we were also given the opportunity to learn from the Canadian Junior team, a group of talented and experienced bridge players. We enjoyed bridge so much that we kept playing even during our leisure time. Although we didn't place in the competition, we improved a lot and had a great time.

However, this trip consisted of more than just bridge. We were fortunate enough to visit one of the largest cities in China, Shanghai, and its many famous dumpling restaurants, a welcome change to our monotonous hotel meals. We experienced both the beauty of Old Shanghai and the modern development of New Shanghai. The scenery was stunning and the shopping areas sold all kinds of interesting souvenirs. For many of us, this was the first time we have been to China and we really got to experience Chinese culture and lifestyle. It's amazing how fun it can be travelling to different parts of the world playing the beloved game of bridge and I look forward to doing it again in the future.



B

BOB FENG : I really enjoyed my experience in China, being my first time back in a long time. The food in the restaurants were pretty good; the buffet, not so much.

But we went for the bridge, and man, was it some good bridge. Seeing countries from all across the world play some of the best bridge I've ever seen was quite breathtaking. Here's one of my favourite hands from the competition, playing with Jordan Hebbert in the Transnational Teams.

North

♠ A J
♥ A Q 9 5 4
♦ -
♣ K Q 10 8 3 2

South

♠ 9 8 6
♥ K 10 6 3
♦ A K 8 4
♣ A 9

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

4♣ and 4♦ are cuebids, showing first or second-round controls. 4NT is 1430 and 5♦ shows 3 keycards, so, counting close to 14 tricks, I bid the grand.

After the lead of the Q♦, 7 is cold.



SYLVIA CALEY PRINCIPLES OF PLAY

Dear Readers,

I have not received enough questions to continue with the previous question and answer format. If anyone sends a question to the editor I will certainly include it, but the lack of questions has led me to change my format. This article begins a series on *Principles of Play*.

I am a great believer in Partnership. Strong partnerships are based on respect, understanding and solid agreements. Solid agreements is perhaps the only one of these that I can assist with. We begin this new series with a

This is the shortest my hair has been in 40 years. I had 10 3/4 inches cut off and donated to 'Locks for Love' for wigs for cancer patients.

look at **Expanding your Convention Card (Part 1)**. **What are your parameters for an opening One No Trump?** Do you allow 5-card Majors with a minimum hand? Do you allow an occasional 6-card minor? I would tend to open 1NT (15-17HCPs) with either of the following hands:

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

Hand A just looks like a 1NT bid. With hand B I like to state my values. Bidding 1♦ and then 2♦ doesn't really describe the hand and I like to have a better suit for a 3♦ rebid.

After Stayman what are your follow-up bids? Most play that

1NT	2♣	
2♦	2♥	is garbage Stayman (I just want to stop in 2 of a Major)
1NT	2♣	
2♦	2♠	is invitational with 5 spades and 4 hearts
1NT	2♣	
2♥	2♠	is invitational with 4 spades

You'll also want to be able to show single-suited hands over your 1NT openings. These days most play 4-suit transfers:

2♦	transfers to ♥
2♥	transfers to ♠
2♠	transfers to ♣
2NT	transfers to ♦

Over the transfers to Major suits it's best to have 4 trumps and a real maximum to jump to the 3 level. Remember partner can be quite broke! Over the minor suit transfers you'll need to agree if bidding the suit (suit accepts) shows that you like it or bidding the step in between (step accepts) shows the fit. After a minor suit transfer, most players play that a major suit rebid by responder shows shortness.

Bids at the 3 level should have some definition. A simple system is as follows:

- 3♣ shows 55 minors Game Invitational
- 3♦ shows 55 minors Game Forcing
- 3♥ shows 55 majors Game Invitational
- 3♠ shows 55 majors Game Forcing

Alternately you might like the system that I play with Boris Baran:

- 3♣ 4441 but singleton is not diamonds (3♦ would now ask for the location of the singleton)
- 3♦ 4414 with singleton diamond
- 3♥ singleton heart, 3145 or 3154
- 3♠ singleton spade, 1345 or 1354

Another thought you might consider is playing negative doubles at the 3 level over an opening 1NT.

When the auction begins 1NT 3♦ I think that negative doubles (showing 4-4 or better in the majors) are very convenient. Some partnerships play negative doubles at the 3 level and many play negative doubles through the 3 level (meaning negative double apply at both the 2 and 3 level)

Next let's discuss what happens when the opponents double our opening 1NT.

Case 1: The Double is conventional.

If the double is conventional (for example showing a one suited hand) the advancer (the partner of the doubler) is most likely going to bid. In this case it's fine to play your normal system on.

Case 2: The Double is penalty

Here you need to have a runout system in place. Here's a simple example:

Redouble forces partner to bid 2♣ and responder is going to show a single suited hand.

