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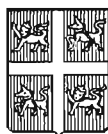
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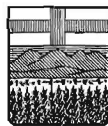
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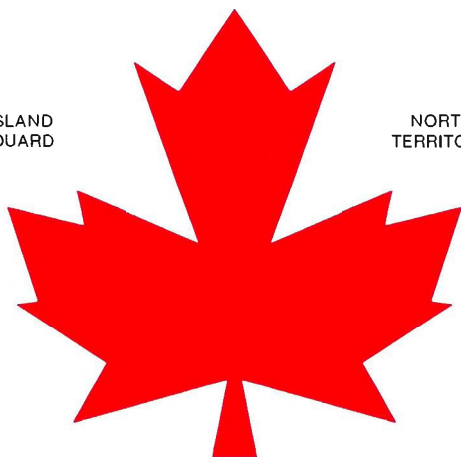
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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

As I sit in my makeshift office at home pondering on the editorial for this issue, a Stephen Leacock quotation rambles about in my mind. For those not familiar with this quotation it goes as follows: "Writing is no trouble. You just jot down ideas as they occur to you. The jotting down is simplicity itself - it is the occurring which is difficult."

The 1979 Richmond Trophy winner has been declared. Mark Molson of Montreal emerged as the number one Canadian Master Point Winner.

Having played against Mark in Montreal several years ago in a District playoff, I can attest to his tenacity at the bridge table. Mark's many exploits are well known to most Canadian bridge players. Congratulations!!

The list of Canadian contenders in all major categories reads like a "Who's Who." Some of the names will be familiar to you and others will, I'm sure, become familiar over the years.

For those who are entering the bridge world and are overwhelmed by the seemingly mammoth master point totals accumulated by these players, take heart in the fact that they were once no more proficient at the game than you.

A finely tuned partnership can work wonders. Remember that the next time you are tempted to voice criticism toward your partner. He/she needs your encouragement to progress.

Better to have a partner who likes you than opponents who do!!!

## BRIDGE BOLTS

The trouble with bridge says the local wag, is that everyone with half a mind to play, does.

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The trustees of the C.B.F. Charitable Fund are pleased to announce that the **Canadian Diabetes Association** has been chosen as the **Canadian Charity of the Year for 1980.**

**Maurice Gauthier**  
**C.B.F. Charitable Fund**

# 1979 Richmond Trophy Results

The following is a list of the Canadian players who earned 300 or more master points in 1979. The results show that Mark Molson of Montreal has won the

Richmond Trophy for 1979. This trophy is awarded annually by the CBF to the top Canadian master point winner during the year.

1) Mark Molson, Montreal	819
2) Neil Chambers, Vancouver	705
3) George Mittleman, Toronto	509
4) Boris Baron, Montreal	508
5) Robert Lebi, Toronto	488
6) Doug Fraser, Mont Royal	458
7) Eric Kokish, Montreal	457
8) John Carruthers, Scarboro	428
9) Gordon McOrmond, Vancouver	398
10) Laurence Betts, Vancouver	398
11) Peter Nagy, Montreal	387
12) Dave Stothart, Ottawa	377
13) Frank Markotitch, Scarboro	376
14) Sandra Fraser, Montreal	363

15) Kirk Benson, Toronto	360
16) Ken Murray, Willowdale	360
17) Keith Balcombe, Oshawa	359
18) Leo Glaser, Ottawa	349
19) Jim Riegle, Ottawa	349
20) Nigel Zeller, Mississauga	335
21) Rhonda Betts, Vancouver	334
22) John Gowdy, Toronto	334
23) Bryan Culham, Kitchner	333
24) Wayne Timms, Kitchner	333
25) Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver	327
26) Dave Curry, Ottawa	320
27) Pierre Daigneault, PQ	319
28) Subhash Gupta, Calgary	311

Following are the winners listed in the other segments of the Mini-McKenney

## Rookie of the Year (0-5 MPs)

Roz Citron, Willowdale ON	122
Gordon Campbell, Edmonton AB	114
Mike Potter, London ON	85

## Non-Master of the Year (5-20 MPs)

Tony Orlandini, Fort St. John BC.	184
David Waterman, Vancouver BC	92

## Master of the Year (20-50 MPs)

Ken MacNeal, Calgary AB	148
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## National Master of the Year (50-100 MPs)

Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	296
Terry Mickelson, Burnaby BC	137

## Senior Master of the Year (100-200 MPs)

John A. Bryden, Vancouver BC	268
Geoff Fedrick, Toronto	214
Debi Bokshowan, Saskatoon SK	208

## Advanced Senior Master of the Year (200-Life Master)

Alex Orlandini, Red Deer AB	276
Eiji Kujirai, Toronto	224
David Schapira, Toronto	212

# Rookie GNP Play

By George Retek

One of the most important tasks facing us is to obtain more new members for the ACBL and retain as many of these new members as possible by emphasizing the positive aspects of our game.

One of the more popular new events designed by the ACBL is undoubtedly the Rookie Grand National Pair competition.

