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One new feature in the April's Bridge Canada is the Quiz Corner. I hope to include some single and double dummy play problems, interspersed with the occasional defensive puzzle. I expect most readers will find these problems quite challenging.



Bridge Canada is the magazine for all CBF members. I encourage all players to consider sending me articles for submission. All bridge-related subject matter is welcome. Any article of interest to members will be considered. Deadline for submissions for the August Bridge Canada is July 15th. My email is editor@cbf.ca

Remember, spring is just around the corner... maybe.

Neil Kimelman

Bridge Canada Managing Editor

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MESSAGE FROM THE

PRESIDENT

NADER HANNA

Canadian Bridge Championships

By now I hope that you have already made plans to participate in the Canadian Bridge Championships (CBC) which will be held in Calgary May 3 – 10, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre.

The CBC represents an opportunity for Canadian bridge players of all levels to win a Canadian national championship as well as cash prizes. For more information please visit the CBF website at www.cbf.ca. I hope to see many of you in Calgary.

This year the Canadian Women Team Championship (CWTC) will be held separately from the CBC. The CWTC will be held in Edmonton August 11 – 16, in conjunction with the Edmonton regional. I am pleased to see an increase in the number of teams participating from the last few years. Thanks go to unit 391 for hosting and promoting the event.

THE LONGEST DAY

Play bridge from sunrise 'til sunset

On June 21, don't miss out on your chance to join the fun while raising funds for Alzheimer research.

Last year, more than 150 clubs across North America participated in the Longest Day, raising more than \$500,000. Playing bridge to promote healthy aging was a storyline featured on dozens of newscasts and in many newspapers.

This year's ACBL-wide goal is to raise \$750,000 for Alzheimer research. All funds raised in Canada will be donated to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. Please encourage your club to participate.

Barry Harper

Finally, we were all sad to learn of the passing away of Barry Harper on Valentine's Day. Barry was a Grand Life Master and a three time Richmond Trophy winner. More importantly, Barry was a great, kind hearted, and fun loving personality who brought great joy to so many people. May he rest in peace.

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Barry Harper

April 25 1955-February 14 2014.

Barry was born in Wilkie, Saskatchewan in 1955, and moved to Saskatoon as a child. He excelled academically, entering the University of Saskatchewan at the age 16. In 1974 he made his first appearance at the Saskatoon Bridge Club, and this was the beginning of a lifelong passion. He became a Life Master in 1978. He was always a keen competitor, but so extremely pleasant that we all looked forward to playing with and against him, even though it didn't take him long to play much more effectively than most of us. He happily played with everyone; his partners ranged in age from 15 to 80, and from the least to the most experienced. He was always fun and entertaining at social events, and his knowledge in so many different fields was outstanding. Surprisingly, he was somewhat timid at first, earning the nickname the (Rueful) Rabbit, a name which soon became ironic rather than descriptive.

He earned Bachelor Degrees in Computer Science and Law, and practiced law before becoming a full time bridge player. In 1990, he and Don Campbell won the Silodor Open Pairs, and in 2005 he became Saskatchewan's first Grand Life Master. He was 2nd on the list of Canadian masterpoint holders with over 20,000, won the Richmond Trophy three times, won many Regional events, and had high placings in several National Events. He was also on the ACBL Board of Governors. Throughout his too short bridge career, he exhibited a strong sense of fair play and ethical behaviour. He just loved the game—playing (with anyone) was good, although winning was best.

His intellect was a huge help in his bridge success, along with the magic "table feel", but so was his unique sense of humour, which, despite years of health problems, he retained until the very end. Even from his hospital bed he would, if possible, give his smile and little wave, and come up with something funny. His humour was never unkind—he was a genuinely nice person.

Barry and Debi were married in 1982, and although the marriage didn't last, their deep friendship did.



He is survived by his partner of 23 years Linda Selinger, her daughter Bonnie (Ryan) Flaman, and 5 grandchildren of whom he was very proud: Nate, Josiah, Alyssa, Rebecca, and Abigail.

Many tributes have been posted on his Facebook page and on Bridge Winners. He was liked and respected all over the continent, by people who have known him from a few months to over 40 years.

Bugsy, you will be missed.

By Peggy Macgregor

Henry Cukoff 1949 – 2014

While selling entries at the Dallas Nationals Friday March 28, Henry collapsed was given CPR and was rushed to the hospital. Unfortunately they could not save him and he died about an hour later. Henry was a popular director and excellent bridge player. He will be sorely missed. Our deepest condolences to his wife Myra.

Tributes and photos will be published in our upcoming issue of Bridge Canada, Summer 2014.