Other immediate bids:

- 2♣ shows clubs and a higher suit
- 2♦ shows diamonds and hearts (touching suits)
- 2♥ shows hearts and spades with better hearts
- 2♠ is natural and constructive
- 2NT is a Game Forcing 55 (55 with any 2 suits)
- Pass** forces partner to redouble (if advancer doesn't bid). This can be passed (but that rarely happens)
- 2♣ is scrambling (maybe a flat hand)
- 2♦ shows diamonds and spades (non-touching suits)
- 2♥ shows hearts and spades with better spades
- 2♠ is natural and invitational
- 2NT is invitational with both minors

Combating the opponent's interference has become a big part of the game. If you play tournament bridge you are sure to run into players who play that 2♦ over your 1NT shows one major. What is your defense to this? Here's a simple suggestion:

- Double is a transfer to ♥
- 2♥ is a transfer to ♠
- 2♠ is Stayman

Do you allow a 2NT opening with a 5-card major? If you do, do you also play Puppet Stayman so that you can find the 5-3 fit? Some players allow an opening 2NT with 19 HCPs. I don't. An opening 2NT takes up a lot of room so I say that if you bid it it's because you've got it! Also I don't care for 1NT with 14 although I'll give partner some leeway in 3rd or 4th seat.

Following is the system that is in vogue at the moment following an opening 2NT.

- 3♣ is puppet stayman
- 3♦ is a transfer to ♥
- 3♥ is a transfer to ♠
- 3♠ is a transfer to 3NT and begins minor suit slam trys
- 3NT is to play
- 4♣ is Gerber
- 4♦ is a transfer to ♥
- 4♥ is a transfer to ♠
- 4♠ is a quantitative 4NT bid with 4-4 in the minors
- 4NT is quantitative (without 4-4 in the minors)

After 2NT 3♠
3NT 4 minor is natural and shows a single suited slam try in that suit
4 Major shows shortness in that Major with 5-5 in the minors and slam interest

If you normally play 1430 Roman Key Card this is easily adapted into your Gerber responses. In response to 4♣ Gerber you might play that

- 4♦ shows 1 or 4 Aces
- 4♥ shows 0 or 3 Aces
- 4♠ shows 2 Aces with a minimum
- 4NT shows 2 Aces with a maximum

So go to it! Review your notrump systems with your partner. Nothing is written in stone but I believe that 4♣ is Gerber and 4NT is quantitative.

Best of luck!



THANK YOU

CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM

The Canadian Senior team would like to thank the Ontario ACBL Unit 166 for their generous support of the Canadian Senior Team.

MASTER POINT PRESS SUPPORTS CANADA OPEN TEAM

Master Point Press, a long-time supporter of Canadian bridge, has generously agreed to provide funding for the Canada Open Team when it competes at the 2nd World Mind Games to be held in Lille, France starting August 9, 2012. Master Point Press is a leading publisher of books on contract bridge and also publishes books on other games and intellectual pursuits. Ray and Linda Lee are the co-owners of Master Point Press. The members of the Canada Open Team are Daniel Korbel, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Daniel Miles, Vincent Demuy, Leslie Amoils and Darren Wolpert.

EXTENDICARE HELPS GET WOMEN'S BRIDGE TEAM TO LILLE

Extendicare (Canada) Inc. (ECI) is a proud sponsor of the 2012 Canadian Women's Bridge team. One of the team members, Pamela Nisbet is a long-time employee of Extendicare. It has been exciting to follow the successes of her team and support them as they prepare to represent Canada in Lille, France at the 14th World Bridge Games.

Extendicare was founded in 1968 and has become one of Canada's largest long-term care providers operating 86 senior care facilities with capacity for approximately 11,100 residents. ECI is also a major provider of home health care in Canada through its ParaMed Home Health Care division, delivering 4 to 6 million hours of home health care and care services, annually.

At Extendicare we like to support our staff in the ventures they undertake outside of work and recognize their achievements outside the workplace. We could not be happier to recognize and support the achievements of Pamela and her team; we wish them the best of luck in Lille, France!

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CSTC | Wed, May 29 - Sat, June 1, 2013

- All team members must be born in 1953 or earlier
- All team members must be paid-up CBF members
- Pre-registration is not required. Purchase entry on site prior to game time. Guaranteed two days of play.

CIPC | Thu, May 30, 2013

No pre-qualification required and no pre-registration. Participants must be paid-up CBF members.

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- Club qualification required and must be paid up members of the CBF
- Pre-registration not required
- Two-session one day qualifying followed by two session final

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- Two-session Regionally rated Swiss teams
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CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C & CWTC PRE-REGISTRATION DETAILS

Pre-register with the CBF Office by APRIL 6, 2013. Registration forms also online at cbf.ca. Registration must include:

- Team Captain's Name & ACBL Number
- Captain's postal address, phone number and email
- Name and ACBL # 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.

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CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINNERS

Thank you Montreal

Each year, the Canadian Bridge Federation holds the final rounds of all their major championship events during one week usually in late spring. Formerly called "Bridge Week", the event was renamed, in 2009, the Canadian Bridge Championships. This year, the 2012 CBCs were held in Montreal.

