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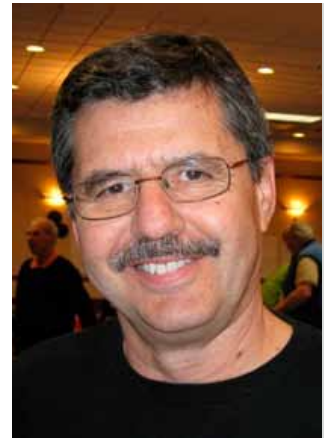
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The CBF received some very good feedback on the August CBF Magazine, Bridge Canada. Readers enjoyed the new 'Meet...' feature, with insight into the CBF Junior Program Manager, Bryan Maksymetz. We continue learning more about the lives of some of our established and prominent CBF members when we focus on Ina Demme and Judith Gartaganis in this month's issue.



Neil Kimelman - Editor

The other new feature, 'Did You Know?' highlighted a story of the early mentoring days of Eric Kokish. Thanks to Stephen Cooper for sharing and his unique artwork of Eric. This month's 'Did You Know' feature will likely surprise you as it did me, featuring a different side of Sylvia Caley, a regular representative on Canada's Venice Cup teams.

We keep readers informed of any changes in CBF policies and schedules. The article on CWTC changes as a stand-alone Championship will be of great interest to many of our readers. The CBF President Nader Hanna informs members of the significant new partnership and sponsorship agreement with Chartwell Retirement Residences.

We continue with our up-to-date coverage of Canadian and International Events, this time we have four articles featuring our Canadian Champions competing against the best in the world during the Bali World Championships held this past fall.

And as always we update members on upcoming events, recent results, Richmond and Mini-Richmond leaders, and much other miscellaneous information from the bridge world in and outside of Canada.

I continue to look for ways to improve our Magazine and encourage feedback from all readers. I wish all a joyful holiday season with family and friends, and all the best in 2014.

message from the president

I am very pleased to welcome Chartwell Retirement Residences as a major sponsor of the Canadian Bridge Federation for the next 3 years. Chartwell Retirement Residences is a Canadian-owned company with its head office in Mississauga and corporate offices in Montreal and Vancouver. It owns and operates over 180 retirement and long term residences across Canada, primarily in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta. The Chartwell residences offer a wide range of senior living options including independent living, assisted living, and long term care.

With the average age of our membership exceeding 65 years, the partnership of the CBF and Chartwell is a perfect fit as I am sure many CBF members are exploring senior living options for themselves or for family members. For more information about Chartwell, or to locate a residence near you, please visit: www.chartwell.com

I am also pleased to announce the induction of Agnes Gordon and Bruce Gowdy into the CBF Hall of Fame.

Agnes Gordon was a top female player in the 40's, 50's and 60's and was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2009. Gordon, who died in 1967, won seven North American championships, including the 1948 Chicago Board-a-Match Teams (now the Reisinger), and she was on the 2nd place squad in the 1964 World Women's Teams.

Bruce Gowdy won the Spingold in 1948 and became Life Master #67 in 1950 at the age of 19. Gowdy is a WBF Life Master and has won a bronze medal as a member of the Canadian Olympiad team in 1972, as well as a silver medal in the 2002 World Senior Open Pairs.

The CBF Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place during the 2014 Canadian Bridge Championships to be held in Calgary May 3 – 10. I hope to see many of you there to help us celebrate Gordon and Gowdy's induction.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Nader Hanna, - President



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CBF CHARITY GRANTS 2013

THE CBF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION meets once a year -- usually in May, to select the charities that will receive funding. Charities are designated one year in advance of receiving the funding. Actual dollar amounts of the donations are assigned in the year they are given out. To find out how you can apply for a donation from the CBFCF, visit cbf.ca and choose item from menu at left.

2013 CBF Charitable Foundation Charity Grants Given Out		\$19,564
Longest Day Event - Canadian Alzheimer Society	\$ 5,564	\$5,564
Chairman Donations		\$ 2,000
Alzheimer Society of Manitoba	\$ 500	
Creative Retirement Manitoba	\$ 300	
Manitoba Chamber Orchestra	\$ 250	
Morden Friendship Activity Centre - Snow Angels	\$ 300	
Prairie Theatre Exchange	\$ 250	
Siloam Mission	\$ 200	
Winnipeg Foundation	\$ 200	
Zone One Donations		\$ 2000
Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick	\$ 250	
Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia - Halifax Duck Derby	\$ 500	
Colchester East Hants Hospice Society	\$ 250	
G'ma Circle of PEI	\$ 500	
Yarmouth Hospital Foundation	\$ 500	
Zone Two Donations		\$ 2000
Canadian Hadassah Wizo	\$ 500	
Federation of Quebec Alzheimer Society	\$ 500	
Fondation Hospital Anna Laberge	\$ 500	
Seniors Association of Kingston Region	\$ 500	
Zone Three Donations		\$ 2000
Community & Home Assistance to Senior	\$ 500	
North York Seniors Centre	\$ 600	
Ontario Gerontology Association	\$ 400	
Peel Senior Link	\$ 500	
Zone Four Donations		\$ 2000
Alzheimer Society of North Bay	\$ 250	
Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre	\$ 500	
Italian Centre, MB - bridge classes	\$ 400	
Lighthouse Mission	\$ 350	
Manitoba Prostrate Cancer Support Group	\$ 500	
Zone Five Donations		\$ 2000
Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan	\$ 1000	
Saskatoon Council on Ageing	\$ 1000	
Zone Six Donations		\$ 2000
Lower Mainland Grief Recovery Society	\$ 400	
Mustard Seed Food Bank	\$ 400	
Nanaimo Community Hospice Society	\$ 400	
North Shore Hospice Society	\$ 400	
Penticton & District Hospice Society	\$ 400	



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PRE-APPROVED NPC:

Send your name, ACBL number, contact information and brief description of your international experience, to Janice Anderson. **Deadline for submitting is January 1, 2014.**

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 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 must have been continuous members of the CBF since January 1 of the previous year (for 2014 this means since January 1, 2013).

SUPPORT THE CBF

Are you a member of the CBF?

You can check your CBF status through MyACBL 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!

C.B.F. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print clearly to ensure you receive your mailings)

NAME: _____

ACBL PLAYER NUMBER (if you have one): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FEE ENCLOSED: _____ \$22.00 (\$13 for Junior members) DATE: _____

Make cheques payable to CBF | MAIL TO : Canadian Bridge Federation 1 Pietro Drive Maple, ON L6A 3J4

MEET ... INA DEMME

CBF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BRIDGE CHAMPION

Ina Demme is the incoming CBF Executive Assistant taking over from Jan Anderson who is retiring after devoting 25 years to the job. Ina has been on the winning CWTC teams in 2004, 2012 and 2013. She has also served on the Unit 166 board and has helped with the 2001 and 2011 Nationals in Toronto.



How did you first discover bridge?

My story is a little different than a lot of bridge players I know. My parents did not play bridge and I did not start playing in University. I went to Waterloo University in the Actuarial program, so there were always a lot of people in the math lounge playing bridge. At the time, I thought what a waste of time!

On her new role as CBF Coordinator

I have been training for the job over the last year. As time has gone on, I have come realize just how much there is to do. From organizing the annual Canadian Bridge Championships, preparing materials for the annual meetings, mailings to all club managers, administering various games and qualifiers, managing the CBF charities, website issues, memberships and more – the job never stops. I'm happy to take it on, and I hope I can do it nearly as well as Jan has for all of these years. I've made mistakes in the last few months and will make more in the future – the goal in the end is to help the Board of the CBF make bridge in Canada a great experience for everyone, international players, club players as well as those just starting to learn the game.

For me, it all started one rainy day about five years after graduating from University. I was at my company's annual client golf tournament and it was rained out. So what would a room full of actuaries do? Play bridge of course. I watched and I was fascinated by the game. At that point I decided that when I finished my actuarial exams, I would learn bridge. Two years later, I finished my exams and received Audrey Grant's Joy of Bridge for my birthday and that was the beginning of the end. I played for a year or two with friends, then got asked to play in the Toronto insurance league, then discovered duplicate bridge and after that, I was completely hooked.

I went to my first CWTC in 1995 held in Thunder Bay. Shelagh Paulsson had taken a few of us enthusiastic players under her wing and coached us. We were scared (and excited) but we went and played and had a

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ST@C

HOW TO

CBF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS

17-23 FEBRUARY 2014

The CBF STAC is run through the ACBL. This article will show you how to register and then receive your hand records.

All clubs must register through the ACBL Website.

Go to the ACBL website www.acbl.org

The first thing you have to do is set up a "MyACBL" login. If you already have one then you are set to proceed with registering.

On the left hand side of page click on MyACBL. A new page will come up where you type in your ACBL player number and your email address (you must type this twice). You will be emailed a temporary password and then you can log in and set up your own password. You need to set this up before you can register. As a club manager you should do this as a lot of information for club managers is available once you have signed up through MyACBL.

After you have set up MyACBL you can register for the STAC

- Go to the ACBL Website. Under the heading "Tournaments", click on STaC's Sectional Tournaments at Clubs. You get a calendar listing.
- Scroll down to: 02/17/14 02/23/14 STaC Canada Wide
- Once you find this follow across the page and click on the LINK far right side.
- A page about the STAC comes up. Scroll down to "Registration form". You will be asked to log in to MYACBL. You will then be able to register your club for the STAC. *Note that this page on the ACBL website also has instructions which all club managers should read.*

To get your hand records - login www.acbl.org

- Under Tournaments click on STaC's Sectional Tournaments at Clubs
- Scroll down the calendar to Canada Wide STAC – click on LINK at the far right hand side of page (be sure you are on the Canada Wide STAC line)
- Go down list of links that comes up and click on HAND RECORDS
- A screen will come up where you must log in to "MyACBL"
Type in your ACBL player number and your password. Click SUBMIT
- You will now have a page come up that will list your hand records. Check what you want and then at the bottom of the page click on DOWNLOAD. A new page will come up with instructions on how to DOWNLOAD your game hand records.

OLYMPIAD FUND GAMES

FUND GAMES AT SECTIONALS

Would you like to earn 1.4 times as many masterpoints (silver) at your next Sectional?

For \$1 CDN per person, your sectional can award silver points at Regional rating. Your sectional organizers can elect to hold either a one-session, a two-session or two single-session fund games at your next sectional. If holding International Fund or Charity Fund games at your sectional, the \$4 / table is sent to the CBF Executive Assistant. For Junior Fund (as of January 1, 2014) or Grassroots Fund games, the money is submitted to the ACBL. The tournament Director will know how to report the game. Players win extra masterpoints and at the same time help support one of the special Funds. Talk to your sectional organizers now!



The CBF thanks the following for holding International Fund games at their 2013 Sectionals: (as of Nov. 13, 2013)

Canadian Maritimes Unit 194 - 1 sectional, Halifax
Eastern Ontario & Outaouais Unit 192 - 4 sectionals
2 in Ottawa, 1 in Kingston & 1 in Arnprior
Toronto Unit 166 - 1 sectional
Thunder Bay Unit 228 - 1 sectional
Northern Alberta Unit 391 Edmonton - 3 sectionals
South Sask Unit 573 Regina - 2 sectionals
North Sask Unit 575 3 sectionals
2 in Saskatoon 1 in Meota

The CBF thanks the following for holding Charity Fund games at their 2013 Sectionals (as of Nov. 13, 2013):

Unit 431 – Victoria, BC – 2 sectionals
Unit 192 – Smiths Falls – 1 sectional

Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game

October 3, 2013 - 165 tables Overall Leaders (165 tables)

1. 70.36 Denis Boudreau, Wakefield QC & Jean Monette, Ottawa ON
2. 70.35 Sharon Crawford, Sudbury ON & B Udeschini, Sudbury ON
3. 69.79 Harry Freedman, Ottawa ON & Tara McCabe, Ottawa ON
4. 66.92 Linda Cobham, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB & Gerald Laflamme, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB
5. 65.83 Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON & Robert Hollow, Madoc ON
6. 65.48 Louise Ducharme, Ottawa ON & Louise Renard, Ottawa ON
7. 64.67 Yves Leonard, Gatineau QC & Jean Mario Longpre, Gatineau QC
8. 64.58 Don Domansky, Thunder Bay ON & David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON
9. 64.35 Ann Fordham, Moose Jaw SK & Ken Newton, Moose Jaw SK
10. 64.35 Eric Callbeck, Meota SK & Gerald Fernandes, N Battleford SK

CANADIAN ROOKIE-MASTER GAME WINNERS

ERIN BERRY



THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2013

Twenty clubs took part in our annual Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game, which is named in memory of Erin Berry. Erin was developing into one of Canada's best Junior players when she tragically died in an automobile accident in January 1998. Bridgenutz of Calgary had the largest turnout with 26 tables or 52 pairs. The Gatineau BC had the second largest turnout with 21 tables, The Bridge Connection was 3rd with 17.5 tables, Moncton DBC and Saskatoon DBC each had 16 tables.