PHOTO: CBF President Nader Hanna and 2014 Hall of Fame Inductee Bruce Gowdy. Photo J. Steinberg

CBF Annual General Meeting

During the 2014 Canadian Bridge Championships

Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre

2120 16th Avenue N.E., Calgary, AB – Free parking

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 8:30am

Continental Breakfast will be served

This meeting is open to all paid-up members of the CBF.
The Agenda of the meeting will include:

- Adoption of 2013 agm minutes
- Appointment of CBF Auditors
- Confirmation of new Zone Directors
- Highlights of 2014 CBF Board of Directors meetings
- Highlights of 2014 CBF Charitable Foundation meeting
- Any other Business

CBF Board of Directors Meeting

The CBF Board of Directors will meet in Calgary, AB, April 30-May 2, 2014 just prior to the Canadian Bridge Championships. If you have any matters that you wish to have discussed by the Board, please contact your Zone Director or Ina Demme.

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!

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(Please print clearly to ensure you receive your mailings)

NAME: _____

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

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2014 CANADIAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS May 3 - 10, 2014



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Ask for the Canadian Bridge Federation Rate when making a reservation!

CNTC-A, CNTC-B, CNTC-C

Registration is now closed for the CNTC
Dates of play are:

CNTC A -- May 3 - May 10 -- 4 day round robin

CNTC B -- May 4 -- May 8 -- 3 day round robin

CNTC C -- May 7 -- May 9 -- 2 day round robin

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Sat, May 10, 2014

Regionally rated two session event awarding GOLD points

\$120 per team

Open to all!

No pre-registration required, CBF membership not required

CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS | CWTC

This year the Canadian Women's Team Championship (CWTC) will be held separately from the CBC. The CWTC will be held in Edmonton August 11 – 16, in conjunction with the Edmonton regional.

Chartwell Retirement Residences

CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS | CSTC

Wed, May 7 - Sat, May 10, 2014

\$460 per team for 2-day round robin

All team members must be born in 1954 or earlier

All team members must be paid-up CBF members

No pre-qualification or pre-registration required.

Purchase entry on site prior to game time.

CANADIAN IMP PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS | CIPC

Thu, May 8, 2014

One day IMP pairs championship \$80 per pair

The event will be stratified for masterpoint awards

Participants must be paid-up CBF members

No pre-qualification or pre-registration. Purchase your entry on site.

Cash prizes for top three pairs (\$400, \$250, \$150)

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP | COPC

Fri, May 9 and Sat, May 10, 2014

May 9: two-session qualifier, \$80 per pair

May 10: two-session final, \$80 per pair

Participants must be paid-up CBF members

Participants must be pre-qualified through a club game or qualification may be purchased onsite for \$25. **Cash prizes for top two pairs (\$1,500, \$750)**

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

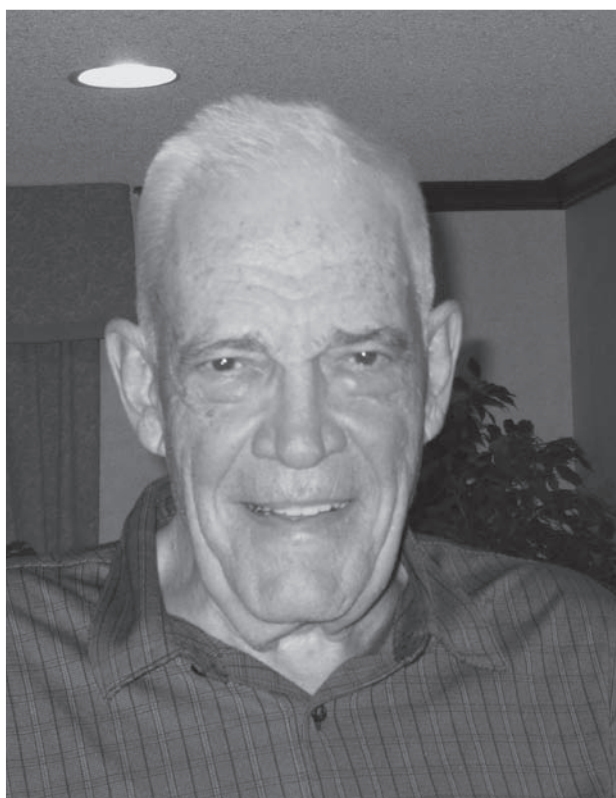
2014 Ceremony will be held during the Canadian Bridge Championships in Alberta

AGNES GORDON

BRUCE GOWDY

The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held during the Canadian Bridge Championships Tuesday May 6, 2014, 8:30 PM (time is tentative) Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre, Earl Castle Room.

The 2014 inductees are: Agnes Gordon and Bruce Gowdy. Everyone is invited to celebrate the achievements of these bridge icons. Full biographies of Agnes and Bruce will be included in the summer edition of Bridge Canada.





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"The CBF is committed to promoting acceptable player behaviour at all times. The ultimate purpose of the Zero Tolerance policy is to provide a much more pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere for all at our Canadian Bridge Championships (CBC)."

CBF ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Expectations of Behaviour

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) actively promotes acceptable player behaviour at all times. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A.

In accordance with Laws 74,80F and 81C4 (Laws of Duplicate Bridge) the following policy outlines what is expected of all players during Canadian Bridge Championships, as well as in the playing area before and after each session. All participants, captains and others present in the playing site are expected to behave in a respectful manner to all others present.