The championship week would not have succeeded without a number of helpers. Words do not say enough but thank you to:

Jean Castonguay, an amazing man who worked non-stop to make these championships a success and enjoyment to all. **Barbara Corcoran, Ginette Methot and Christine Bourbeau**, the wonderful ladies who catered to us all in the hospitality room. **Yvon Gravel, Charles Martineau and Andre Chartrand** for their help with the table set up and take down. **Montreal Bridge League** for their support of these championships.

C N T C FLIGHT A

GOLD: Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC; Leslie Amoils – Danny Miles, Toronto ON; Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON

SILVER: Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher - Neil Kimelman - Don Pearsons, Winnipeg MB; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON

BRONZE: Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Robert Kuz, St Andrews MB; Barry Senensky, Maple ON; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; Stephen Cooper, Toronto ON

BRONZE: Drew Cannell, Doll-Des-Ormeau QC; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Paul Thurston, Wellington ON; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Pierre Daigneault, Westmount QC; Kamel Fergani, Montreal QC

C N T C FLIGHT B

GOLD: Andre Renaud - Gerard Turcotte - Robert Tremblay, Quebec QC; Carl Levesque, St-Hon-Temisc

SILVER: Jason Larrivee - Pamela Keim - Duddow Cooney, Regina SK; Rupa Krishnan, De Winton AB

BRONZE: Alain Henault, Longueuil QC; Eric David, Sainte-Julie QC; Marius Moldovan, Pointe-Claire QC; M. Xavier Combey, D D O QC

BRONZE: Nicole Benard - Raymond Boyer - Louis Dessureaux - Guy Duchesne - Diane Majdell, Montreal QC; Louise Mascolo, Verdun QC

The 2013 Canadian Bridge Championships will be held May 25 – June 1, 2013
in Toronto ON at the Delta Toronto East. See page 19 for all the info.

C N T C FLIGHT C

GOLD: Josette Levesque-Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Sylvie Levesque-Yves Decelles, Baie-Comeau QC

SILVER: Terry Visentin - Michael Shaw - Jenna Tichon – Ken Goodridge - Neil Goodridge, Winnipeg MB

BRONZE: Shea O’Loughlin - Michael Moore, Oakville ON; Richard Watson, Toronto ON; Steve Roberts, Clarksburg ON; Steven Mehta - Catherine Kinsella, Mississauga ON

BRONZE: Marie Duval - Liliane Theberge - Lydia Simard, Montreal QC; Johanne Sevigny, Bromont QC; Jean-Pierre Longpre, Outremont QC

PHOTOS left to right:

TOP: CNTC Flight C Gold: Yves Decelles, Sylvie Levesque, Chantal Dube, Josette Levesque

MIDDLE: CNTC Flight B Gold: Robert Tremblay, Carl Levesque, Andre Renaud, Gerard Turcotte

BOTTOM: CNTC Flight A Gold: Daniel Korbelt, Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Danny Miles, Vincent Demuy, Leslie Amoils, Darren Wolpert





CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

2012 C W T C

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BRONZE: Kathie Macnab, Halifax NS; Elizabeth Legacy, Little Bras D'or NS; Anne Mahoney, Moncton NB; Trisha Fleet, Dartmouth NS

SWISS TEAMS

1. Marc Lachapelle - Christian Houle, Saint-Laurent QC; Francois Boucher, Laval QC; Normand Houle, Lachine QC
2. Neil Goodridge - Ken Goodridge - Terry Visentin - Jenna Tichon - Michael Shaw, Winnipeg MB
- 3/4. Michel Coveney - Carole Coveney - Sylvain Mayer - Janyne Provencher, Montreal QC
- 3/4. Diane Houle - Jacques Maynard - Normand St-Pierre, Repentigny QC; Loraine Houle, Laval QC

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SILVER: NPC Baran Baran, ; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Robert Lebi - David Lindop, Toronto ON; Jurek Czyzowicz, Gatineau QC

BRONZE: Don Domansky - David McLellan - Roland Laframboise - Larry Hansen, Thunder Bay ON

BRONZE: Bert Curry - John Bowman - Bill Bowman, Ottawa ON; J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON

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SILVER: Fred Hoffer, Montreal QC; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON 369.56

BRONZE: Arno Hobart, Markham ON; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC 359.59

4. Michael Roche, Victoria BC; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC 356.24

5. Raymond Hornby - Marielle Brentnall, Winnipeg MB 350.26

6. Manon Villeneuve, Saguenay QC; Frederic Pollack, Lasalle QC 349.20

7. Pierre Gaudreau - Nicole Tremblay, Sainte-Sophie QC 348.00

8. Ernie Szavay, Greenfield Park QC; Bert Eccles, Montreal QC 346.98

9. Duncan Smith - James McAvoy, Victoria BC 338.22

10. Don Domansky - David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON 337.46

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 3. Lino D'Souza, Burlington ON; Uday
Maitra, Mississauga ON 65.49
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 - 6B/2C. Colette Lacasse, Terrebonne QC;
Danielle Laforest, Montreal QC -3.40
 - 3C. Michael Anthony – Denise Anthony,
Terrace BC -9.88
 - 4C. Jill Thompson – Josee Hammill,
Toronto ON -33.69