The CBF would like to express its appreciation to Jason Larrivee, of Regina, SK for doing the analysis for this event.

NATIONAL WINNERS: Diane Desroches & Mireille Maisonneuve achieved a 70.6% game at the Gatineau Bridge Club to win overall in this Canada-Wide event.

NATIONAL WINNERS (501 PAIRS)

1. Diane Desroches & Mireille Maisonneuve
Gatineau BC 70.63%
2. Nicole Charbonneau & Claude Charbonneau
Club de Bridge De Sainte-Foy 70.54%
3. Gayle Seto & Kai Tong
Kingston DBC 69.55%
4. Richard Tie & Barry Symons
Belleville DBC 66.37%
5. Margie Knickle & John R. Nancekivell
Maritime Cards & Games 64.88%

Complete results may be found on the CBF website. (www.cbf.ca)

ZONE WINNERS

ZONE ONE WINNERS (141 PAIRS)

1. Margie Knickle & John R. Nancekivell
Maritime Cards & Games 64.88%

ZONE TWO WINNERS (147 PAIRS)

1. Diane Desroches & Mireille Maisonneuve
Gatineau BC 70.63%

ZONE THREE WINNERS (71 PAIRS)

1. Richard Tie & Barry Symons
Belleville DBC 66.37%

ZONE FOUR WINNERS no games held

ZONE FIVE WINNERS (142 PAIRS)

1. James Dynes & Grant Cheston
Saskatoon DBC 63.83%

ZONE SIX WINNERS no games held

2014 CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS May 3 - 10, 2014



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when making a reservation!*

CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C PRE-REGISTRATION DETAILS

Pre-register with the CBF Office by March 7, 2014. 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 each team member
- Round robin entry fee (non-refundable)
CNTC-A: \$924.00 CNTC-B: \$540.00
CNTC-C: \$300

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 prior to being listed on a team.

No Zone Finals • Form your teams • Enter by March 7, 2014

To pre-register contact: Ina Demme - CBF
1 Pietro Drive Maple, ON L6A 3J4
(416) 706-8550 canbridge@rogers.com

CNTC-A | Sat, May 3 - Sat, May 10, 2014

Pre-registration required (details bottom left).

CNTC-B (<2500mpts) | Sun, May 4 - Thu, May 8, 2014

Pre-registration required (details bottom left).

CNTC-C (<1000mpts) | Wed, May 7 - Fri, May 9, 2014

Pre-registration required (details bottom left).

CSTC | Wed, May 7 - Sat, May 10, 2014

- All team members must be born in 1954 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 8, 2014

No pre-qualification required and no pre-registration. Participants must be paid-up CBF members. Stratified for masterpoints. Cash prizes for top three pairs (\$400, \$250, \$150)

COPC | Fri, May 9 and Sat, May 10, 2014

- 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
- Cash prizes to top 2 pairs (\$1500, \$750)

SWISS TEAMS | Sat, May 10, 2014

- Two-session regionally-rated Swiss teams (gold pts)
- Open to all. No pre-registration, no pre-qualification & CBF membership is not required



Women! 2014 CWTC GET YOUR TEAMS READY!

Event will be held during the
EDMONTON REGIONAL August 11-17, 2014

Deadline to register: February 15, 2014

We have made some changes to the format of the Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC) based on the feedback we received from players at last year's Canadian Bridge Championships. Many felt that having a separate event rather than being a part of the CBC would be more fun. Moving it to later in the summer would mean that more women would be able to attend because there would be no conflict with the school year.

This year the event will be held during the Edmonton Regional, August 11-17. We are currently finalizing the details and we will be able to announce the exact dates shortly.

The winners of the 2014 CWTC will play off against Mexico and the winner will represent WBF Zone 2 in the Venice Cup in 2015. Since the CWTC is now being held later in the summer, we don't have time to register and prepare for that year's World Event. The winning team will therefore attend the World event the following year. This year is a good time to make this change since the 2014 World Championships are an open event that anyone can attend.

The deadline for registering a team for the 2014 CWTC is FEBRUARY 15, 2014 and no pre-qualification is required. The early deadline is necessary so that we can determine the format of the event. It is not feasible to hold a team event with fewer

than 6 teams, so, if fewer teams register, we will change the competition to an IMP pairs event and pairs will have until April 15th to register. We will post updates on the event and the status of registrations on the CBF website.

Now is the time to get your teams organized and get your registrations in to the CBF office. (registration details are available online and in this Bridge Canada issue) If you are interested in playing but don't have a team or a partner, you can contact Ina by email: ina@cbf.ca, and she will be happy to help put you together with others who are looking for players to form a team.

Come out to Edmonton next summer and let's build the CWTC back into a top notch event that is a great learning experience, fun for all participants and, of course, a good competition.

MEET ...

JUDITH GARTAGANIS

CANADIAN CHAMPION

BRIDGE AUTHOR

Judith Gartaganis, in partnership with her husband, Nicholas, has won three Canadian team championships (2001, 2010, and 2013). In 2012, the Gartagani were members of the Canadian team that won silver in the World Transnational Mixed Team Championship in Lille, France. Most recently, they finished eighth in the 2013 Bermuda Bowl in Bali, Indonesia.



always pleading with the director to allow us play up. Nowadays, newcomers are content to play amongst their peers and bridge administrators are afraid that having them compete against more experienced players will turn them off.

What is your most memorable bridge moment?

Losing the 1996 Canadian National Team Championship after taking

What drew you to start playing bridge and when did that happen?

I began playing in the early seventies when I was a student at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. I was looking for an excuse to skip my 8:00 a.m. biology lab and three fellows were looking for a fourth. It didn't take long until I was hooked. I joined the ACBL in 1976.

What do you think the biggest differences are between then and now?

Back then, lots of young people were playing bridge. The post-mortems of every session were very social. It was a big deal to graduate from the "Non-Masters" game to the "Masters" game which you could play in only if you had at least 200 masterpoints. We were

a 40-odd IMP lead into the final 16 boards. I am still haunted by that.

What about life away from the bridge table. You mentioned attending U of S ...

My first degree was in Home Economics, dietetics and nutrition to be precise. So my first career was as a dietitian in various hospitals in Alberta. Meanwhile, a few of my bridge friends were working in the computer field (that was back in the day of mainframes, PCs were a thing of the future) and I decided I wanted to do what they did. So I returned to the University of Alberta for a bachelor's degree in Computing Science and eventually completed my Ph.D. in the Computer Graphics field. I taught computer science at Mount Royal University in Calgary for nearly 20 years, retiring three years ago.

MEET JUDITH GARTAGANIS | CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

solving. The big difference is that in bridge, you must think under time pressure and you have a one-time chance to get it right.

What do you like to do besides bridge?

I have so many hobbies and pastimes, it is difficult to fit them all in. I love collecting just about anything ... stamps (non-serious), playing cards (about 35 different decks), anything to do with black cats, and more. I love to knit and do other crafting projects, including a little woodworking. Actually, I am the power-tool guru in our house.

What is your favourite bridge book?

The Secrets of Winning Bridge by Jeff Rubens

Cats or dogs?

Cats, definitely.

Red or white?

White, preferably fizzy.

What advice would you give to a new player who wants to improve?

RTP (Read-Talk-Partner): Read everything about the game you can get your hands on. Studying techniques and bridge deals played by others can help you improve on a personal level in areas such as declarer play and defense. Talk about bridge ... share information about

strategy, what worked, what didn't and draw from others, especially those who are better than you are. And lastly, find a regular partner with similar aspirations ... experiment and learn together.

Can you share any amusing stories with us?

I attended my first world championship in 2002 when it was held in Montreal. That particular year was an open year that did not require pre-qualification for any of the events. I became something of a celebrity during the tournament. Why? Because I played against Bill Gates! Nicholas and I entered the World Mixed Pairs and I could see that Bill Gates and his partner were sitting in the opposite direction in our section. Sure enough, we got to play two hands against one of the richest men in the world. On the first hand, they found a good save against our game. On the second, Gates revoked and I had to summon the director! Anyway, that isn't the best part. The next day, I received a message that someone in Calgary was trying to get in touch with me. It turned out to be a program host for a local radio station. She had heard that a "hometown" girl had played bridge against Bill Gates and wanted to do a phone interview for her show! Later that day, as we were walking to lunch, a man with a huge TV camera stopped me on the street. When I caught up with Nicholas, he asked what was up. Can you believe it ... the fellow wanted to ask what it was like to play against Bill Gates. No one even cared what my name was.

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fabulous time. I don't remember if we won a match, but we learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

When you have down time what do you enjoy?

I love food and wine. Before I got interested in bridge, my hobby was wine. I helped run a wine tasting club in Toronto. I'm not nearly as serious about wine anymore, no more blind tastings, but I still enjoy a glass or two. I also love cooking as well as reading about cooking. I have a collection of cookbooks and cooking magazines that take up a lot of the bookshelf space in my house. I probably have over 500 cookbooks.

Cat person or dog person?

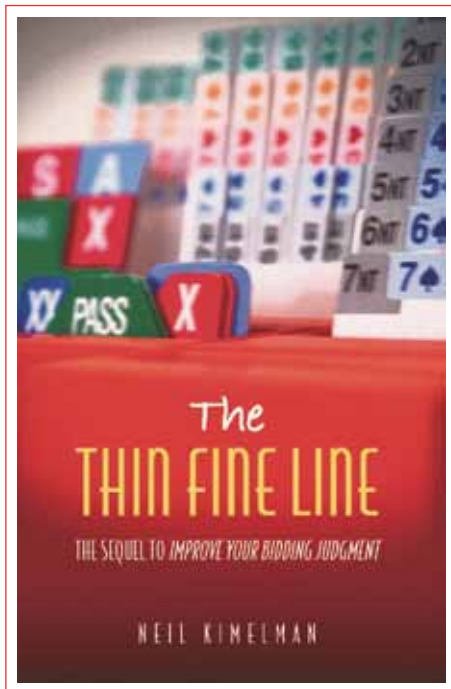
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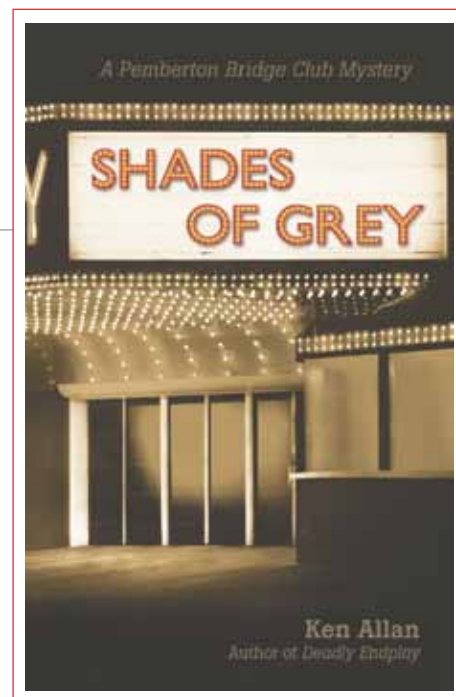
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ADVENTURES IN SHANGRI-LA

BY JUDITH AND NICHOLAS GARTAGANIS

Shangri-La is a mythical utopian place immortalized in James Hilton's book Lost Horizon. As first-time visitors to Bali, we were convinced we had come to paradise.