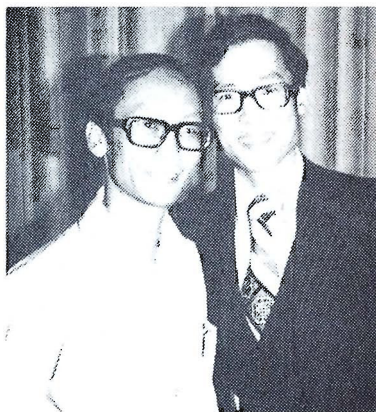
Our Canadian representatives have done rather well in this event.

The level of play was quite impressive and one can only wish that the social behavior at our local tournaments could be as courteous as it was during the Rookie G.N.P. finals. I had the privilege of meeting the very likeable Chen brothers from Calgary, who won this event. Following is a hand from the finals which indicates their ability to size up the situation.

Bd: 24	NORTH		
Dir: W	S A1052		
Vul: 0	H Q6		
	D AJ1094		
	C 85		
WEST		EAST	
S KQ943		S J8	
H J92		H K87	
D K7		D 3	
C KJ10		C AQ97632	
	SOUTH		
	S 76		
	H A10543		
	D Q8652		
	C 4		

The bidding went as follows:

(Dealer)	David		Paul
West	North	East	South
1S	2D	3C	3D
PASS (1)	PASS	DOUBLE (2)	PASS
PASS (3)	PASS		



## NOTES:

(1) East's free-bid 3C at 3-level after North's overcall of 2D should indicate a hand of either strength or distributional value. South raised the bidding to 3D comfortably in competing for part-score.

West, having a hand of 13 HCP and no aces should realize his side could make 3 N.T. only if his partner had the SA and the HA besides the CA. The chance of asking his partner to have 3 aces after opponents' competitive bidding was slim. A 4C bid here seems to be more appropriate.

(2) East's double at this moment urged his partner to go on 3 N.T. if he had a diamond stopper or 4C if he hadn't.

(3) West got lost by his partner's double. After quite a hesitation and uneasiness he passed, taking it as a penalty double!

The play was easy. The result 3D doubled, made 4. The CHEN brothers scored another top in the first session of the Grand National Rookie Pairs Championship. Their total score of 229 ranked first in the first session and 431 overall score won them the first Grand National Rookie Pairs Championship!

# Calamity Strikes Again



By Wayne Fedynak

Holding this hand as South, what do you bid after the following auction:

North	East	South	West
2C	P	2D*	P
3D	P	3S	P
4D	P	?	

\*Waiting

Well, I hesitated, sought divine help, used my fingers and then whispered 7 Diamonds. After all, partner opened 2 Clubs and I had 3 quick tricks and 4

card trump support. After 2 passes, East doubled, and I might add justifiably so as the complete deal was

**North**

S Q

H J10x

D AKQx

C KJxxx

**West**

S xxxx

H Qxxx

D x

C xxxx

**East**

S Kxx

H xxxx

D J10xx

C AQx

**South**

S AJ10xx

H AK

D xxxx

C xx

While I was graciously going for my -700, my partner asked me what prompted my outrageous bid. Looking at the mess of cards he displayed as dummy, I inquired what prompted his outrageous opening of 2 Clubs? At this point the opponents were more than happy to review the auction -- seems I had originally opened with 1 Spade. Just goes to show, we can't always blame everything on our partners . . .

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## C.B.F. UPDATE

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A meeting of the Directors of the C.B.F. will be held in Fredericton, N.B., June 23 - 25, 1980. At a time (yet to be decided) during the Regional Tournament starting June 26, the annual meeting of the delegates of the Units to the C.B.F. will take place. A unit is entitled to one delegate for each 1000 members. If your unit has a member who is planning to attend this tournament, your unit board should insure that it is represented at that meeting.

**F. A. Baragar,  
Secretary.**

Elections for Zone Director will be held this year in Zones V (Saskatchewan, Alberta) and Zone VI (British Columbia). Any members in good standing of a Unit may declare his/her candidacy for this position in the zone of his residency. Declarations of Candidacy must reach the Secretary on or before November 17, 1980. The Unit Boards in each zone elect the Director for that zone. Further details may be obtained from your Unit Secretary, or from me.

**F. A. Baragar,  
Director of Elections**



# To come back to what it's about

By Gilles Boivin, Montreal.

This little saga started on a beautiful spring day in the Laurentians, north of Montreal. I was attending one of our sectional tournaments. While having a drink with some friends, I noticed a small hush hush meeting in the next room. Eric Kokish is not only a devil at the bridge table, he can also make devilish moves in convincing people to volunteer to promote and better the image of bridge.

A few minutes later, Anna McRae walked back and sat at our table.

"Guess what?" she said.

"What?" I said.

"Well, Eric and I have been talking about a project."

"What now?" I said.

"I am going to organize a game for novice players sponsored by the M.B.L." said Anna "and I will guarantee each one of them a life master as a partner for an evening."

My reply was that I thought this was a fantastic idea.

"Of course you are my first volunteer life master," Anna told me.

From that day on pandemonium broke loose. No sweat! We had seven weeks to get organized, find 30 to 35 life masters to volunteer and we would have a cozy little night introducing new bridge players to the game.