PHOTOS left to right:

TOP LEFT: CSTC Gold: Martin Kirr, Joe Silver, John Guoba and John Carruthers.
TOP RIGHT: CWTC Gold: Debbie Bennett, Lesley Thomson, Linda Wynston, Hazel Wolpert, Ina Demme, Pamela Nisbet
MIDDLE RIGHT: COPC Gold: Lino D'Souza - Uday Maitra
BOTTOM RIGHT: CIPC Gold: Ranald Davidson, Michael Gamble





HELEN SHIELDS

ROOKIE MASTER

25 clubs took part in our 2012 Helen Shields
Rookie-Master Game held in April.

T HE HONOURABLE CONNIE GLUBE AND JOEANNE COFFEY

2012 Rookie Master Winners with a 70.67% game. The Honourable Constance Glube is a wonderful contributor to our Canadian Bridge community. A player who has been away from the bridge table for thirty-five years doing more 'judicial' things, but upon retirement has been able to enjoy this past time. Connie came to the Helen Shield's Rookie Master game on Monday night prepared to play with whomever was her partner. Connie's partner was Joanne Coffey.

Joanne is an active wheelchair user. Four years ago, Joanne did not know anything about the game of bridge. She was a "card-turner" for her wheelchair buddy who has no use of her hands but loves to play bridge. Joanne dutifully set up the cards for her friend and followed directions. Helping her friend this way attracted Joanne's interest in this game and Joanne soon started to take lessons for her own enjoyment. Joanne now comes to the Bridge Studio as often as possible and enjoys her games of bridge. She is a delight to have at the tables.

Connie and Joanne met for the first time just minutes before the game. Connie's kind gentle nature and keen mind along with Joanne's fortitude and willingness to 'just do it' produced a great game! A very popular win in the Maritimes. Congratulations, well-played, well-deserved.

“Helen Shields, who was from Thunder Bay, was a past President of the CBF. Helen was very active in teaching and introducing new players to duplicate bridge.”

25 clubs took part in our annual Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. The Gatineau BC had the largest turnout with 27.5 tables or 55 pairs. The Kingston DBC came in second with 24 tables, Saskatoon DBC was third with 20 tables, Bridge Centre of Niagara and Vancouver Unit game each had 18 tables. CBF would like to express its appreciation to Allan Simon of Calgary for doing the analysis for this event.

ZONE WINNERS

ZONE 1:	Connie Glube & Joanne Coffey Maritime Bridge Studio	70.67%
ZONE 2:	Connie McCubbin & Tata Oberai Kingston DBC	68.25%
ZONE 3:	Bev Gale & Terry Pierce Tillsonburg DBC	65.77%
ZONE 4:	Frank Peirce & Andy Aitchison North Bay DBC	68.06%
ZONE 5 TIE:	Lynne Monar & Bette Wilson Saskatoon DBC	64.88%
ZONE 5 TIE:	Janet Giesbrecht & Louise Barnett Saskatoon DBC	64.88%
ZONE 6:	Scott Shi & Jo-Anne Modesto Vancouver Unit 430 Game	67.92%

NATIONAL WINNERS

1.	Connie Glube & Joanne Coffey Maritime Cards & Games Bridge Studio	70.67%
2.	Connie McCubbin & Tata Oberai Kingston DBC	68.25%
3.	Frank Peirce & Andy Aitchison North Bay DBC	68.06%
4.	Scott Shi & Jo-Anne Modesto Vancouver Unit 430 Game	67.92%
5.	Rolf Zaar & Kurt Moller Vancouver Unit 430 Game	66.94%
6.	Denise Bond & Stephane Leblanc Gatineau Bridge Club	66.73%
7.	Bev Gale & Terry Pierce Tillsonburg DBC	65.77%
8.	Diane Hunter & Wendy Champaign North Bay DBC	65.28%
9.	Beverley Snow & Boyd Wells Truro DBC	65.18%
10.	Sylvain Boucher & Mark Donovan Kingston DBC	65.08%

Find Top Ten results for each Zone online at cbf.ca

ERIN BERRY MEMORIAL FUND

DISBURSEMENTS 2012

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 at the end of April in Montreal. The trustees granted \$425 to each of eleven students from the Moncton, NB area who will be attending the Youth NABC in Philadelphia.