The vegetation was lush with a profusion of colours and strange shapes. The temperature ranged from a high of 30 degrees Centigrade to a low of 22 degrees Centigrade. It was fairly humid during the day (quite an adjustment from a dry Alberta climate), but the ocean breeze meant it was always pleasantly cool at night. The people are polite, friendly and have a serene approach to life, no doubt influenced by the predominately Hindu culture of the island. That serenity was contagious, as it didn't take long to feel relaxed and content. The food was delicious. Indonesian dishes are often served with a side order of sambal, a blended combination of chillies, sharp fermented shrimp paste, lime juice, sugar and salt. Some restaurants offered several dishes of sambal at various levels of intensity to suit the most hardened connoisseur of spicy cuisine (watch out for the hot one!).

The World Bridge Federation (WBF) decision to hold the championships in Bali was criticized by some. However, our Indonesian hosts did a marvelous job and Bali turned out to be a first-rate setting for the competition. Even if the bridge table did not prove successful, it was impossible to leave Bali without special memories of the visit.

Canada's Bermuda Bowl team was Judith Gartaganis, Nicholas Gartaganis, Daniel Korbel, Jeffrey Smith, Paul Thurston and Darren Wolpert. Hazel Wolpert was the NPC. This team earned the right to represent Canada by winning the 2013 CNTC and securing Canada's berth in the Bermuda Bowl by defeating Mexico in a 128-board playoff. While we were in Bali, we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary and Jeff celebrated his birthday.

On behalf of the entire team, we extend thanks to our sponsors for their generosity. We very much appreciate the financial support received from the CBF, Master Point Press, Ron Zambonini, ACBL District 18 (WASUMI), Unit 166 (Ontario), Unit 192 (Eastern Ontario and Outaouais), Unit 246 (Trent Valley), Unit 390 (Calgary) and Hazel's Bridge Club in Toronto.

We also wish to acknowledge the coaching support provided by Eric Kokish and Beverly Kraft. They continue to be a valuable resource for Canada's international teams.

Before you read on, decide what you would do in the following situations:

1. LHO leads the $\heartsuit A$ against your $6\clubsuit x$ contract after this auction:

West	North	East	South
You		Partner	
Pass	1 \spadesuit	2 \spadesuit	3 \spadesuit
4 \clubsuit	4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	Pass
5 \clubsuit	5 \spadesuit	DbI	Pass
6 \clubsuit	DbI	All Pass	

\spadesuit 9 5	\spadesuit K Q
\heartsuit 4 3	\heartsuit A Q 9 8 7
\diamondsuit 9 8 6 5	\diamondsuit --
\clubsuit A Q 10 9 3	\clubsuit J 8 7 5 4 2



Canada Open Team: (l to r) Daniel Korbel, Paul Thurston, Hazel Wolpert npc, Jeff Smith, Darren Wolpert, Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

You ruff in dummy to lead a trump, RHO following with the $\clubsuit 6$. Now what?

2. You hold \spadesuit A K 6 4 2 \heartsuit 10 9 \diamondsuit 9 5 \clubsuit K Q J 2 (both vulnerable). After two passes RHO opens 1NT (14+-17). If you wish, you can bid 2 \spadesuit to show spades plus a minor. Your call?

3. In first seat at favourable vulnerability you choose to open 1 \heartsuit with \spadesuit --- \heartsuit A Q 10 7 6 3 \diamondsuit Q 4 2 \clubsuit J 8 6 4. LHO leaps to 4 \spadesuit and partner doubles (not a negative double). RHO passes. Would you pass or bid?

4. With everyone vulnerable your partner in first seat opens 2 \spadesuit (5-10, 6-card suit) and with \spadesuit Q J 10 6 5 \heartsuit 8 \diamondsuit A 9 5 4 \clubsuit A Q 9 you bid 4 \spadesuit . LHO bids 5 \heartsuit followed by two passes. What would you do?

The 41st World Bridge Championships took place in Indonesia from September 16, 2013 to September 29, 2013. The championships were held at the Nusa Dua Convention Centre, a fabulous modern playing





site located in Nusa Dua on the island of Bali. The main events were the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, and d’Orsi Trophy. A Transnational Teams competition started the second week of the championships. Canada sent teams for the three main events..

Competitors in all three main events played a complete round robin of 16-board matches. There were twenty-two teams in the Bermuda Bowl. The top eight would advance to the quarter-finals. The participating countries were Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Egypt, England, Germany, Guadeloupe, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, USA1, and USA2. Based on past performance, there were clear favourites but no team could be completely discounted in terms of its ability to win a match and a good percentage of the 22 teams had legitimate chances of securing a playoff berth.

The WBF was using a new 20 Victory Point (VP) scale which awards fractional VPs for every IMP gained. This required using two decimal points for the final outcome. A win by three IMPs meant a 10.91-9.09 victory while a win by four IMPs resulted in a 11.20-8.80 decision. A full blitz needed a win by 60 IMPs. In most instances this article rounds the VPs to one decimal place.

THE ROUND ROBIN

The first day schedule pitted Canada against Poland, Australia and Guadeloupe. Canada had an excellent start defeating Poland 17-3 (in terms of VPs), essentially tying with Australia 9.7-10.3, and soundly beating Guadeloupe 17.7-2.3. That put Canada in second spot at the end of the day.

Sometimes an early result, good or bad, feels like an omen of things to come. So you can imagine our distress after this deal:

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

NicholasG	Balicki	JudithG	Zmudinski
West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	Pass
1♣ ¹	3♣	Pass ²	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	??	

- 1 Strong, artificial, forcing
- 2 Less than 8 HCP, fewer than 3 controls (Ace = 2, King = 1)

Judith was concerned about mentioning her other major suit, hoping instead that partner could muster 9 tricks based on “running” diamonds. The defense had no trouble cashing four spades and the ♦A for down one ... a horrible result with a small slam in hearts cold and the grand a decent bet. But at the other table things were not going well for our Polish counterparts:

Jassem	Smith	Mazurkiewicz	Thurston
West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	Pass
1♣ ¹	2♣	4♣ ²	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	Dbl	6♠	Pass
6NT	Dbl	All Pass	

- 1 12-14 balanced or strong
- 2 Intended to show both majors

After a slight misdefense the final contract went three light only. Still we quite unexpectedly won 12 IMPs on the board instead of losing the 17 IMPs (or more) we might have.

Now, for your first test. As dealer at favourable vulnerability you pass with

♠ 9 5 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 9 8 6 5 ♣ A Q 10 9 3.

LHO opens 1♠, partner bids 2♠ (5-5+ hearts and a minor, any point range) and RHO bids 3♠. You know that your side has at least a nine-card minor fit and the vulnerability suggests that a save will be profitable. You bid 4♣ (pass or correct), RHO bids 4♦ (ostensibly natural) and partner bids 4♠! On your side of the screen your world class Polish opponent starts to pull out the 5♦ bid, but changes his mind and passes instead. Your hand has suddenly become huge. Confident that if you bid 5♣ it's virtually impossible for it to go all pass, you decide to make that conservative bid. When the tray comes back LHO has bid 5♠ and partner has doubled. You finally emerge with the bid you always intended to make - 6♣ - doubled by LHO. LHO leads the ♦A and dummy has only some of what you expect: ♠ K Q ♥ A Q 9 8 7 ♦ -- ♣ J 8 7 5 4 2. How do you proceed (a bidding undo is not an option)? You ruff in dummy to play a trump, RHO following with the ♣6.

Your vulnerable and very competent opponents have done a lot of bidding. Backing your assessment, you

finesse and LHO shows out. The ♥K is onside and you wrap up 6♣ doubled for +1090. At the other table your team-mates doubled 5♣, but you still win 11 IMPs.

Canada's Day 2 opponents are Bahrain, England and Japan. After a small win against Bahrain, Canada loses to both England and Japan, dropping into 9th spot at the end of the day. In the match against England a whopping 17 IMPs was conceded when Korbel-Wolpert bid a grand slam that went down on a failed finesse.

Facing Japan, with no one vulnerable, you hold ♠ 7 ♥ K Q 10 7 6 ♦ A K 4 ♣ 10 9 7 2. Partner opens 2♣ showing 11-16 HCP and at least five good quality clubs. RHO bids 3♣ (both majors) and you decide to start with double. LHO leaps to 4♠ and partner passes. Now what? You might be making slam, but bidding 4NT might get you too high if partner lacks key cards. You decide to sign off in 5♣ and, to your disappointment, your opponents are able to collect three tricks. The hands are:

Round 6, Board 24
Vul: N Dir: N

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

East led the ♠ A and when partner dropped the ♠ K, he dutifully played ♥ A and another heart for his partner to ruff. At the other table Korbel-Wolpert competed to 5♠x for -500 which gave Japan 11 IMPs. Canada picked up swings when Japan bid a slam that was a spot card away from making and when the opponents won the auction at both tables, but failed in both their contracts. Since Japan was sitting in 2nd place, it was a disappointing loss for us and we dropped into 9th position.

Day 3 featured the Netherlands, Italy and China -- a tough set of matches, in which we needed to hold our

own if we hoped to have a chance to reach the playoffs. On the first hand of the match against Netherlands, partner optimistically puts you in slam after opening a Precision 1♣ and hearing RHO preempt in diamonds. West leads the ♦8:

Nicholas G
 ♠ K Q 10
 ♥ K Q 8 7 5
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ A K 2

Judith G
 ♠ A 8 7 6 4 2
 ♥ --
 ♦ A J 6 2
 ♣ 10 7 6

East played the ♦Q and Judith won with the ♦A. She played a spade to the King, East following with the Jack. When the ♥K was led from the dummy, East covered with the ♥A, ruffed by declarer. When Judith led another spade to dummy East discarded the ♦4. A club was discarded on the ♥Q and a heart was ruffed, both opponents following. A spade to dummy pulled the opponents' last trump. When Judith ruffed another heart, both opponents followed suit. This was the end position:

Nicholas G
 ♠ --
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A K 2

JudithG
 ♠ --
 ♥ --
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ 10 7

Judith travelled to dummy with the ♣K, discarded a diamond on the established ♥8, cashed the ♣A and led the diamond from the table. East was forced to win and give Judith her twelfth trick in the form of the ♦J. The four hands were:

Round 7, Board 1
 Dlr: N Vul: None

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

This put 11 IMPs in Canada's column on the way to a 17.3-2.7 win over the Netherlands. After a promising beginning, Canada got hammered by Italy (0.3-19.7) and China (1.2-18.8) to finish in 13th position at the end of the day.

Day 4 matches were against Monaco, New Zealand and Indonesia. Canada scored 10.9, 17.0 and 5.0 respectively. That moved us into 12th position, 13.1 VPs out of 8th spot. Canada was just 1 VP above average and, according to the current pace, it seemed we would have to finish at least 21 VPs above average by the end of the round robin to have any chance.

On Day 5 Canada started against USA2 (sitting in 11th spot) and then faced India and Egypt. The USA2 match turned out to be pivotal in determining Canada's fate. The match concluded with Canada winning by 12.5-7.5. We then had a small win against India (11.2-8.8) and a big win against Egypt (19.0-1.0). In terms of VPs Day 5 was almost as successful as Day 1. Canada had claimed 10th position, just 4.2 VPs from a playoff spot.

We needed to keep winning since the qualifying pace had increased slightly, but our Day 6 opponents (Chinese Taipei, Argentina and Germany) had similar ideas. Argentina was in 11th position and Germany was in 7th so we could help our own cause by doing well. An 18.7-1.3 defeat of Chinese Taipei buoyed our spirits and more importantly moved us into 7th. There were numerous swings in the Argentina match and the end result was a small win for Canada (10.6-9.4).

We finished with a good win against Germany (13.2-5.8). Both teams were assessed a 0.5 VP late-play penalty based on the play at our table. When half time had been announced, we had played nine of 16 boards. From there, the Germans crawled at a snail's pace, but since we didn't take the time to call the director, both teams had to share the penalty. Despite winning all three of our Day 6 matches we had dropped into 9th position. The good news was that China, in 7th spot, was less than 0.5 VPs ahead of us.