CBF ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

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Before the commencement of play of a team event a CBF representative shall reinforce this policy at the Captains meeting.

At the start of each event, the Director shall make an announcement that the tournament will be observing CBF Zero Tolerance for unacceptable behaviour. It is strongly requested that the Director be called whenever behaviour is not consistent with the CBF guidelines.

Specific behaviour that will be subject to sanction includes, but is not limited to:

- Raising your voice to the point it affects the enjoyment and concentration of others present.
- Continued failure to heed requests to be quiet while other matches are in play.
- Badgering, rudeness, insults, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.

Everyone present in the playing site has the right and responsibility to ensure that the playing site is free from inappropriate behaviour.

Policy Infraction Procedures

Before the commencement of any CBC event a CBF representative shall brief the DIC and his staff on this policy, including the identification of the CBF Disciplinary Committee (CBFDC) members.

The Director, when called, shall record pertinent facts including allegations, participants, and witnesses. The Director will, without undue delay, present the information to a CBFDC member.

The CBFDC, in a timely manner, will meet and decide on appropriate penalty if any. The participants and witnesses may be invited to appear before the CBFDC. All affected parties, including the Director, will be informed of any penalties imposed by the CBFDC. These penalties may include but are not limited to:

IMP and Matchpoint penalty.

Ejection from the event (no refunds or Masterpoints awarded).

Banning of kibitzer(s).

Probation or Suspension.

F. In accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a decision to impose a disciplinary penalty is final.

Did You **KNOW?**

Did you know that the top-selling book in North America was once a bridge book?

Culbertson's Blue Book, by Eli Culbertson topped all book sales in 1931. Many attribute its success to Eli's superior salesman skills. It is also believed that much of the content came from his wife Josephine and other top players of the day.

Did You Know? and Do You Remember? are regular columns in Bridge Canada.



QUIZ

PLAN THE PLAY

ANSWER PAGE 19

IMPS. East West Vulnerable, South Deals

♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A 9 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

♠ A Q 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ J 10 8 6 5
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♠7

Trick 1: ♠7 - 2 - 10 - Q
Trick 2: ♦J - 4 - 2 - K
Trick 3: ♠K - 3 - 6 - 5
Trick 4: ♠4 - ♠A - ♣4 - ?

Plan the play considering all possible contingencies

2013 RICHMOND TROPHY RACE

Shan Huang of Toronto, Ontario is the winner of the 2013 Richmond Trophy. He started the year in the 1000 to 2500 masterpoint category but went on to win, which is quite an accomplishment.

As a child, Shan knew a little about the game, but really started to play in high school and then, mostly online. At the University of Toronto he joined the bridge club and played his first live duplicate game. His tournament career started in 2010 and that year, he played with Melissa Luo on the Canadian under 21 Junior team in Philadelphia. In 2012 Shan was on the under 26 team with Tom Walsh in Taicang, China.

We have all heard the expression, "It's better to be lucky than good". Recently at the Hilton Head regional, Shan had the experience of being both lucky and good. His team was down 38 at the half in a KO final. On the last board of the match, Shan found himself in a pushy 3NT contract. His RHO made a lead out of turn, so he had the option of forbidding that lead from the correct hand and received a favourable lead. That brought his total to 8 tricks and for the 9th, he had to guess which opponent had the King of spades to decide whether to take a simple finesse if onside, or play for a strip squeeze if offside. The player with the King of spades offside did not see the possibility of the strip squeeze and thought declarer had no chance since the finesse wouldn't have worked. So, he decided to show Shan his hand and get the play over with. This took Shan's guess away. He claimed on a strip squeeze and ended up making 3NT which allowed his team to pick up 39 IMPs in the second half and win by 1.

Shan has been very close to winning a big event – he was 2nd in the 2013 Phoenix National Swiss Teams and was in the quarterfinal of the 2013 Vanderbilt in St. Louis. I'm sure it won't be long before we see him in the winners' circle.



The Richmond trophy race was introduced in 1974 and is named after David G. Richmond. The top 20 for 2013 are:

1	Shan Huang, Toronto ON	1,377.03
2	Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach G FL	1,185.09
3	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	1,158.17
4	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	1,059.51
5	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	951.01
6	Richard Chan, Markham ON	919.80
7	Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK	897.37
8	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	844.81
9	Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	748.59
10	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	685.96
11	Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON	677.20
12	Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK	641.17
13	Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON	636.55
14	John Morgan, Navan ON	621.43
15	Andrew Firko, Oakville ON	595.19
16	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	576.41
17	Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK	564.21
18	Samantha Nystrom, Toronto ON	564.09
19	Bob Zeller, Kanata ON	561.46
20	Gerry McCully, Victoria BC	556.47

PHOTOS courtesy of Jonathan Steinberg.