The recipients are:

Bayden Carter	Evan Jones
Josh Cormier	Nathanael Mack
Mackenzie Curry	Tim Poirier
Jessica Green	Benjamin Randall
Dru Guimond	Jacob Rice
Robert Guimond	

For information on the Erin Berry Memorial Fund please visit the CBF website at www.cbf.ca



MIKE YUEN

TIT FOR TAT

Neil Kimelman, a member of the silver medal team, shared some hands from the Canadian Team Championships final with Mike Yuen.

*PHOTO: Buskers in Montreal
Jonathan Steinberg*



One of our favourite places to hang out during a championships is BridgeBlogging.com where journalists from across Canada (and elsewhere) blog their experiences, stories and post photos. Michael Yuen, a member of the Canadian Senior Team that placed 5th, was blogging from

Montreal during Canada's Bridge Championships in April. Here is an excerpt from his final blog of the week. The hands were passed on to him by Neil Kimelman, Silver medalist in the CNTC.

3/8 Board 13. Dealer: North Vul: Both

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



Mike Yuen's images from the Canadian Bridge Championships. Top Left, Silver Medalists Don Pearsons, David Sabourin, Neil Kimelman, Bob Todd, Jonathan Steinberg and Doug Fisher.. Bottom Left, Dignitaries: ACBL CEO Robert Hartman, Dick Anderson and George Retek. Right, Dennis Gamble shows off his medals.

Don Pearsons (West) and Neil (East) were in 4♠ with the 5♥ lead from South, won by the North's Jack. The next heart won by South's King. The diamond switch went to North's Ace. Given the chance, Neil guessed the spade position and picked up the Jack, making 10 tricks for +620.

At the other table, Vincent Demuy as West was in 3NT. North led the ten of Diamond won by dummy's Queen. Vincent also guess the spades to make 10 tricks for +630. Push board.

On Board 15, Daniel Korbel (North) played skillfully to make 7NT. It was a spirited auction:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♦
2♦	2♠	5♣	5♦
Pass	5♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♦
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

3/8 Board 15. Dealer: South Vul: N/S

North

- ♠ A K 7 4
- ♥ A K J 5
- ♦ Q 10 6 4
- ♣ 7

West

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

East (Kimmelman)

- ♠ 9 3
- ♥ Q 6 2
- ♦ void
- ♣ K Q J 10 9 6 5 4

South

- ♠ 10 2
- ♥ 9
- ♦ A K J 9 8 7 5
- ♣ A 8 3

CANADIANS EXCEL IN PHILADELPHIA

This was the position with four card ending.

	North	
	♠ 7	
	♥ A K J	
	♦	
	♣	
West		East (Kimelman)
♠ Q		♠
♥ 10 8 7		♥ Q 6 2
♦		♦ void
♣		♣ Q
	South	
	♠	
	♥ 9	
	♦ 8	
	♣ 8 3	

When Daniel played the ♦8, West had to keep the ♠Q otherwise the ♠7 in dummy would be good, so he let go the ♥7. North could now discard the ♠7 and East in turn was squeezed between hearts and clubs.

At the other table Jonathan Steinberg and David Sabourin had bid and made 7♦ for +2140.

Many Canadians travelled to Philadelphia to take part in the ACBL Summer NABC. Many players did very well and earned lots of masterpoints. We would especially like to send out our congratulations to:

Yan Wang, Scarborough; Edward Xu & Peter Wong, Toronto; Jiafeng Luo of North York playing with Nongyu Li of Sunnyvale CA finished first in the Mini-Springold I (0 – 5000)

Robert Lebi and David Lindop of Toronto who finished first in the Wernher Open Pairs.

Nader Hanna and Joan Eaton of Toronto, Michael Roche of Victoria and Karen Cumpstone of Nanaimo who finished first in the Freeman Mixed BAM Teams.



DOUG DESCHNER

Doug was a Bridge Player. A diamond life master. To those who knew him, he was THE BEST. At the bridge table or in life Doug made too many contributions to recount.

Doug was born, raised and lived in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Doug was an entrepreneur and had many ventures. It was not unusual to be playing bridge with Doug and have him step outside and complete business deals between rounds. He would flit between tasks without losing a beat. He directed, recruited and promoted bridge. He brought players to Alberta Regionals by running his well-known “Calcutta”. Doug knew people and helped bridge players, their family and friends to be successful. Doug once won an Open Pairs playthrough but did not qualify to win. Why,

because he picked up a caddy to fill a table for the first half and another caddy in the second half for the same reason. He won both sessions. Doug’s smile and attitude made everyone better. On a trip to Seattle we went to the Rainbow Bridge Club and one of the players asked where we were from. We said Red Deer. He immediately blurted out “Doug Deschner”. This was a Grand Life Master. That is quite something because, few people have ever heard of Red Deer. On the home front he was a devoted family man. He and Lorna formed a partnership at the bridge table and in life. To see him with his grandchildren, Charly and Sarah was priceless. Doug was our closer. The phrase “ask DOUG” was heard too many times to count. I know that he is sitting at a table in heaven with Tom and Austin. Some day I hope to join them. Bye Doug we miss you.