Our opponents on the last day of round robin play were South Africa, Brazil and USA1. In a bizarre twist of scheduling Gavin Wolpert (USA1) and Darren Wolpert (Canada) might potentially play against each other in the last match of the round robin.

Canada lost its match against South Africa (8.2-11.8), but had a big win against Brazil (17.2 2.8). The leader board with one match remaining was:

Rank	Team	VPs
1	USA1	285.37
2	ITALY	276.62
3	MONACO	271.61
4	NETHERLANDS	243.32
5	POLAND	237.63
6	ENGLAND	237.46
7	CHINA	234.52
8	CANADA	231.74
9	JAPAN	223.64
T	USA2	219.57
11	INDONESIA	214.15
12	GERMANY	209.72

Japan and USA2 could overtake Canada, but Germany and Indonesia were done. On the upside Canada had a chance to improve its position and held a 8.1 VP lead over Japan and a 12.17 lead over USA2. The bad news was that USA1 had not lost any matches since the end of Day 2 and had climbed from 15th position into first. The perk for finishing first in the round robin was the option to choose one's quarter-final opponent from the 5th to 8th place finishers and, perhaps more importantly, to choose the other quarter-final match which would produce one's semi-final opponent.

Versus USA1, the lead swung back and forth. Meanwhile Japan was being demolished by Poland which eliminated them as a threat, but USA2 was blitzing India. Therefore if Canada lost by 8 IMPs or more we would miss the playoffs. Canada prevailed and won the match (11.5-8.5), finishing just 3.65 VPs ahead of USA2. Thankfully the late-play penalty turned out to be irrelevant. However, had the result of the Canada-USA2 head-to-head match been reversed, USA2 would have qualified instead of Canada.

An interesting point was the qualifying score this year: approximately 1.6 VPs per match above average. The previous five Bermuda Bowls had the same format and number of teams. In three of those, the 8th place qualifier needed less than 1 VP per match above average. In the other two instances, the qualifying pace was 1.14 VP per match and 2.05 per match. Although the WBF was employing a new VP scale it did not materially affect the qualifying pace.

THE QUARTER-FINAL DAY 1

It was no surprise when USA1 selected Canada as its quarter-final opponent, their other options being England, China or the Netherlands. By virtue of its win against USA1, Canada started with a carryover of 1.67 IMPs.

The quarter final match was six segments of 16 boards played over two days. Segment 1 was a low scoring affair that ended 19-17 in favour of Canada. In the other three quarter-final matches, the total IMPs scored in the first segment ranged from 66 to 83. There were two major swings. Canada picked up 9 IMPs when Gartaganis-Gartaganis punished Kranyak-Wolpert in 4♠x for +500 while Korbel-Wolpert let Levin-Weinstein play in 3♦, just in. Then USA1 won 11 IMPs when Levin opened an off-shape 1NT in first seat holding ♠ A 10 9 ♥ Q ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ Q J 10 4 2 and escaped for one down opposite ♠ J ♥ 7 5 4 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 3 ♣ 9 6 3. The opponents can routinely make 11 tricks in spades.

Segment 2 went to USA1 44-30 by virtue of three significant swings.

QF Segment 2, Board 23
Dlr: S Vul: All

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

Korbel	Kranyak	D. Wolpert	G. Wolpert
West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1NT
3♣	3♠ ¹	Dbl	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

1 Shows diamonds

Bathurst	Smith	Dwyer	Thurston
West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1NT
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Both declarers faced the lead of the ♣9. Kranyak won the ♣A dropping the ♣J from hand and led the ♥Q. Korbel took the ♥A and switched to the ♠6, stranding the club casher. Declarer won the ♠K, finessed for the ♦K and led hearts to establish a pitch for his losing club -- +600. Smith won the ♣A, cashed the ♦A and was down two for -200. 13 IMPs away.

On the very next hand RHO (North) opens 1♦ with no one vulnerable. With ♠ Q 9 8 6 4 2 ♥ J 4 ♦ J ♣ A J 9 Bathurst overcalled 1♠ while Darren Wolpert bid 2♠. South held ♠ A K T 7 ♥ T 9 8 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ 6 2. In the first case Thurston chose a negative double. In the second case Gavin Wolpert chose to pass and then pass again over partner's reopening double, collecting a hefty +1100 for his decision. Since the heart game was worth +420 it was 12 IMPs in USA1's column. The third swing

for USA1 was a 3NT contract declared from opposing sides. With different hands on display as dummy, it was trickier for Korbel-Wolpert to defeat the game and Kranyak found a line of play that exerted maximum pressure. Another 13 IMPs to USA1.

Canada had its own highlights. Korbel-Wolpert reached 6♦ with:

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

With everyone vulnerable Wolpert opened 1♥ and South overcalled 1♠. Korbel bid 2♦ and North leaped to 4♠. When Wolpert bid 5♦ Korbel made the winning decision to bid on. Win 13 IMPs when Dwyer-Bathurst rested in 5♦ after a more sedate auction.

QF Segment 2, Board 28
Dlr: W Vul: N/S

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

Korbel	Kranyak	D. Wolpert	G. Wolpert
West	North	East	South
1NT	2♠	2NT ¹	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	4♥
Dbl	All Pass		

1 Lebensohl

When South made a speculative 4♥ bid Korbel-Wolpert punished him to the tune of +1100 and a 12-IMP pick-up for Canada.

Going into the third segment USA1 led Canada 61-50.7. USA1 scored 6 IMPs when Thurston Smith reached a

no-play 4♥ while Levin-Weinstein rested in 3♥, then another 6 IMPs when Levin handled his 4♠ contract one trick better than his counterpart who played the same contract doubled. On Board 7, a mechanical error by Judith resulted in a huge 16 IMP loss. She pulled the 4♠ bidding card instead of the intended 4♥, propelling her side to 5♥, which needed not only a lot of luck, but misdefense as well. Meanwhile Dwyer-Bathurst bid and made 3NT.

Two boards later another 10 IMPs went to USA1 when Judith made the only lead to allow 4♠ to make. Canada had been outscored 39-3 at this point of the segment. The bleeding finally stopped late in the segment:

QF Segment 3, Board 10

Dlr: E Vul: Both

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

NicholasG	Levin	JudithG	Weinstein
West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	Pass
1NT ¹	2♠ ²	2NT ³	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT ⁴	All Pass

1 14-16

2 Spades + minor

3 Lebensohl

4 Spade stopper

Levin had a 2♠ bid in his arsenal and he judged to use it to show spades and a minor (did you?). Based on her well-placed spade holding, Judith aggressively drove to 3NT. The lead was the ♣J, ducked by declarer, and the ♣2 continuation. On the run of the diamonds Weinstein pitched two hearts, but Nicholas decided to finesse for him for the ♥Q anyway, netting 10 tricks for +630. At the other table Smith was silent over 1NT and doubled

the final contract of 4♠. The defense collected five tricks for +500 and 15 critical IMPs for Canada. USA1 won the segment 41-21 and led 102-71.7 at the end of Day 1.

THE QUARTER-FINAL DAY 2

Segment 4 started well for Canada, when, on the first board, Gartaganis-Gartaganis doubled Kranyak-Wolpert in 4♥ for +800 into their easy non-vulnerable 4♠ game thereby chalking up 8 IMPs for Canada. Three boards later Korbel-Wolpert collected +400 defending 2NT against Levin-Weinstein while their counterparts were making +140 in a spade partscore -- 6 IMPs more for Canada. After USA1 gained 2 IMPs for an extra undertrick Canada generated another double digit pick-up.

QF Segment 4, Board 22

Dlr: E Vul: E/W

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

G.Wolpert	NicholasG	Kranyak	JudithG
West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

1 Natural, forcing one round!

Korbel	Levin	D.Wolpert	Weinstein
West	North	East	South
--	--	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Against 3NT Weinstein led the ♠J and Korbel quickly wrapped up nine tricks. With an eye on the favourable vulnerability, Nicholas opted to bid 2♣, a natural one-

round force, and then dropped Judith in 2♥. When Judith managed to make six tricks for -100 Canada had added 11 IMPs to its column.

USA1 gained 2 IMPs for playing game in a major rather than in no-trump. Then

QF Segment 4, Board 25

Dlr: N Vul: E/W

♠ 10 ♥ KJ954 ♦ K107 ♣ Q1073	♠ -- ♥ A Q 10 7 6 3 ♦ Q 4 2 ♣ J 8 6 4	♠ A Q J 7 6 5 ♥ -- ♦ A J 8 6 5 3 ♣ 5	♠ K 9 8 4 3 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 9 2
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Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
West	North	East	South
--	3♥	4♥ ¹	Pass
5♣ ²	Pass	5♦	All Pass

1 Spades + minor
 2 Pass or correct

G. Wolpert	Nicholas G	Kranzyak	Judith G
West	North	East	South
--	1♥	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

After Levin's 3♥ opening Korbel-Wolpert reasonably enough reached 5♦ that failed by a trick. At the other table Nicholas opened 1♥ and Kranzyak jumped to 4♠. When Judith doubled for penalty, Nicholas was distinctly uncomfortable with how the auction had progressed. However, he chose a disciplined pass. +800 meant 12 IMPs for Canada plus the lead 108.7-106. USA1 picked up an overtrick IMP and then made a 1NT contract defeated at the other table for another 4 IMPs.

QF Segment 4, Board 29

Dlr: N Vul: Both

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

Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
West	North	East	South
--	2♠	Pass	2NT ¹
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

1 Inquiry

G. Wolpert	Nicholas G	Kranzyak	Judith G
West	North	East	South
--	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

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The USA1 pairs judged well to defend, collecting plus scores when both five-level contracts failed (against 5♠ East led the ♥J and switched to a club for his partner to ruff). That gave USA1 7 IMPs, now leading by nine. Canada made one last major gain before the segment finished.

QF Segment 4, Board 30

Dlr: S Vul: None

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

Korbel	Levin	D. Wolpert	Weinstein
West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1NT
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

G. Wolpert	NicholasG	Kranyak	JudithG
West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1♦ ¹
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT ²
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

- 1 Could be short in diamonds
- 2 14-16 balanced

After Darren Wolpert's bold bid of 2♠, Levin-Weinstein reached 6♣. The slam can be made if declarer draws just two rounds of trumps, one being with dummy's ♣J. Then he can ruff his fourth heart with a small club in dummy. When two rounds of trumps revealed it was East with four clubs, it was impossible for declarer to play along the winning line (East would have to be 5-4-0-4) Canada won 10 IMPs when Gartaganis-Gartaganis stopped in

game. It is interesting to note that had South's ♠A been the ♦Q plus one of the red jacks, the slam would have been 100% instead of approximately 50%. This illustrates that the best holding to have opposite partner's shortness is nearly always xxx rather than Axx.

The segment finished 47-17 in favour of Canada and the running score was USA1 119, Canada 118.7. There was considerable optimism in the Canadian camp.

The fifth segment started with two pushes. Then came an 11-IMP swing to Canada

QF Segment 5, Board 3

Dlr: S Vul: E/W

	Smith/Levin	
	♠ A K 6 4	
	♥ A 8 7 6	
	♦ J 10	
	♣ Q J 4	
Bathurst/Korbel		Dwyer/D. Wolpert
♠ 10 7 5 3 2		♠ Q J 9
♥ Q J		♥ 5 4 3
♦ A 9 5		♦ 8 7
♣ A 6 5		♣ K 9 8 3 2
	Thurston/Weinstein	
	♠ 8	
	♥ K 10 9 2	
	♦ K Q 6 4 3 2	
	♣ 10 7	

In the Open Room, Weinstein tried to create some action by opening 3♦ in first seat, favourable. That made the heart fit disappear forever and Levin had only losing options. When he chose 3NT, Darren Wolpert started with a fourth best club to Korbel's ace and ducked the club return to maintain defensive communications. Declarer had no choice but to play on diamonds and the defenders were ready with three more club tricks for down one.