0 to 5 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Thierry Le Gleuher, Montreal QC	93.73
2	Leanne Cheliak, Pembroke ON	76.14
3	Stephen Carpenter, Conestogo ON	73.12

5 to 20 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Dorothy Mersereau, Calgary AB	132.87
2	James Dynes, Saskatoon SK	113.96
3	Nancy Louwman, Aurora ON	82.41

20 to 50 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Robert Blanchette, Gatineau QC	120.57
2	John D Aguiar, Calgary AB	112.25
3	Denyse Morin, Montreal QC	89.82

50 to 100 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Joan Richard, Kelowna BC	143.71
2	Douglas Jordan, Toronto ON	122.46
3	Pam Wallace, Calgary AB	105.20

100 to 200 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Doug Elliott, Egmondville ON	168.02
2	Charlene Richardson, Moorefield ON	146.57
3	Sheila Baird, Halifax NS	139.47

200 to 300 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON	208.09
2	Alison Burkett, Kitchener ON	182.64
3	Elaine Calvert, Carp ON	175.72

300 to 500 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Tara McCabe, Ottawa ON	238.46
2	Melinda Maclean, Truro NS	223.12
3	Geoffrey Calvert, Carp ON	213.80

500 to 1000 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Ru Hong Terajewicz, Ottawa ON	391.07
2	Steven Mehta, Mississauga ON	368.68
3	Dave Adelman, Calgary AB	343.30

1000 to 2500 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Shan Huang, Toronto ON	1,377.03
2	Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON	636.55
3	Danny Ioannidis, Grassie ON	518.25

2500 to 5000 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	John Morgan, Navan ON	621.43
2	Andrew Firko, Oakville ON	595.19
3	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	576.41

5000 to 7500 Richmond Trophy Race		
1	Richard Chan, Markham ON	919.80
2	Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	748.59
3	Joseph Sauro, Oakville ON	677.20

2013 MINI-RICHMOND TROPHY RACE

The Mini-Richmond MP Races were established in 2012. They are designed to reward the Canadian players who have won the most Masterpoints in their categories. CBF membership is required in order to be included in the Mini-Richmond Trophy Races.

Masterpoints won in ACBL sanctioned events that are not played online count towards the point total. (All CBF events, CNTC – all flights, CWTC, CSTC, COPC, CIPC, Canadian Rookie-Master games, Canada Wide Olympiad Fund games are included.)



RU HONG TERAJEWICZ
500 - 1000 Mini Richmond Trophy

MEET ... DAVID SABOURIN

YOUNGEST CANADIAN LIFE MASTER

BRIDGE CHAMPION

David Sabourin has been an annual competitor in the Canadian National Team Championships since 2007, winning a gold medal in 2007 and silver in 2012. David and his then long-term partner Jeff Smith also finished third in the CIPCs in 2011.

David is a regular competitor in the North American Bridge Championships, having finished in the overalls on several occasions. David has represented Canada four times in international competitions:

- The 2006 and 2008 University Team Championships held in Tianjin, China and Lodz, Poland, respectively.
- The 2004 World Youth Team Championships in New York.
- As a member of the Junior Team in the 2008 World Mind Sports Games in Beijing.

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

My mom started taking bridge lessons when I was eleven. One night, I found one of her work books for novice players, and I took it to my room and completed the lesson. Homework had always seemed like a



tedious chore to me, but somehow the bridge exercises were able to grab my attention and keep me tuned in. After taking some lessons about the basics from my step dad, Paul Hardy, I went to play at the local club on a Sunday afternoon and really enjoyed it.

What do you think the biggest differences are between when you started out and now?

The average player is better versed in bidding, more conventions have become a lot more common, and people generally tend to be more aggressive during the auction.

What is your most memorable bridge moment?

Becoming the youngest Canadian Life Master in Canada at 14, during the midnight game at a Chicago NABCs. I woke my mom up at 4:00am to tell her the good news!

What about life away from the bridge table?

I completed an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Criminology at the University of Ottawa in 2008, and I had planned to attend Law School to become a criminal defense attorney. But after graduating, opportunities

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YOUNGSTERS

Bryan Maksymetz | CBF Manager, Youngsters

THE 2013-2014

CBF YOUNGSTERS

PROGRAM

HAS BEEN A GREAT

SUCCESS

We have more Under 20 year old players than in recent years. And, for the first time we have at least 4 girls in the program. The CBF will put together a program to set up and train a Girls team for the 2016 World Youth Bridge Championships (WYBC).

The 2014 WYBC will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from August 13th to 23rd, 2014. Canada will be sending 2 teams – Juniors (those 25 and under the year prior to the competition) and Youngsters (those 20 and under in the prior year). Bryan Maksymetz coaches the Youngsters and Nader Hanna the Juniors.

We have been conducting training sessions on BBO twice weekly and will select the final team in March. We expect the Canadian teams to do well in Istanbul, and will be working hard to achieve that end.

Please consider making a donation to the CBF Youngsters and Juniors by sending a cheque to the CBF: Ina Demme, 1 Pietro Dr., Maple, ON L6A 3J4, specifying that the money is for the CBF Junior/Youngster programs.