Submitted by Charlie Lamb

You Can't See The Forest For The Trees

By Mike Yuen

Lets see if you can find the winning line of play Jordan Cohen took at the Memphis NABC Silver Ribbon Pairs, second qualifying session.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vulnerable.
(Hands rotated to make declarer South)

Dlr N. None.

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

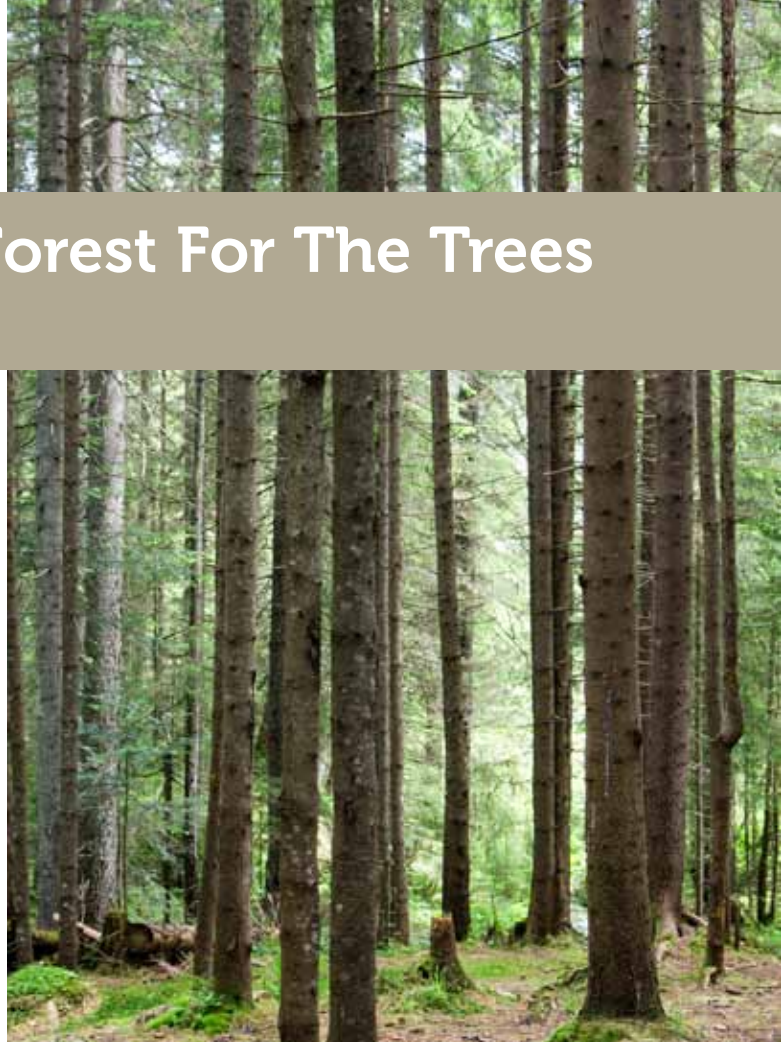
West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West led the ♥A

This was how Jordan played the hand. On the lead of ♥A, three, queen and four. West continued with the ♥K, ten, East discarded the ♦4 and 8. West tried the ♥J, dummy ruff high with the ♣Q East pitched the ♦7 and the ♥9 from South.

At trick 4, Jordan ran clubs. ♣2, 9, Ace and West discarded the ♥2. ♣K, West discarded another one of his useless hearts, the five, three and seven. ♣J, six of hearts, four and ten.

At Trick 7: ♣2, ♥7, ♠2 from dummy and ♦6 from East. ♣6, ♠6, ♠8 and ♠4.



At Trick 9. With one club to play this was the end position.
♣5, ♠10, ♦2 and ♠5.

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

Trick 10. Jordan was able to take four spade tricks as both defenders guarded the diamonds. Made 11 tricks for +400 and a top board. By never touching diamonds, Jordan created an illusion that he had some diamonds in his hand. This led both defenders into discarding their spades.

Just brilliant!

CANADIANS IN LILLE

“Canadian teams make us proud at the 14th World Bridge Teams, August 9-23 2012 in Lille, France.”

Canada sent three teams to this year's World Championships in Lille.

Our Open Team comprised members of the winning 2012 CNTC team from our Canadian Bridge Championships (CBC) (see page 20) and included Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Vincent Demuy, Leslie Amoils, Darren Wolpert, Danny Miles, Daniel Korbel, NPC - Nicholas Gartaganis and Coach - Judith Gartaganis.

Our Women's Team comprised members of the 2012 winning CWTC team from our CBC and included Ina Demme, Hazel Wolpert, Linda Wynston, Lesley Thomson, Debbie Bennett, Pamela Nisbet and NPC - Nader Hanna.

Our Senior's Team comprised members of the winning 2012 CSTC team from our CBC and included Joseph Silver, John Carruthers, John Guoba, Martin Kirr, John Rayner, Michael Roche and NPC - Katie Thorpe.