Thurston, with a good 4-card major on the side, chose to pass. Smith opened 1NT (14-16) and Thurston tried Stayman, planning to rebid 3♦, invitational. Once the heart fit was revealed, he raised to 4♥ instead.

Dwyer led the ♠Q, Smith winning the ♠A to play a trump to the ♥K and back to the ♥A. He found a very nice lie in that suit, but even a trump loser would not have set the contract. He was able to discard one of dummy's clubs on the second high spade and eventually drew the last trump and drove out the ♦A.

Unfortunately there was a major reversal of fortune shortly thereafter, and USA1 scored 62 IMPs over the remaining 13 boards while Canada was able to reply with just a single IMP.

The four largest swings were these:

A 16 IMPs when Korbel tried a passed-hand 2♥ with ♠7 ♥AQ109 ♦864 ♣98653 at favourable vulnerability after LHO opened 1♠, partner passed and RHO responded 2♦. The opponents doubled and collected +1100. Thurston-Smith reached 6♠ missing an ace plus the ♠Q. There was hope - trumps had to come in and diamonds had to play for three pitches. The spade finesse lost.

B Bathurst heard partner open 1♦ (Precision) and RHO overcall 1♠. With ♠1062 ♥K8 ♦A1043 ♣J987 he bid 1NT (everyone vulnerable) while Korbel chose a 3♦ raise. 1NT was cold and scored two overtricks (partner holds ♠J975 ♥AJ42 ♦J95 ♣KQ). 3♦ went three down and USA1 picked up 10 IMPs.

C A 9-IMP swing occurred when Levin-Weinstein reached an untouchable vulnerable 3NT. At the other table Bathurst, at favourable vulnerability, with ♠K96542 ♥84 ♦52 ♣943 made a negative double after partner opened a limited 1♥ and RHO bid 2♣. After LHO's 3♣ raise, his partner jumped to 4♦ with ♠103 ♥KJ532 ♦KQJ96 ♣A and played there undoubled, down four for -200.

D 10 IMPs when Bathurst and Korbel both played 4♠, but Bathurst read the position better and succeeded for +420 while Korbel went one down.

Heading into the 6th and final segment USA1 led 181-130.7 and Canada needed to take some risks to overcome the deficit, as well as considerable luck and excellent play. The card gods said not today. On the first hand Levin-Weinstein bid to 6♠ with ♠KQ985 ♥63 ♦AQ93 ♣43 opposite ♠AJ7643 ♥K987 ♦76 ♣A while Judith-Nicholas rested in 4♠. Both the ♥A and the ♦K were onside so +11 IMPs for USA1. The segment ended 33-28 for USA1 and Canada's run in the Bermuda Bowl was over.

In the other matches China and Netherlands both retired early, the former conceding to Italy who led by 95 IMPs and the latter throwing in the towel to Poland who was up by over 120 IMPs. England, down 64 IMPs against Monaco with one segment to go, came back a little over the final 16 boards but Monaco prevailed.

In the semi-final match-ups, USA1 (by choice) faced Monaco, leaving Poland to do battle with Italy. Poland withdrew after four segments, down 201 - 79. Monaco played consistently well against USA1, eventually knocking them out 241 - 160.

In the final, Italy parlayed their 6 IMP carryover into a 25 IMP lead after the first segment. From there, they never looked back, besting Monaco by a score of 210 - 126. Italy was a powerhouse throughout the entire championship ... no team was going to beat them in the 2013 Bermuda Bowl.



BALI HIGH

by John Carruthers

Having been fortunate enough to visit Bali as non-playing captain of the Canadian team for the 1995 World Junior Championships, I was looking forward to going again this year as a tourist and cheerleader for the Canadian women's team as well as to play in the Transnational Teams with one of my oldest friends in the bridge world, David Deaves. As a tourist hotspot, Bali lives up to its reputation: the island is beautiful and the Balinese are the kindest, friendliest people you'll ever meet.

At the last moment, however, complications with women's team member Sondra Blank's pregnancy caused the cancellation of her trip, and their captain, Francine Cimon was drummed into service to play with Sylvia Caley. I was conscripted as npc, putting a kink in my plans to be a tourist.

There were three main events in Bali: the Bermuda Bowl (open), the Venice Cup (women) and the d'Orsi Trophy (seniors). In each of those events, the 22 teams played a round robin and eight teams qualified for the playoffs. The non-qualifiers and anyone else who cared to could then play in the Transnational Teams.

After a disastrous start against China, our women's team rattled off six consecutive wins and moved into a qualifying spot in the top eight. Thereafter, inconsistency was our downfall and we eventually finished in the middle of the pack.

My Transnational Team's results were the inverse of that start in the Venice Cup. We were the only team in the field of 105 teams to take the absolute maximum, 20.00 Victory Points, in our first match, and thus were in the lead, albeit by only 45-hundredths of a point. The next four matches produced a total of fewer than 20 VP out of the available 80 and we finished the first day with 39.30 VP, well out of the running. Eventually, we did finish ahead of a handful of teams.

Here are a few of the deals that caught my eye over the course of the Championships. They showcase both brilliant play and egregious blunders by the world's best.

Brazil v USA1 (Bermuda Bowl)

Board 5. Dlr: N Vul: N/S

♠ 8 5
♥ A 5 3
♦ K J 9 3 2
♣ 5 3 2

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 4 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ K 8 6 4

♠ 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ 8 7 6
♣ 10 9 7

♠ A K Q J 10 9 6 3
♥ —
♦ A 4
♣ A Q J

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Chagas	Dwyer	Brum
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
3♥	4♣ ¹	4♥	7♠
All Pass			

1 Diamonds

Kevin Bathurst led a lower-of-touching-honours ♥Q; Paulo Brum, declarer, was a bit disappointed with Gabriel Chagas' dummy. Nevertheless, with 12 tricks on top, there were good chances for a thirteenth: a diamond finesse, a club finesse, the ♦Q dropping, a



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squeeze. Which to play for? Brum won the ♥A at trick one, discarding the ♣Q and ran the spades.

Before the last spade was played ...

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

When declarer played his spade, West was forced to discard a club in order to avoid exposing the diamond position. This was the crucial point and declarer had to

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commit himself: a club discard from the dummy would force East to keep his heart and discard a minor-suit card, whereas a heart discard from dummy would allow East to discard the thirteenth heart after dummy.

Discarding a club from the dummy commits declarer to cashing the ace of clubs, hoping to drop the king and, if not, making something of the diamonds; discarding a heart offers declarer the alternative of cashing the ace and king of diamonds, hoping to drop the queen, then taking the club finesse if the queen of diamonds has not appeared.

Many declarers in 7♠ opted for diamonds first, then clubs, going two off when West had both minor-suit honours. Brum made no such error and took the ♣A first, dropping West's king, for a magnificent plus 2210.

Gavin Wolpert, formerly of Canada, was at the helm for USA1 at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kranyak	Villas-Boas	Wolpert
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
3♥	4♦	5♥	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Miguel Villas-Boas gave Wolpert less room to maneuver than Kevin Dwyer had given Brum at the other table. The Americans were unsure about the meaning of 5NT on this auction and Wolpert took a reasonable shot at the end.

Wolpert played exactly as had Brum, winning the ♥A and running the spades, squeezing João-Paulo Campos in the minors. When the ♣K did not fall under the ace, Campos having discarded a diamond, the ♦Q showed up on the second round of the suit for a noble push.

USA1 v France (d'Orsi Trophy)

When the opponents have found a 4-4 fit and you can see that trumps are breaking poorly for them, it often pays to play a forcing game, especially when declarer threatens to run a long suit against you.

Board 19. Dlr: S Vul: E/W

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

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Lev	Vanhoutte	Hamman
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Looking for a forcing defence against the potential 4-1 trump break, Bob Hamman found the ♣6 lead (fourth-highest), against Philippe Vanhoutte's 4♥ contract. Declarer ruffed in hand and started on diamonds: 5, 4, Q, A. Sam Lev, with trump control behind the dummy, continued the force on declarer's hand with the ♣3, again ruffed by Vanhoutte.

East cashed the ♦K, and when they proved to be 2-2, was in total control. He played a heart to the king and another to the ace, discovering the bad break, but had diamonds with which to force Lev's hand (and to discard dummy's third club and later, its spade loser) and the ♠Q as an entry. Vanhoutte lost just the ♦A and two trump tricks. Plus 620 to France.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Poizat	Chambers	Lasserre
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The USA seniors had Canadians on the team as well: Neil Chambers (currently living in Schenectady, NY) and Allan Graves (of St. Johnsbury, VT).

At this table, Chambers preferred to bid his seven-card suit first, and John Schermer, West, became declarer. No matter, the lead was still the same, a club, the ace this time. As at the other table, declarer ruffed and led a diamond to the queen and ace. This time, however, North attacked spades, abandoning the force by leading the ♠9: 10, J, A.

Declarer was in a delicate situation: he did not yet know about diamonds, so he led one to the king, getting that welcome news. However, he lost sight of his goal for a moment and drew two rounds of trumps with the king and ace (North playing the ten on the second round to force the ace). When he next played a good diamond to discard a club from the dummy, North could ruff low, cash the ♥Q to draw declarer's last trump, then take a club trick. Here, declarer lost two heart tricks, the ♦A and a club - down one, minus 100. That was 12 IMPs to France.

Once diamonds were revealed to be 2-2, declarer should have used the ♥K as an entry to ruff a second club. The 4-1 heart break would have meant two trump tricks for North, but the third round of diamonds would have allowed the third club to go away from the dummy and the fourth diamond could then have been used to get rid of dummy's spade loser.

This was a curious deal: the classic forcing game with the bad trump break essentially did declarer's work for him, while abandoning the force, despite 4-1 trumps, lulled declarer into a false sense of security.

The following deal produced a lot of excitement at many tables.

USA1 v France (d'Orsi Trophy)

Board 31. Dlr: S Vul: N/S

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

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Lev	Vanhoutte	Hamman
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

This was an inelegant auction to the second-best slam. Patrick Grenthe's decision to ignore his second suit meant that Vanhoutte's four-club call looked to him (Grenthe) like a control bid in support of spades. With no support for spades, perhaps Vanhoutte might have tried 5NT, pick a slam, over 4♦, but one can hardly blame him, as 7♠ was still well in the picture if West had had 6 or 7 solid spades.

The play was noteworthy as well. Lev's opening lead was the ♣2, immediately putting Grenthe to the test. Had Hamman doubled 4♣ with a void? It seemed more likely than queen-ten-three, so declarer (unnecessarily this time) ducked. Hamman ruffed and, being the good

partner he is, dutifully returned a diamond, the queen, for Lev to ruff. No such luck: plus 980 to France.

Had diamonds been 4-2 rather than the 3-3 they were, Grenthe's duck of the club lead might have been necessary to make 6♠. After the club ace was ruffed out, South would have exited with a trump, denying declarer the use of a heart ruff in the dummy as an entry to set up and cash the diamonds. Then, unless North had two diamond honours doubleton, so that South's honour could be finessed, or any four, so that North could be squeezed in the minor suits, declarer would have lost another trick. That was a lot for declarer to think about.

Incidentally, the French could have made Hamman regret that lead-directing double had Grenthe passed the redouble. That would have been +1320 and a story to tell for a lifetime.

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Poizat	Chambers	Lasserre
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣ ¹	Pass	4♥ ²	Pass
4NT ³	Pass	7♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1 Key card ask

2 0 or 3 key cards

3 Grand slam try: either asks for ♣Q (West) or specific kings (East)

Playing a 2/1 game forcing system, Schermer's 2♠ allowed for a more leisurely investigation. An unfortunate misunderstanding as to the meaning of 4NT after the 4♣ key card ask resulted in the reasonable but below-percentage grand slam.

When Schermer bid 4NT, he intended it to ask for the ♣Q, 4♠ being, in his view, an offer to play. From Chambers' point of view, however, 4♠ would have been the queen ask and 4NT guaranteed all five key cards plus the trump queen and asked for kings. He could not imagine that the grand slam was not cold.