Current Youngsters candidates are:

Allen Yu, Stanford, CA *
 Armin Askari, Berkely, CA *
 Xinyu (Bob) Feng, Moncton, NB *
 Daniel Hsu, Toronto, ON
 Darien Cozart, Vancouver, BC
 Deifilia To, Toronto, ON
 Evan Jones, Moncton, NB
 Jacob Freeman, Toronto, ON
 Jessie Hebbert, Kingston, ON *
 Jordan Hebbert, Clarksburg, ON *
 Spencer MacDonald, Kingston, ON *
 Vanessa Du, Toronto, ON
 Vicky Xu, Toronto, ON
 Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth, NS
 Xu Yang, Moncton, NB

* participated in the 2012 WYBC in China.

MEET DAVID SABOURIN

began to present themselves and my career as a professional bridge player began to take off. I felt that bridge was something I needed to pursue.

What do you like to do besides bridge?

I love to cook and entertain at home. I'm a member of a great wine club that sends me some pretty unique stuff every month. Last year I purchased my first home—a condo in a century old building in Ottawa, and I've been enjoying adding my mark to it through renovation projects and decorating. One of the perks of playing bridge full time is the ability it affords me to travel often, which is also a passion of mine.

What is your favorite bridge book?

Bridge My Way, by Zia Mahmood.

Cats or Dogs?

Dogs.

Red or white?

Red, preferably French or Italian

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

Find yourself a partner that you feel you can learn something from. Keep a set of notes that you can refer to – it's important to document the structure and agreements that you have together. Also ask experts and listen to the answers, but be mindful of your ego and its desire to be right. Bridge is a humbling game.

Can you share any amusing stories with us?

Ever since I was a boy, Zia Mahmood has been my bridge hero. I can remember when I first saw him play. His flair, imagination, and charm at the table have always stuck with me.

I was in Miami in 1996 playing in my first NABC with my stepbrother. As we were walking down the hall of the hotel, I saw Zia approaching us from a distance. My stepbrother, who was then 14, ran up to him and asked him to sign his book (which was by Max Hardy), as he had mistaken Zia for him. Zia awkwardly smiled at him and said he would, but that he wasn't Max Hardy. To this day, I haven't let him live it down.

ALERT

All Youth Bridge Players

How would you and your partner like to be mentored by Eric Kokish and Beverly Kraft, who have coached young players and international-calibre teams in nearly 20 different countries?

Eric and Bev are willing to train serious youth partnerships who aspire to represent Canada in world youth tourneys.

Player Requirements:

- 23 or younger, as of Jan 1, 2014
- Some competitive playing experience
- Commitment
- Strong work ethic
- Willing to learn
- Comfortable with the Windows version of Bridge Base Online

If you and your partner are interested in this project, please contact Eric or Bev directly providing a paragraph or two of background information.

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KEYSTONE CAPERS

THE STORIES I COULD TELL!

BY G. SHARKE

Here at the Keystone Senior Community Centre in Lovello BC we have a fine tradition of fun and competitive duplicate games. I guess you could say I am the memory and soul of our little bridge community – the stories I could tell!

This one just happened last week. I was sitting south playing with Jimmie Dean. I love playing with Jimmie as he does not let anyone outbid him, ever. Sometimes he looks like a third base coach sending out signs to the hitter, but eventually he bids. Always. Something. In addition, he takes it as a personal affront if either of the opponents try to outbid him. It is my challenge to try and stay out of his way and try to have enough values to justify his bidding.

In the second round one of our resident experts, Jefferson Cambrie, came to the table with Nellie Nigh. After greetings all around - we have a very polite group of players - Jefferson remarks on how much he enjoyed re-reading Bridge in the Menagerie, the Victor Mollo classic. Sometimes I feel we have a group that could nicely fit into one of these books:

N-S vul, matchpoints, I held

♠ 7 5 2
♥ A Q 7 6 5 4
♦ A 6 5
♣ 3

I opened 1♥ and the bidding continued (see next page):

West	North	East	South
Jefferson	Jimmie	Nellie	Me
-	-	-	1♥
1♠	Dbl ¹	Rdbl	?

¹ Hesitation and twitching, as expected

Normally I like to bid 2♥ here to describe my hand type, but playing with Jimmie it is a dangerous practice to bid again without extras. After all he wants to get his money's worth, and has only taken one bid on this hand. So I pass.

Jefferson smoothly passes, which is the last smooth action on this hand! Jimmie starts moving and signaling like I have never seen. I think it is a hit and run and a suicide squeeze on the same pitch! Finally, with a look of combined embarrassment and confusion he passes.

After Jimmie ends the auction Nellie starts to turn a beautiful shade of red, the colour that you can sometimes see if you are travelling on a plane and look to the west at sundown. Now is the time to tell you about Nellie.