The Women's team placed 7th in Round Robin play but did not qualify for the Round of 16. The Seniors Team qualified from Round Robin play in 6th place and advanced to the Round of 16 where they lost to Denmark. The Open team qualified 4th in their Round Robin group and advanced to the Round of 16. Here they faced event favourites Monaco, played strongly and led going into the final segment only to lose when Monaco staged a 58-0 rally in the last set.



Canadians in Lille. Photo above: Daniel Korbel, Hazel and Darren Wolpert, Nicholas Gartaganis, Linda Wynston and Judith Gartaganis (Silver Medal winners in the Transnational Mixed Teams). Photo right top: Michael Roche and John Guoba. Right Bottom: John Rayner and Marty Kirr

A number of the participants decided to enter the Transnational Mixed Teams. Team Canada (Daniel Korbel, Hazel and Darren Wolpert, Nicholas Gartaganis, Linda Wynston and Judith Gartaganis; see photo above) did very well in the round robin finishing in first place. They won over Shapour in the Quarter Finals and moved into the Semis. Three segments against Saic Red and Team Canada emerged victorious again. In the World Championship Finals they faced Milner (Petra Hamman, Hemant Lall, Reese Milner, Gabriella Olivieri, Jacek Pszczola and Meike Wortel). Canada led for most of the match, but eventually succumbed 179-159, having to settle for the silver medal.

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A Hand from Lille

by Katie Thorpe. The first hand of a tournament is always (at least to me) a bit nerve-wracking. John Carruthers played Board 1 of Match 1 carefully, against equally careful defence, to bring home his contract.

Dlr N. None.

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

West	North	East	South
-	1♣ ¹	2♦ ²	DBL ³
2♥	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1) 17+ artificial 2) Majors 3) Positive 7+

East led a heart to the jack and king, John choosing not to duck to avoid an immediate spade switch. He crossed to dummy on the ace of diamonds, and led the ♣10 covered by the king and ace. When East showed out, taking five club tricks was now difficult. John led a spade toward the king in dummy, East winning the ace. Continuing a spade would give dummy the extra entry and all the clubs, so East continued the queen of hearts, ducked. The next heart was won, and John now played the ♣8 from hand. If West ducked, the clubs would run, so he won the nine. Now no matter the exit card John was fine; a spade or a club would be won in dummy, and in the case of the actual diamond exit, declarer won the king and crossed to dummy with the ♣5 to the ♣7 to reach the king of spades.



WHAT JUST HAPPENED? {OR DIDN'T}

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

We all know how critical it is to listen carefully to the bidding around the table and to use that information as we jostle to find the best final contract. Partner's bidding defines his hand. Many hours have been spent perfecting systems that establish narrow bounds for each bid and create sequences in which each subsequent bid refines that definition. The opponents' bidding, too, provides important clues as to the distribution of suits and high card strength around the table.

To become a better bidder, declarer and defender, one must become proficient at making sense of all the data available from the bidding and the cards played ... making positive inferences. But if you hope to become an "expert", you must do more. To complete the picture, you must think about bids that **weren't made** and the cards and suits that **weren't played** ! You must be able to make negative inferences. Why didn't partner bid spades? Why didn't LHO lead his suit? Where are the hearts?

It is impossible to figure out with 100% certainty why an opponent did or didn't make a play or bid. But partner that should be a different story. You need to be able to depend on partner's bidding and vice versa, so it is crucial to be consistent. Don't mess around!

Here are some examples of simple negative inferences to keep in mind. Some you will already be applying; others may be new:

- partner didn't open : not enough points to open at the 1 level; not a long enough suit to open at the 2 or 3 level (or not even enough points to preempt!)
- partner opened, but not 1NT : fewer than 15 HCP or more than 17 HCP or not balanced distribution
- after partner opens 1♦, you respond 1♥ and partner continues with 1♠ : partner can't raise hearts, therefore fewer than 4 cards in support.

Of course, sometimes inferring what partner has is more akin to "guessing", as the following incident illustrates.

Two powerhouse teams met in the 72-board final of the 2011 Vanderbilt Teams. Much of the preliminary action in the event along with all of the semi-finals and final were shown on BBO Vugraph. Watching experts bid and play hands is a great way to study and learn about the game. Just be prepared for a little "down time" while the participants are thinking.

The match had been close all the way; with 9 boards remaining, Fleisher led Grue 116 to 114. Then ... disaster! Here is the layout:

None Vulnerable Dealer: West

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

Cheek	Levin	Grue	Weinstein
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

Arguably, one of the best pairs in the world bid uncontested to a grand slam off the Ace of trumps. Unbelievable! Levin - Weinstein let the bridge public in on their post mortem. Weinstein put a lot of stock in his partner's decision to cue bid 4♣ instead of 3♠. He took a negative inference that his partner did not have the Ace of spades. Thus, Keycard (4♥) located all the missing key cards and 5♥, which asked for kings and issued a grand slam invite, was happily accepted by Levin. Of course, Levin didn't see it that way. He was afraid that 3♠ would seem like a probe for the best game rather than a cue bid; he knew there would be no such ambiguity about 4♣.