Chambers was quickly disabused of that notion: plus 50 to France and a 14-IMP gain. Edgar Kaplan would have



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loved it: another RKCD (Roman Key Card Disaster).

Schermer/Chambers were not alone - seven other pairs bid 7♣ and all failed. Three declarers went down in 6♣! Of those in making slams - three declared 6♣, two 6♦, three 6♠, and two 7♠. Only one pair failed to reach slam, making 11 tricks in 5NT.

Shall we see how it was possible to go down in 6♣?

Scotland v Indonesia (d'Orsi Trophy)

The Scots were making their first appearance in these events, although they'd played previously in Olympiads, and Scots had been on Great Britain teams of the past. For them, on this board, events were scarcely to be believed ...

West	North	East	South
Hendrawan	Sime	Polii	Murdoch
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT ¹	Pass	5♣ ²	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 1 Key card ask
- 2 0 or 3 key cards

6♣ appears to be very safe, yes? Not quite.

Iain Sime led a heart, declarer winning the stiff ace in dummy and cashing the ♠A. He received a rude shock when South discarded a heart. Continuing with a low club to the nine and ten, declarer realized that he'd made an error, viz., he had not played on diamonds to establish the suit. Furthermore, he'd squandered the ♣5 under the ace so that the trump situation was now:

	♣ Q 3	
♣ J 8 6		♣ K 7
	♣ –	

Needing to set up the diamonds (he thought), declarer could lead the ♣6 to the ♣7, ruff a diamond, then finish the trumps and run the diamonds (if they were 3-3). The fly in that ointment was that North could insert the ♣Q on the ♣6, meaning that the ♣7 would no longer be an entry. If declarer had retained the ♣5 and ♣6, this play could have been effected.

So declarer drew trumps ending in the dummy and cashed the ♦A and ♦K. South had followed to two hearts and had discarded four more on the trumps. He had followed to two rounds of diamonds with the ♦2 and ♦10, North with the ♦4 and ♦7. If diamonds were indeed 3-3, South had to have begun with four spades and had retained them all. Declarer had ♠A K Q 10 of and a trump remaining. He led a spade to the ten! Down one, plus 50 to Scotland.

Even had declarer unblocked the ♣8 or ♣9 under the ♣A, North could have foiled that entry plan simply by ducking when declarer led a club to the eight or nine - then the ♣Q 10 in front of dummy's ♣K 7 would have meant only one entry but still one trick for the defence.

This, however, was all an illusion. If North did indeed insert the ♣Q to prevent setting up and cashing the diamonds, declarer could, and should, have played the ace and another spade, ruffing in the dummy to set up that suit. Then a diamond ruff to hand to draw the last trump and declarer's hand would have been high, once spades were running.

However, the simplest plan was a diamond ruff at trick three, once trumps were found to be unfavourably divided.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Coyle	Lasut	Silverstone	Manoppo
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	7♠	Dbl
All Pass			

Victor Silverstone does not mess about. 3♠ promised a solid suit (what's a ♠J among friends?), so he bid what he thought they could make. Eddy Manoppo doubled and the spotlight shone brightly on Henky Lasut.

A club or heart void did not seem likely as neither suit had been bid by the opponents. Yes, a diamond void in South seemed most likely, the suit thus being 7-0-3-3 around the table. Willy Coyle welcomed that lead, drew trumps (no finesses), set up the diamonds and claimed his 19-or-so tricks; plus 1770 and 18 IMPs to Scotland.

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New Zealand v Indonesia (Venice Cup)

Board 8. Dlr: W Vul: None

♠ —
♥ A K Q 8 7 6 3 2
♦ K 8
♣ A Q 2

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

♠ Q 6 5 4
♥ 5 4
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 7 3

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Bojoh	Cartner	Tuejeh
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Double	All Pass

On a bad day, one could go down in 4♥, losing two tricks in each minor, let alone 5♥. But because of the lucky club layout, a good club guess allowed most declarers to make 11 tricks after East had taken the ♣K.

At this table, Linda Cartner led the ♠A. Declarer Lusje Bojoh ruffed that and reeled off six rounds of trumps, leaving:

♠ —
♥ 2
♦ K 8
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 ♠ K
♥ — ♥ —
♦ A 10 4 ♦ Q J
♣ J 5 ♣ K 8 6

♠ Q 6
♥ —
♦ —
♣ 10 9 7 3

When declarer next led the ♣Q, if Cartner had taken it, the fall of the club jack would have meant 11 tricks. Cartner however ducked! When declarer followed that with the ace and another club, East was able to win with the ♣K and exit with the ♠K. Declarer had to lead diamonds from hand, losing three tricks in all. That was 11 IMPs to New Zealand in a match they won 27-20.

Australia v USA1 (d'Orsi Trophy)

Ron Klinger has been playing for Australia almost as long as Bob Hamman has been playing for the USA. He showed why that is so on this deal.

Board 18. Dlr: E Vul: N/S

♠ K J 9 5 2
♥ A 6
♦ A 6
♣ 9 6 4 2

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

♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ Q J 10 7 3
♦ 9 8 5
♣ A

West	North	East	South
Lilley	Lev	Nagy	Hamman
—	—	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Dbl
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

Hamman could not resist his excellent shape when Zoltan Nagy rebid 2♣ and nor could Lev resist the lovely fit and all those high cards.

Nagy led the ♦K and Lev won with his ace to travel to the ♣A and take a spade finesse. Nagy won that with his queen and continued with the ♦Q and ♦J. Lev had to lose the ♠A and ♥K for one off, minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Chambers	Klinger	Schermer	Haughie
–	–	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With the opponents assiduously avoiding the major suits in the auction, Klinger placed his neck in the guillotine and was delighted to find that the blade had been dismantled a couple of centuries previously. Bill Haughie had (he thought) an extraordinary hand opposite and would have cue bid if Klinger had not passed earlier in the auction.

Klinger won Schermer's ♦K lead with his ace, as Lev had done at the other table, but left port on a voyage of discovery. Klinger led a club to the ace, then took the heart finesse; this lost to Schermer's king and East cashed one diamond (the ♦Q, concealing the ♦J), then exited with a low club. Schermer knew from Chambers' carding (the two, then the three) that another diamond was not cashing.

Klinger ruffed the club in the dummy, came to the ace of hearts, and then ruffed another club. From the carding, it looked like hearts were 3-3 and clubs 4-4. All the signs pointed to East's being 1-3-5-4. The question was did West have ♠A x x and East ♠Q, or did West have ♠Q x x and East ♠A?

The raise to 3♣ convinced Klinger that Chambers had ♠A x x rather than ♠Q x x, with which he'd surely have passed 2♣. So Klinger led a spade to the king, spearing the stiff queen and making four spades. He'd also have made it if the defenders' spades had split 2-2. That was a very well-deserved +620 to Australia and a 12-IMP reward.

Indonesia v USA2 (d'Orsi Trophy)

Board 10. Dir: E Vul: Both

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

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Lasut	Wold	Manoppo
–	–	1♣ ¹	Pass
1♦ ²	Pass	2NT ³	Pass
3♦ ⁴	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦ ⁵	Pass
4♥ ⁵	Pass	4♠ ⁵	Pass
5♦ ⁵	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 1 16+ HCP, artificial
- 2 0-7 HCP
- 3 22-23 balanced HCP
- 4 Hearts
- 5 Cue bids

Eddy Manoppo led the ♦10, leaving Eddie Wold with basically no chance to make 6♣, other than the stiff ♥K in either defender's hand. That was +100 to Indonesia.

West	North	East	South
Hendrawan	Hayden	Polii	Bates
–	–	1♣ ¹	Pass
1♦ ²	Pass	1♥ ³	Pass
1♠ ⁴	Pass	2NT ⁵	Pass
3♦ ⁶	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦ ⁷	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

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- 1 16+ HCP, artificial
- 2 0-7 HCP
- 3 20+ balanced HCP
- 4 Forced
- 5 22-24 balanced HCP
- 6 Hearts
- 7 Cue bid

It is sometimes surprising that so many players can have the same blind spot on any given deal. It appears that some combinations just lend themselves to it. This was one.

Roger Bates, with a little less information than was available at the other table, led the ♠A: ♠3, ♠2 (discouraging), ♠5. This both increased declarer's trick total to 11 and rectified the count for a squeeze on North. South continued with a spade (North could have held the king-two), believing East's diamond cue bid. Declarer won the spade continuation, drew trumps and, when neither key red honour fell under its betters, conceded one off for a push.

It does require a little bit of timing, but six clubs was cold on the lie of the cards and the defence to the first two tricks. Declarer wins the spade at trick two, unblocks the ♦K, draws trumps ending in hand, cashes the spades and the ♦A, crosses to dummy with the fourth club and cashes the fifth club. North, left with ♥K x and the ♦Q, must discard in front of the closed hand (left with the ace and a low heart and the ♦J).

When North discards the ♦Q (likely, the ♦J being concealed) to keep the hearts guarded, the ♦J becomes declarer's twelfth trick. If instead North discards his low heart, the ace drops the king and the ♥Q becomes trick twelve.

Even with the ♠A lead, a shift to the ♥J at trick two would have broken up the impending squeeze.

Polish Students v Gordon (USA)

Transnational Teams

When this deal appeared, it was the last board in the quarterfinal match between the Polish Students team and the Gordon team. The Polish Students were leading by 1 IMP, 105-104.

Board 32. Dlr: W Vul: E/W

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

West	North	East	South
Seamon	Jassem	Pszczola	Wojcieszek
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

East led a diamond and declarer won, drew trumps and established a long spade for his thirteenth trick.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Sontag	Zatorski	Berkowitz
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5NT ¹
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

1 Pick a slam

BALI HIGH

by John Carruthers

Most pairs play Sontag/Berkowitz's auction to show a strong 6-4; with Sontag's actual hand, they would rebid hearts, then diamonds. However, the American pair prefer to show more of their distribution with their second bid by rebidding in the new suit ("Why not show partner nine-plus cards in two suits as opposed to six-plus cards in one suit?"). Playing a strong club system facilitates this scheme since a one-of-a-suit opening bid has a top limit of 15 or 16 high card points anyway.

David Berkowitz made three exceptional bids here. The first was 3♠ (the reflex bid is 4♣ or, as at the other table, 4NT) - he wanted to discover if Alan Sontag had any secondary honours in the black suits along with his ten red-suit cards, in which case he (Sontag) would have tried 3NT. When Sontag instead bid 4♥, Berkowitz, with a probable 6NT in reserve, made his second good bid, asking Sontag for a choice of slams with 5NT. When Sontag rebid 6♥, Berkowitz knew that, to make that choice missing the ♥K, Sontag's hearts had to be internally solid. Thus he raised to the grand slam, his third well-judged bid in the auction.

The play followed the other rooms exactly, but it was 11 IMPs to Gordon and a win by 10 IMPs. They went on to win their semifinal and final matches to cruise to the title. For Alan Sontag, it was his seventh world championship win in seven world championship final matches.

D'Orsi Trophy Semifinals

One theme of these World Championships was delicate 3NT contracts - there seemed to be one or two cropping up in every match. Here was one ...

Germany v France

Board 29. Dlr: N Vul: Both

♠ K 10 3
♥ 10 6
♦ K 10 9 8 5
♣ 7 5 4

♠ Q 7 5 2
♥ A 7 5 4
♦ Q J
♣ K J 9

♠ J 9 6
♥ K 2
♦ A 7 6 3 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ A 8 4
♥ Q J 9 8 3
♦ 4
♣ Q 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Elinescu	Vanhoutte	Wladow
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Entscho Wladow led the ♠8 (2nd and 4th best) to the ♠2, ♠10 and ♠J. Declarer returned the ♠6; ♠4, ♠Q, ♠K. Michael Elinescu shifted to the ♥10, won by the king. Vanhoutte knocked out the ♠A, ducked the ♥Q shift and won the ♦A over the ♦4, ♦J and ♦K.