She loves the game and has been able to arrange to play with most of our club's finest players. Her hope is that some of their skill will rub off on her. Well I, and I am sure all of her regular partners, are truly looking forward to the day when that occurs.

As soon as Jimmie passes to end the auction Nellie asks Jefferson why he didn't he pull her redouble!

Aah, Nellie. Anyways here is the full real deal:

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

I cannot attribute cause to Jimmie's use of the negative double other than the result was truly gratifying!

Stunned by the dummy Jefferson fails to score the ♣A and goes down five in 1♠ doubled and redoubled for -2200! A shaken Jefferson marks up the score and then comments, 'I see two rabbits – one is Rueful sitting North, and the other one, Alice and I had recently followed down its hole!

I hear and feel for you Jefferson, but at the same time I have a great story to share around the pool during our regular happy hour. Only in the menagerie of bridge can a player make a penalty double that isn't and make the final decision as to whether to sit for it or pull it!



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SOLUTION

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The first key play is at trick four, discard the ♦9! Declarer should never take a 2nd diamond finesse as a safety play, in case east has ♦KQ doubleton (Planning on playing a third diamond if the Queen does not show, hoping west has it). Once west shows out (pitching a club) declarer must now play on hearts and clubs for 6 tricks. He needs the ♣K onside and either hearts 3-3 or an endplay.

East has already shown up with 6 spades and 4 diamonds. Play as follows:

Trick 5 – ♦5, ♣5, ♦A, ♦3

Trick 6 – Cash the ♣A, 6, 2, 10

Tricks 7 & 8 - Cash the ♥K and ♥A, to get an exact count on East's hand. He follows to both hearts so he is 6-2-4-1 shape. Play the ♣3 and whether West wins the ♣K or ducks (you finesses the 8), you will throw him in with a heart to force him to give you a third club trick, and your contract.

The full deal:

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



by Neil Kimelman

THE EXPERT *Spot*

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

SETTING PARTNER UP FOR FAILURE

Bidding Strategy: A Review

In the last edition of Bridge Canada I recommended developing a multi-pronged strategy on hands where certain conditions are met. The most important of those conditions is to ensure partner will not be misled and therefore make a later wrong decision as a result of your approach.

These hands occur, but are infrequent. The majority of deals involve you taking calls and partner basing his future decisions on these calls. Despite this clear relationship between your bid and partner's action I see time and time again players who make a call which only sets partner up for failure. The goal of today's article is to help you recognize those situations and avoid disaster-creating actions. I am going to examine this subject within the context of three specific situations:

- Competitive auctions
- Bidding the right game
- Constructive slam bidding

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1. Competitive Auctions

This is an area I explored in my two books. A simple example of leading partner astray: You hold ♠ 9 6 3 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 10 9 3 2. Both vul, the bidding starts with partner opening 1♠ and RHO overcalling 2♥. Your call? Most players automatically will bid 2♠ and rest of the bidding will very often go something like this:

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

A possible full deal:

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

Yes 3♥ will make on the nose for -140. However 3♠ will be either -300 or -800 if doubled! The problem was the 2♠ bid. South should pass at his first turn, as he knows his meager values are only good for defence. If instead South passes, the bidding will either continue:

West	North	East	South
-	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Or

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

You are where you want to be – on defence. And you still have time to get to game as North will take another call with a very strong one opener. Here is a hand that came up at a local club game which I found very instructive: Matchpoints, with only E-W vul, you hold as South ♠ J 8 7 6 3 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ 2. The bidding starts:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	?

Again an automatic bid of 1♠ for 99% of players. However 1NT may be right and describes the key aspect of your hand: 8 – 12 HCPs and hearts stopped. 1NT was definitely right on this deal!

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

The actual auction:

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

-150 instead of + 200. Had you bid 1NT the bidding would likely continue:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	1NT
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠ or 3♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2. Bidding the wrong game

Quite often we bid suits that are weak in nature. This is often a necessity for constructive bidding, especially when introducing majors at the one level.

IMPs both Vul. As South you hold

♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ K 10 9 3 and hear this auction:

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

You know partner is short in spades and has extra values to accept your game invitation. His most likely hand type is 1-3-5-4. The only other possible distributions for north are 2-2-5-4 and 1-4-4-4. In addition, partner is expecting you to have spades stopped. You don't have any high cards in spades. Not only does that clearly spell failure for 3NT, but five of a minor should be close to cold, and six will make on a good day. To verify this take a typical hand for partner: ♠ 6 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ A Q 10 6 4 ♣ A J 6 5. Opposite your ♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ K 10 9 3 game in either minor is cold and six is odds on a with a successful club guess.

While we are in the vicinity, if instead of bidding 3NT, what would be the meaning if partner bid three of the fourth suit, here 3♥? This would show a maximum 2♣ bid, about 16-18 HCPs, and a heart fragment, thus a singleton or void in spades. A typical holding:

♠ 6 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ A Q J 6 4 ♣ A Q J 5. It allows responder to determine whether the hand belongs in 3NT, 5 or 6 of a minor, or even 4♥ opposite something like ♠ 9 8 7 3 2 ♥ A Q 10 4 ♦ K 8 ♣ Q 3.