Why Cheek didn't double holding the ♦A is somewhat of a mystery. Still, how could you possibly lose IMPs on the hand?

Well ... look at the auction at the other table:

Stansby	Del'Monte	Martel	Bakshi
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♦
Double	All Pass		

Bakshi - Del'Monte, too, brushed aside the missing trump Ace to arrive in the grand! Although they are not a long-standing partnership, they no doubt did a great deal of preparation for the event. So what happened? Over Keycard (4♦), Bakshi showed an even number of key cards plus a void, a questionable action since his void did not rate to be "working". Del'Monte thought 6♣ asked for the void and he planned to pass 6♦ (♣ void), bid 7♦ if partner showed a ♥ void and bid 6NT if partner showed a ♠ void. Ah ... the best laid plans. Stansby picked up 2 IMPs with his double and the Fleisher team went on to win 120 - 116.

So, what is the lesson to be learned from this hand? Making negative inferences comes with risks unless you are confident that your partner **always** bid consistently. Disasters happen to everyone. Be kind to partner when it happens to you!

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1. 70.83 Neil Balcom & Haixin Xu, Wolfville NS
2. 66.37 Jacques Fradette & Louise Zicat, Gatineau QC
3. 64.68 David Lyngh & Jeffrey W Robertson, Lethbridge AB
4. 64.12 William Cruden, & Peter Ineson, Halifax NS
5. 63.54 Gail Jotcham & Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON
6. 63.43 Timothy Matthews & Chris Wilcox, Halifax NS
7. 63.23 Donald P Cattani & David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON
8. 63.19 Ally Carlson & Ruby J Misak, Lethbridge AB
9. 63.02 Oscar Koller, Mactaquac NB & Robert Simmonds, Fredericton NB
10. 62.96 Stewart McInnes & Myrtle Moulton, Halifax NS

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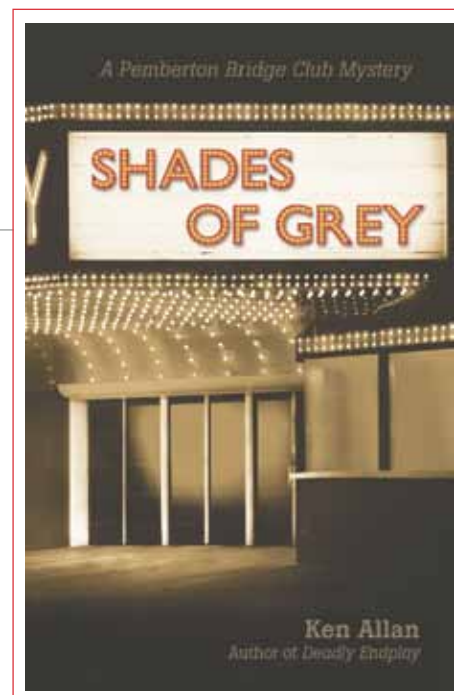
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2012

September	International Fund Month
September	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
September	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
October	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
October	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Oct. 22	(Mon. Eve.) Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game (\$8.35/table)
Oct. 24	(Wed. Eve.) Erin Berry RM Game (\$6 a table)
November	Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table)
November	Club qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Nov. 26	(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)
December	Grassroots Month

2013

Jan 1	DEADLINE for submitting names for 2013 Preapproved NPC List
Jan. 1 - 14	Club Qualifying games in the CNTC (\$4/table)
Jan. 21 - 27	CBF International Fund Regional - Calgary, AB (page 11)
Jan. 26	(Sat. Aft.) ACBL Wide International Fund Game #1 (\$8.35/table)
February	Junior Fund Month
Feb. 18 - 24	CBF STaC - open to all clubs in Canada (\$9/table)
March 11	(Mon. Eve.) Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game (\$8.35/table)
March 19	(Tues. Eve.) ACBL Wide Charity Game #1 (\$6.35/table)
April	Charity Fund Month
April 6	DEADLINE for registering for CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C and CWTC National Final
April 23	(Tues. Aft.) Helen Shields RM Game (\$6/table)
April 30	DEADLINE for changes to team rosters & deadline for submitting pre-alerts
May 10	(Thurs. Aft.) ACBL International Fund Game #2 (\$8.35/table)
May 15	DEADLINE for applying for grants from Erin Berry Memorial Fund
May 22 - 24	CBF Board of Director meetings Toronto, ON
May 25 - June 1	Canadian Bridge Championships - Toronto, ON (page 19)
May 29	CBF Annual General Membership Meeting - Toronto, ON
August 2	(Fri. Eve.) ACBL Wide International Fund Game #3 (\$8.35/table)

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