When declarer crossed to the ♦Q (♣2 from South, nominally encouraging, but meaningless in context) to cash the ♥A (diamond discard from North), he had a complete count of the distribution. He cashed the thirteenth spade in the dummy and South obligingly discarded a heart. It was a simple matter to exit from dummy with a heart, endplaying South and obviating the club guess.

Had South kept two hearts at the end, discarding two clubs painlessly, declarer would have been obliged to guess the location of the queen of clubs. The odds were 4:3 on its being with South, but stranger things have happened than a misguess with those odds in your favour. It was +600 to France.

BALI HIGH

by John Carruthers

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Poizat	Marsal	Lasserre
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
Double	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It was over pretty quickly at the other table: Guy Lasserre, having overcalled, led his suit, the queen and Reinar Marsal won with the ♥A in dummy to lead the ♦Q, holding the trick. When declarer led the ♦J next, Philippe Poizat covered it with the king, South discarding a club.

Even with a successful club guess, which he made, Marsal could garner no more than seven tricks, finishing two off for 13 IMPs to France. In the other match ...

USA1 v Poland

West	North	East	South
Passell	Kowalski	Jacobus	Romanski
—	Pass	1♦ ¹	1♥
Dbl ²	Pass	1♠ ³	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1 Precision: 10-15 HCP, 2+ diamonds
 2 Spades
 3 11-13 balanced, 2/3 spades

Jacek Romanski also bid 1♥ and led his suit against 3NT. Marc Jacobus ducked this and also ducked the diamond shift when dummy's jack was covered by the king. He won the next diamond with the queen (South discarding a heart) and tried a spade to the nine, forcing the ace.

With nothing appealing to do, South got out with a spade, the eight, to the five, ten and jack. Jacobus unblocked the ♥K and knocked out the ♠K. North exited with the ♦10 to the ace - South discarded the ♣8 and Jacobus pitched the ♣J from dummy.

Declarer had lost four tricks and these cards were left:

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

Declarer crossed to dummy's ♣K and took the ♥A. When to next cashed the ♠Q, both opponents had to discard a club to keep their red-suit guards. Thus the ♣Q was guaranteed to fall under the ace; plus 600.

West	North	East	South
Lasocki	Hayden	Russyan	Bates
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Roger Bates led a Rusinow ♥J and Jerzy Russyan followed Marsal's line of play, winning in the dummy and playing on diamonds. Here though, Garey Hayden covered the first diamond and Russyan won the ace to play a second diamond to dummy's queen. When South showed out he was in trouble. Declarer led a spade to the jack, which was allowed to win, but he later misguessed clubs to go the same two off as had Marsal. That was 13 IMPs to USA2 as well.

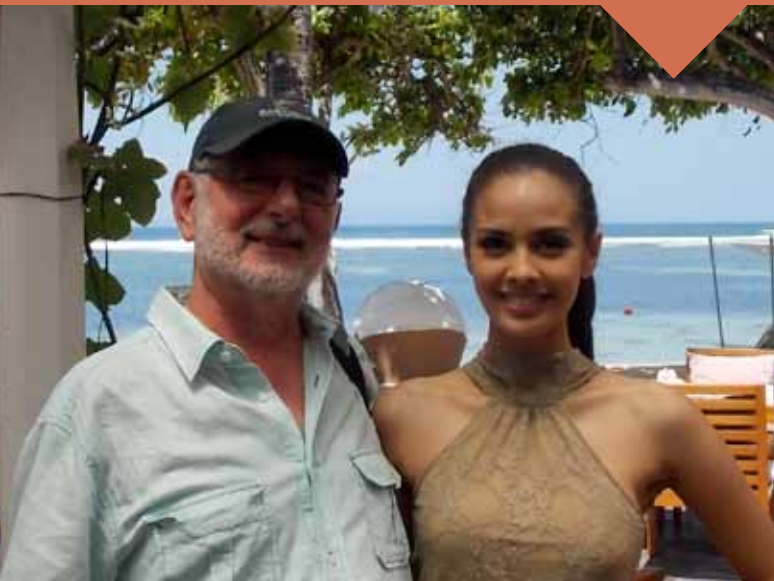
The medallists were:

Bermuda Bowl: Italy, Monaco, Poland
 Venice Cup: USA2, England, Netherlands
 D'Orsi Trophy: Germany, USA2, Poland
 Transnational Teams: Gordon, SAIC, PD Times.

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by John Carruthers



JC AND MISS WORLD Megan Young, U.S.-born but representing the Philippines, had been crowned Miss World the day before this photo was snapped. (Photo: Katie Thorpe!)

Nusa Dua, the resort area which hosted the World Bridge Championships was also the site of the Miss World beauty pageant while we were there. My disappointment at the lack of success of our Venice Cup team and my own subsequent dismal showing in the Transnational Teams were somewhat ameliorated by what was the high point of my trip, as you can see from

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RICHMOND TROPHY LEADERS



Shan Huang, of Toronto ON, has a healthy lead in the 2013 Richmond Trophy Race. Shown here at the Ottawa Regional, photo by Jonathan Steinberg.

STANDINGS AS OF 12/06/2013

1	Shan Huang, Toronto ON	1,105.59
2	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	996.01
3	Vincent Demuy, Laval QC	932.18
4	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	902.53
5	Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK	849.78
6	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	840.48
7	Richard Chan, Markham ON	799.61
8	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	797.73
9	Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	731.98
10	Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON	663.90
11	John Morgan, Navan ON	596.85
12	Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK	590.79
13	Andrew Firko, Oakville ON	575.03
14	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	561.35
15	Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON	532.37
16	Bob Zeller, Kanata ON	522.79
17	Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK	519.87
18	Rhonda Foster, Victoria BC	519.33
19	Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	517.05
20	Gerry McCully, Victoria BC	513.14
21	Hans Jacobs, Brighton ON	507.24
22	Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	496.48
23	Samantha Nystrom, Toronto ON	492.70
24	William Koski, King City ON	476.77
25	Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC	473.94
26	Denis Murphy, Coldbrook NS	470.29
27	Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA	469.15
28	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	456.66
29	Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB	450.06
30	George Mittelman, Toronto ON	447.68

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SENIORS IN BALI

by Michael Yuen

Shortly after the 2013 Canadian Bridge Championships held in May, the victorious Canadian Senior Team (Robert Lebi, David Lindop, Toronto. Jurek Czyzowicz, Gatineau and Dan Jacob, Vancouver) drafted me as their NPC for the 41st World Teams Championships to be held in Bali, Indonesia. It was an honour that I gladly accepted. The team added a third pair Boris Baran, Montreal and George Mittelman, Toronto.

Our team was vying for the D'Orsi Senior Trophy. We had a good run, and in the last match were right in the fight for the final knockout spot. Alas, we finished 10th out of the 22 teams participating.

The Canadian Senior Team would like to thank our supporters for their generosity. The Canadian Bridge Federation, Ron Zambonini, District 19, Unit 166, Unit 192, Unit 430 and all who took part in the fundraising in Vancouver. We also like to thanks Eric Kokish and Beverly Kraft for their coaching support.

The first hand I would like to share occurred in round five, versus Denmark:

Rnd 5. Board 1. Dlr: N Vul: None

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

Dan Jacob and Jurek Czyzowicz were N/S.

West	North	East	South
-	Jacob		Czyzowicz
All Pass	2♠ ¹	Dbl	6♠!

1 Spades and a minor, 6-10 HCPs.

The lead was the ♣K. Dan (North) ruffed, then played ♥A and a heart, as he needed tricks. With the hearts breaking all was left was to pick up trumps. Since East had made a takeout double, he successfully played West for the ♠Q. +980 was worth a gain of 11 IMPs.

The other deal occurred when Canada faced Brazil:

RR14. Board 28. Dlr: W Vul: N/S

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

David Lindop (North) and Robert Lebi (South) had a great auction to get to 7♥:

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

1 Extras

The lead was the ♦9. Robert won with the ace, tested trumps and soon claimed 13 tricks for +2210. At the other table, George Mittelman and Boris Baran took a 7♦ sacrifice. Even though it went down 7 for -1700 it was still a net plus of 510, worth 11 IMPs.

SYLVIA CALEY

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Expanding your Convention Card (Part 5)

Last I checked we were working our way through the lower right hand section of the Convention Card. What is your (partnership) philosophy on a sandwich NT? If LHO (Left Hand Opponent) opens the bidding with one of a minor or one heart, partner passes and RHO (Right Hand Opponent) bids one of new suit, what does your 1NT bid show?

Over the years responses to opening one bids have gotten lighter. Because of this many of my partnerships have taken to playing that a **Sandwich NT** by an unpassed hand is strong but by a passed hand it's takeout for two suits that have not yet been mentioned. Mike Passell plays it this way. You may choose to play that the sandwich NT is takeout in both cases but as always it's good if you and your partner choose the same thing!

There is of course no reason to play Strong Jump Shifts by a passed hand so what should a jump shift by a passed hand show? One possibility is to play them as Fit Showing. **A Fit Showing Jump** normally shows a fairly good passed hand with 4+ cards in opener's suit and 5 cards in the suit bid. For example:

After Pass – 1♣ – 2♠

Responder might hold either of these hands:

♠ A K x x x
♥ x x
♦ x x
♣ K 10 x x

♠ A K x x x
♥ x x
♦ x
♣ Q 10 x x x

And after Pass – 1♠ – 3♦ responder might hold:

♠ K x x x
♥ x x
♦ A Q J x x
♣ x x

The idea is to show a useful 5-card suit as well as a good fit for partner's suit.

Another auction that you and your partner probably should define is **secondary three level jumps by responder**. Let's start with these auctions:

- 1) 1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 3♣
- 2) 1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 3♥
- 3) 1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 3♠
- 4) 1♣ – 1♥
1NT – 3♣
- 5) 1♣ – 1♥
1NT – 3♥

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Most players play that these bids are all invitational but some prefer to play that secondary jumps in both Opener's or Responder's suits are forcing. Those players would play that auctions 1, 2, 4 and 5 are forcing and only auction 3 is invitational.

Another question is the definition of a **4th suit jump**. What do the following auctions show?

- 1) 1♣ – 1♦
1♥ – 2♠
- 2) 1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 3♦

Many prefer to play that auction 1 is 4th suit forcing. Auction 2 is most often played as an invitational 5-5, but if your partnership is more comfortable playing it as strong then it should most certainly be strong. Walsh players play that the 2nd auction shows 4 hearts and 6 diamonds and a weak hand, but these days few play Walsh except Rhoda.

If your partnership agrees to play the principle of fast arrival be sure to discuss the special case of jumps in NT. My instinct says that jumps in NT show extra values but then I was born way back in 19....

At this point we have completed the front side of the convention card.

I'd now like to take a breather from all this work, relax and look at a couple of interesting hands.

This hand came up in a recent team game:

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Dir: S Vul: N/S

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

The auction at Table 1 was:

North	East	South	West
---	---	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

The auction at Table 2 was:

North	East	South	West
---	---	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

At Table 1 5♠ doubled was light 1 for -200 NS.
At Table 2 5♥ doubled made scoring -650 NS.

There are a few Principles of Play that we can take from this hand:

- 1) When you have a huge fit and a weak hand, bid as much as you can the first time (North)
- 2) Don't be afraid to bid one more when you have a big fit (South)
- 3) Don't double without a trump trick (South, Table 2)

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Here's an interesting hand from pairs:

Dir: S Vul: N/S

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

The auction at one table was:

North	East	South	West
---	---	Pass	Pass
1♣	4♥	Dbl	Pass
5♣	5♥	Dbl	All Pass

The auction at another table was:

North	East	South	West
---	---	Pass	Pass
1♣	4♥	Dbl	Pass
5♣	5♥	6♣	All Pass

It's pretty clear who got it right. At the first table South doubled without a trump trick and 5♥ doubled made after North discarded a small spade on the run of the hearts. The fact is that on this hand 7♣ is cold because the losing spade in the North hand can be discarded on the long diamond in the South hand. The result at the second table was +1390, 6♣ making 7.

Editor's note: Consider how East could have bid differently by using the strategy explained in The Expert Spot, elsewhere in this issue.

A large number of IMPs and matchpoints are won and lost on distributional hands so don't be afraid. Get in there and bid 'em up!