3. Constructive bidding towards game or slam

Everything we do will influence partner, either for the good or the bad. We want to, if possible, make bids that help partner correctly value his holdings. Here is a useful example:

Partner opens 1♥ and you hold

♠ 6
♥ K 5 3
♦ A K J 9
♣ 10 9 7 6 3

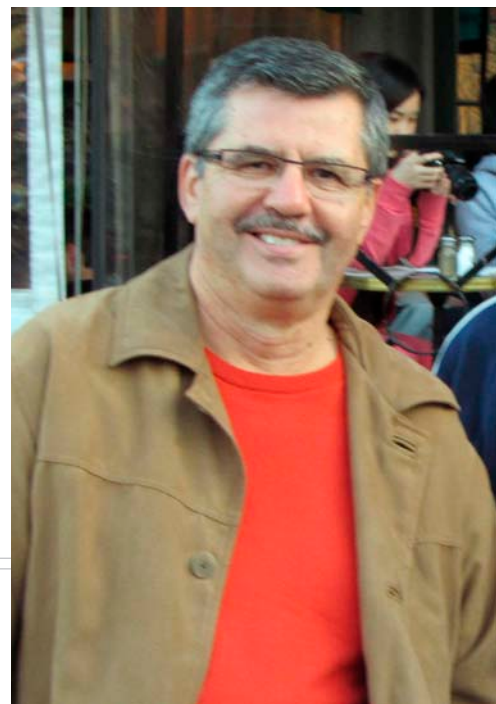
If the majors were reversed I would bid 1NT, having a misfit for hearts. But with the actual heart fragment I want to force to game in hearts so a 2/1 is in order. Bid 2♦, not 2♣. Why? I am rather gung ho about this hand, as there are lively slam possibilities opposite a partner who is short in clubs with a diamond fragment. If I rebid 2♣ partner will over-evaluate length and high cards in clubs, and be conservative with a 'misfit' when he has a singleton or void in clubs.

Say he holds:

♠ A x x x
♥ A Q J x x x
♦ Q 5 3
♣ -

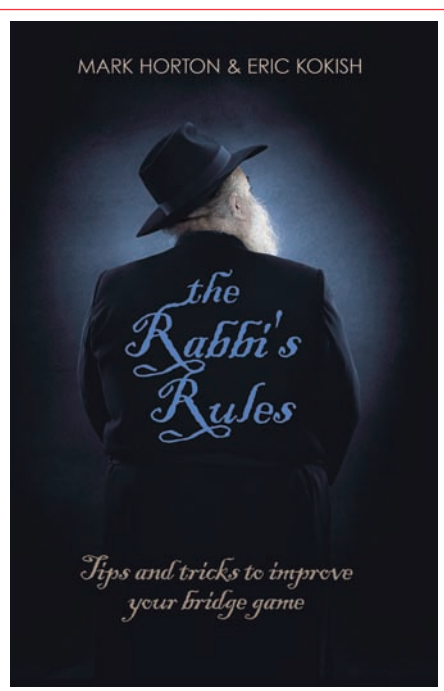
Only 13 HCPs yet 7♥ is 99%. Over 2♦ you will get to at least the small slam. But over 2♣ north will rebid 2♥ and simply raise your 3♥ to game.

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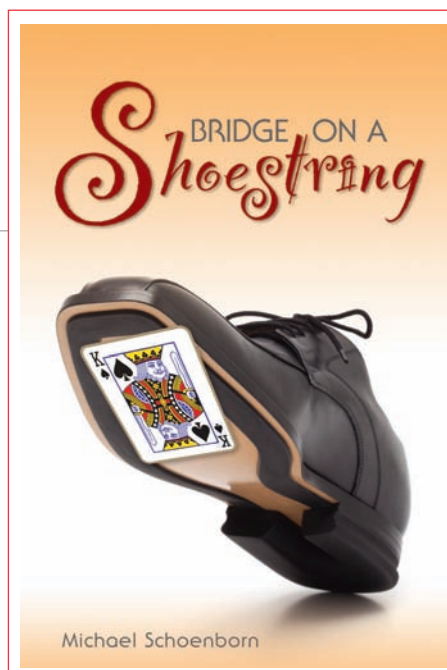
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We are now up to part 6 of our Convention Card Review. I guess that I don't need to point out that there is a lot to this subject!

In the upper left hand corner of the card is a section that is marked Special Doubles. I would suggest playing Negative and Responsive Doubles to as high a level as you are comfortable with, perhaps 3♠ or 4♥. When the auction begins:

Partner	Opponent	You
1♦	4♥	?

You are more likely to hold:

a) ♠ A K x x	or	b) ♠ K Q x x
♥ x		♥ x
♦ x x x		♦ Q x x x
♣ K Q 10 x x		♣ A 10 x x

Rather than:

c) ♠ x x
♥ A Q J x
♦ x x x
♣ K 10 x x

Even if you don't play Negative Doubles this high, you should play that the double of 4♥ in this auction is card showing, not penalty. If you are dealt hand c) and this auction occurs, you should pass. Your opponent is insane enough that you are going to win this match regardless.