We'll continue with the back side of the convention card

Did You KNOW?



Did you know that Sylvia Caley (nee: Summers) was at one time a Hollywood Starlet?

She Co-Starred with Eileen Davidson in the teenybopper film 'Goin' All the Way'. She also starred in the horror film 'Dreamanic'.

Sylvia's television credits include the series *American English* that ran in South Korea, as well as Japanese commercials for Pro Look Sportswear and Tiger Tennis Shoes.

Did You Know and Do You Remember will be regular articles in future CBF Bridge Digests.

THE BEST OF BALI VENICE CUP

As many of you know by now the best thing that happened on our team at the time of the World Championships in Bali was the arrival of Sondra Blank and Pier-Luc Cauchon's 3rd child, Lexi Dylan Cauchon. She sprung into the world on Sept. 10th recording a fighting weight of 4 lbs. 9 oz. She later made her debut on the cover of the World Bridge Federation daily bulletin on September 22nd.

by Sylvia Caley

Because of complications with her pregnancy Sondra had to cancel her plans to go to Bali. Francine Cimon found herself tossed into the role of playing with me. Cimon - Caley had their moments but certainly could have used more practice as a partnership. Following are several hands from various matches. This hand that came up on the first day of the tournament.

VS. Indonesia

Brd 8. Dlr: W Vul: None

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



Lexi looks like she is winding up to make the winning play!

West	North	East	South
	Ina		Katie
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

After Ina had bid her clubs once and Katie had bid her hearts twice, Ina did well to introduce the diamond suit. Katie is a tremendously cooperative type so she raised. Ina had a huge hand so she re-raised. Ina realized that her partner might only

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VENICE CUP

have three diamonds but there still had to be a lot of possibilities. As it was slam was cold.

In the other room the NS pair languished in 3NT (+460). Few pairs in either the Venice Cup or the Bermuda Bowl reached 6♦. Some stopped in 3NT and a few tried the ill-fated 6NT.

Bidding and making 6♦ was an excellent result gaining 10 IMPs for team Canada in a match that we won by 20. The following day we played a match against England.

VS. England

Board 10. Dlr: E Vul: Both

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

In the Closed Room the auction was:

West	North	East	South
Joan		Karen	
---	---	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Joan lead the ♦ 7 (3rd and 5th best leads), won in the closed hand with the ♦ K. After cashing the Ace and King of Spades the Declarer played the Club King to Joan's Ace. Joan cashed the high spade and Karen played an

encouraging heart. Joan switched to the ♥ 8 and the declarer went into the tank. There wasn't much to go on and playing for split aces is certainly reasonable. Eventually declarer put in the Jack so the defense scored one spade, two hearts and one club. Nice defense ladies!

In the Open Room Francine didn't show her heart suit. Our auction was:

West	North	East	South
---	Francine		Sylvia
---	---	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT ¹	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1 Forcing.

The defense began with a heart to the Ace and a heart back to the Queen. East then switched to a high club. The club Ace was their last trick as Francine scored two spades, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

NS +630 and EW +100 was 12 IMPs for Team Canada. This hand also came up against England.

VS. England

Board 13 Dlr: N Vul: Both

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

The auction at our table was:

West	North	East	South
Francine		Sylvia	
---	1♥	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

I thought that my stiff heart and diamond fit made it safe to introduce my six card club suit. Little did I know that soon I would find myself in a club game.

The opening lead was a trump won by East and a trump was returned. I ruffed out the heart suit and threw one spade on the long heart and one spade on the long diamond, losing only one Spade and one Club (+600).

At the end of this hand I heard my partner say, "One down." I replied, "No I made it!" Apparently I had misunderstood Francine's French accent. She had actually said "Well done." For the remainder of the event I knew that if I heard, "One down" everything was going just fine.

The auction at our teammates' table was:

West	North	East	South
Joan		Karen	
---	1♥	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♥	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

The opening lead was the ♦K. Joan lost 1 heart, 2 diamonds, 1 club and 2 heart ruffs (-200).

This hand is an example of excellent bidding by my Hall of Fame partner Francine Cimon. Very few pairs bid this game. Karen also did nicely to show a more constructive hand than her counterpart did sitting at our table.

This result gained 9 IMPs and eventually we won this match by 20.

I thought that it was excellent that during the Round Robin we beat USA2 (the eventual Gold Medalists), England (the eventual Silver Medalists), and tied Netherlands (the eventual Bronze Medalists). My conclusion is that we need to focus on more consistency and partnership development. Sondra Blank and I are hard at work on our new FANTUNES system for next season.

Bali was a tremendous experience. I enjoyed the company of my teammates, Francine Cimon, Joan Eaton, Karen Cumpstone, Katie Thorpe, Ina Demme and our NPC John Carruthers. Francine's husband Denis also added to the camaraderie. Shopping was also a treat for any good shopaholic.



Canada's Venice Cup Team 2013: Ina Demme, Francine Cimon, Sylvia Summers-Caley, Joan Eaton, Katie Thorpe, Karen Cumpstone, John Carruthers NPC.



by Neil Kimelman

THE EXPERT *Spot*

Bidding Strategy: An Overview

For the most part bidding is a partnership activity. You try to describe your holdings to one another until one of the partnership can make an informed final decision. This is true whether the opponents are in the auction or not. However there are the occasional deals where a strategy may be implemented.

A common example is when you have hand that will take two bids to describe such as:

♠ K J x ♥ A Q x ♦ A K J 10 5 4 ♣ x

After a 1♣ opening on your right most experts will bid 1♦, and then double on their next turn to show extra values (around 15-19 HCPs) and support for the unbid suits. Some might double first and then bid diamonds. Either is an acceptable two-pronged approach with this hand.

The three requisites for implementing a plan for the entire auction are:

1. It will not cause partner to make a bid that you know will be wrong, and will likely lead to a bad score. This is critical and will be examined in greater detail in a future article.

2. Although obvious, you must be able to recognize opportunities at the table, and seize the day, as they say. There are ways to improve the chance you will recognize such opportunities when they present themselves, as I describe in Chapter 2 of my 2nd book, *The Thin Fine Line*.

This is the first installment of a regular feature that provides tips to help readers take their bidding to the next level.

3. Finally you must have enough information to have a high degree of certainty about what the opponents will do. If you make the first bid of a two or three-part strategy, and it goes pass, pass, pass, partner may have some questions about your strategy!

There are many sub-categories of strategic approaches but I have chosen 'buying the hand', as this was the theme for the 2013 International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) award for the Best Bid Hand of the Year, discussed at the end of this article.

Bidding Strategy: Buying the Hand

When the deal is distributional with good fits on both sides the bidding will often get high. A jump in your bid suits will often just act as a transfer for the opponents to bid their suits, often at the five and six levels! Worse, you cannot tell whether they have full values for their bids as you have taken away their bidding space, forcing them to make a compromised decision.

If possible, you would like to slow down the auction, by not jumping levels. This strategy is threefold:

1. Let the opponents get their bids off their chests,
2. Learn more about the opponents trick taking ability by letting them bid 'naturally', and
3. Mask your playing strength so there is doubt in their minds that you wanted to bid this high.

Enough theory – let's look at a hypothetical example: With both sides vulnerable you hear 1 ♠ on your right and hold :

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

Wow – nice hand! I think I can make many diamonds and many might go ahead and just bid 5♦. But wait!

What will you do when West bids 5 ♠ and it goes pass, pass back to you? You won't know what to do! I would definitely double. The focus then goes to partner. What does he do with :

♠ x x ♥ Q x x x ♦ x x ♣ x x x x x

He will likely pass and you will be -850. A better option is to simply bid 2♦ and listen. Here is the full deal with both sides vulnerable:

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

The auction will continue:

West	North	East	South
-	-	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♣	?

Bid 3♦. You know the bidding will go until at least 3♠. Maybe partner can now get involved. Alas, he doesn't. However the auction continues very satisfactorily:

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

You were able to mask your hand strength and get the opponents to double you in 5♦ as 'they knew' you couldn't be this strong on the auction.

by Neil Kimelman



Each year the International Bridge Press Association hands out awards to the best of bridge. The categories include the best book (no I didn't win), defence, declarer play, and bidding among others.

Along this theme, Peter Bertheau of Sweden won for the Best Bid Hand of the Year. He held:

♠ void ♥ J 9 3 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ A K 10 9 7 3

and heard this auction, with only N-S Vulnerable:

West	North	East	South
-	2♥	4♦ ¹	?

1 Diamonds and spades

Before seeing what Peter Bertheau did, and how the auction continued, let's look at the full deal and the auction at the other table:

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

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	Balicki	Petersson	Zmudzinsky
-	1♥	3♣ ¹	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
6♠	Dbl	All Pass	

1 Diamonds and spades

There was confusion between Balicki and Zmudzinski as to whether 4♠ was a splinter or Exclusion Blackwood.

Peter Bertheau knew that his partner in first seat vulnerable versus not, had a good suit and likely a good hand. He also knew that the opponents had a monster spade fit, at least a ten card fit! With

East's two suiter, they probably could make at least nine tricks in spades and had a favourable sacrifice against a heart contract at any level.

Bertheau also likely thought that his side could make at least 6♥, probably 7♥, as any heart finesse would likely work. As the final piece to his bidding strategy he likely considered, 'I want to see West's strategy which might help me decide whether hearts are breaking or not. With all this Peter Bertheau bid only 4♥! The bidding continued:

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Collin	Buras	Bertheau
-	2♥	4♦ ¹	4♥!
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♥
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♥
Dbl	All Pass		

1 Diamonds and spades

By bidding the minimal number of hearts at each of his turns, Bertheau bought the contract for 7♥ and scored + 2470. For a gain of 20 IMPs! As an aside Narkiewicz should have been a bit suspicious, and maybe should have passed to show partner he had no defence against the grand slam, in which case I am sure Buras would have taken out insurance and bid 7♠.

These points aside, it is very instructive to read and learn about the 'Buying the Hand' strategy, implemented successfully in real life by a world class player.

EVENTS & DEADLINES

2013

December
Dec 31 Club qualifying games in the COPC (\$4/table) | CNTC (\$4/table)
Deadline for submitting name for consideration for CBF Pre-approved
Non-Playing Captains list (see page 8 this issue)

2014

January
January 1-13 Grassroots Month
Qualifying games in CNTC (\$4/table)

February
Feb 15 Junior Fund Month
Registration deadline for entering teams in the CWTC
February 17-23 CBF Canada-wide STAC (\$9/table)

March 7
March 3 Registration deadline for CNTC A, B & C
(Mon. Aft) ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs
March 13 (Thurs. Aft) ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #1 (\$8.35/table)

April
April 4 Charity Fund Month
Deadline for submitting Pre-alerts and Roster changes in CNTC A, B & C
April 8 (Tues. Aft) ACBL-Wide Charity Game #1 (\$6.35/table)
April 20 Deadline for submitting applications for Erin Berry Memorial Fund
April 28 (Mon. Aft) Helen Shields RM Game (\$6/table)
April 30 - May 2 CBF Board of Directors Meetings, Calgary AB

May 3 - 10
May 14 Canadian Bridge Championships, Calgary AB (see page 14)
(Wed. Aft.) ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #2 (\$8.35/table)

June 18 (Wed. Eve.) Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #1 (\$8.35/table)

July 11 (Fri. Aft.) ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #3 (\$8.35/table)

August 11 - 16
August 13-23 Canadian Women's Team Championships, Edmonton AB (see page
World Youth Team Championships, Istanbul, Turkey

September 8-13
September 16-20 Commonwealth Bridge Championships, Glasgow Scotland
CBF International Fund Regional, Toronto ON

Oct 10-25 World Bridge Series, Sanya, China

Important Dates

2014 Canadian Bridge Championships : Calgary AB : 3-10 May 2014
2014 Canadian Women's Team Championships (CWTC): Edmonton AB 11-16 Aug 2014
2014 CBF International Fund Regional : Toronto ON : 16-22 Sep 2014

Canadian Bridge Federation Calendar of Events as of December 2013.

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