Support Doubles and Redoubles are ok if you like them but be aware that Support Doubles only apply if the same suit is bid and raised.

Partner	Opponent	You	Opponent
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♥

Dbl = May be played as a Support Double

Partner	Opponent	You	Opponent
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♣

Dbl = Shows Clubs

Most players who play Support Doubles and Redoubles play that they are on through 2♠. If you wish you can play them on through 3♦ or 3♥ but a three-level Support Double shows less than a minimum.

Partner	Opponent	You	Opponent
1♣	1♦	1♠	3♦

Dbl = May be played as Support with extra values

It's also useful to play that "under doubles" (doubles under the bidder) are card showing. If the auction begins:

Partner	Opponent	You	Opponent
1NT	2♠	Pass	Pass

You would want to make a card-showing double with:

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♠ A x or ♠ J x
 ♥ K Q x x ♥ K Q x
 ♦ A x x ♦ A Q x x
 ♣ K 10 9 x ♣ A 10 x x

Selling out to 2♠ is not going to get you many matchpoints, or Masterpoints.

Next we have a section for Simple Overcalls. You should select a range that you are comfortable with but be sure that your overcall has a reason behind it. If you play 7+ overcalls, the bid should look like:

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

Not:

♠ J x x x x
 ♥ x x
 ♦ Q J x x
 ♣ K x

Two things to remember about overcalling with minimum hands:

- 1) It's best to have a good suit
- 2) Our point count system over-values quacks (Queens and Jacks). Quacks should not be given full value unless they are sitting behind higher honors.

Overcalls are best used with some purpose in mind:

- 1) Get partner off to the right lead
- 2) Compete for a part score
- 3) Bid a game (or rarely a slam) of your own.

In the section entitled **Jump Overcall** you can choose one of the three ranges; strong, intermediate or weak. Alternatively, you can split it up as I do in most of my partnerships and play intermediate if you are vulnerable,

and they are not, and weak the rest of the time. One useful idea here is to play that 2NT by advancer (partner of the overcaller) over intermediate or weak jumps is asking for shortness. Remember that when the opponents have opened the bidding your side is less likely to have a game based on HCPs but may still have a game based on distribution. A jump overcall in pass out seat should be played as intermediate.

Now we move on to Opening Preempts. As time goes on preempts seem to get lighter and lighter. Please remember to consider the vulnerability before opening a very light preempt. One of the time honored adages of bridge is that, "You don't preempt with support for an unbid major."

Well all rules are meant to be broken or at least bent so go ahead and preempt in a major with support for the other major when you don't care.

♠ K Q J 10 9 x
 ♥ Q x x
 ♦ x x
 ♣ x x

This hand has a self-sufficient spade suit and will most often play as well in spades as it will in the potential but improbable heart fit.

Another old saying in bridge is that, "You don't preempt with two-suited hands". I'd like to suggest two possible exceptions to this rule. The first case is when you don't care about the second suit. If you are in 3rd seat and the auction begins with two passes and you hold:

♠ x
 ♥ A Q J 10 x x x
 ♦ -
 ♣ Q x x x x

Aren't you going to open 4♥?

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The second exception is when you are so distributional that you intend to bid both suits. If you held:

♠ ---
 ♥ ---
 ♦ K J x x x x
 ♣ A x x x x

You might open 3♦ and later bid clubs.

Early in your bridge career you may choose to play that Direct Cue bids are natural. Later you'll probably want to progress to some form of Michaels. Be sure to discuss with your partner what you play if the opponents have bid two suits.

Opponent	Partner	Opponent	You
1♦	Pass	1♥	?

Most players play that both 2♦ and 2♥ are natural but I have known some to insist that 2♥ is Michaels. Also please define your direct three level jumps in the opponent's suit:

Opponent	You
1♠	3♠

In majors these are normally stopper asking showing a good hand with a long running minor.

Opponent	You
1♦	3♦

In minors you may want to agree that the minor is natural.

Next time we'll move on to No-trump Overcalls. With any luck we'll complete our convention card review in the next article. It's probably about time because we've already been working at it for two years!

Helen Shields ROOKIE MASTER GAME

The Helen Shields Rookie Master Game is usually held in the spring of each year. This year it will be **April 28, 2014** in the afternoon. The game is named in memory of Helen Shields, of Thunder Bay, who was a past President of the Canadian Bridge Federation and very active in introducing new players to duplicate bridge. The first Helen Shields RM Game was held in 1995.

THE ROOKIE: At least one member of each partnership must have fewer than 50 master points. A "ROOKIE" is considered to be a player without much experience at playing duplicate bridge. Although we use a masterpoint cut off of 50, we are really intending that the player be fairly new to the game of duplicate bridge.

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