The next weekend Eric mentioned the event in his column. Our phone went bananas. Eight in the morning, eleven at night it rang and rang. Our cat even had a nervous breakdown. It went on for seven weeks. All of a sudden we had a major problem. We had to find enough life masters in our area to accommodate these new players. Ninety-two new players applied.

Have you ever tried to match ninety-two pairs at game time. I suggest that you do not try!

The life master's experience at the

bridge table tells him that with a novice he should keep it simple.

Straight Goren, I heard one expert say. Well, okay, said the novice but, I like transfers over no trump and can you play Flannery.

Another asked his expert partner, "Do you play certain ramifications over grand slam force?"

Well that night, all these fiercely competitive life masters that had been playing tournament bridge for years, turned into pussy cats. Even if partner revoked twice on one hand, they kept smiling.

The atmosphere was unique.

These experts all went out of their way to be pleasant to their partners of one night.

Well, that night revived for me and many other life masters memories of our first few tournaments. It's easy to make new players feel welcome in our world of bridge. Remember your first few games?

Let's come back to what it is all about, a beautiful game of friendship and skill.



District 1 entrants in the Rookie Grand National Pairs were Frank Entis and Dr. Peter Hidas of Dollard Des Ormeaux, P.Q. They were among 26 pairs of qualifiers for the one day play-off at Cincinnati.

# My Friend Bill

## G.O.M.

By John Gilchrist,  
St. Vital, Manitoba

Bill Smith is still alive and well, in case anyone wants to know. By his own reckoning, he is the oldest living and best lifemaster in Manitoba. His detractors say one out of three is very good as Bill has more years than he could ever count on his fingers.

Apart from his lucrative schedule playing rubber bridge daily at the Winnipeg (yes, he was there even before the place began) Bridge Club, he has taken time off to 'learn' me a thing or two about bridge, for a small fee, of course. That is why I am writing this story about him. The following hands were from rubber bridge sessions in which Bill came off second best. He threatened my personal safety and well-being if this information became public knowledge. Oh well, it's only my life!

NORTH  
S Q72  
H 1054  
D 108752  
C 103

WEST  
S AK85  
H 8  
D AKQJ943  
C J

EAST  
S J10642  
H AKJ7  
D ---  
C K642

Bill Smith (G.O.M.)

SOUTH  
S 9  
H Q9632  
D 6  
C AQ9875

*Don't worry Bill, they are not calling you names again. Take it whichever way you like, but G.O.M. is actually a compliment, simply means grand old man of bridge, or whatever. Fooled ya!*

After some confused bidding, West

reached 6NT instead of 6D in order to protect his partner's club King from assault but a slight oversight made this impossible as he himself had bid no trumps first. North made the disastrous lead of a small diamond and as declarer peeled off all seven (count 'em) diamonds, Bill's rhetoric reached greater and greater heights touching on North's ancestry and all their unmentionable crimes.

Declarer tried to drop the spade queen by playing the two top spades to come to this position:-

NORTH  
S Q  
H 105  
D --  
C 10

WEST  
S 85  
H 8  
D --  
C J

EAST  
S --  
H AKJ  
D --  
C K

SOUTH  
S --  
H Q96  
D --  
C A

Suddenly quite out of character, Bill stopped berating his partner and a lull descended on the four players and the 10 kitbitzers. Thinking that he 'had' them at this stage, Bill now sneered at declarer and faced his cards to declarer claiming down one. The declarer simply said, OK, Bill, I am leading a club.

It took a little while and I had now been introduced to the throw-in play. The contract was made and a small fortune had changed hands. And nobody said a thing to Bill, not even his partner, for there is nothing that Bill hates more on this earth than to have to pay. His pride and his pocketbook had been ravaged!



Even the experts sometimes get to slam contracts missing two Aces. On this hand Bill Smith reached 6NT even though he knew Mr. Blackwood himself and also that there were two aces missing. He justified his optimism by bringing home the impossible contract. Judge for yourself.

NORTH			
S J3			
H AKQ3			
D QJ8762		EAST	
C 7		S AQ 72	
WEST		H 10962	
S 109864		D 5	
H 754		C 10854	
D A432	Bill Smith		
C 96			
SOUTH			
S K5			
H J8			
D K109			
C AKQJ32			

As expected, West led a spade to East's Ace and Bill won the spade return with the king. Four rounds of hearts were played on which Bill released the diamond king and ten, while West let go a spade. Then came a barrage of clubs and West felt embarrassed having missed out when he discarded all the diamonds. Bill claimed.

"I was protecting the spades," moaned West, as East glared at him in disbelief. "If you had thrown a spade, I would have known."

"I had the top spade and you had the top diamond," retorted East.

Bill was too busy chalking up the score and mentally converting into the coin of the realm to say anything. Oh yes, I was sitting North this time, yuk, yuk.

## C.B.F. Election Results

**Anna McRae newly elected Director of Zone 2 C.B.F.**



Ms. McRae became interested in Bridge in 1970, and took her directors exam in 1973 so as to better her knowledge in the laws and ethics area and also become involved in the other aspects of the Bridge world.

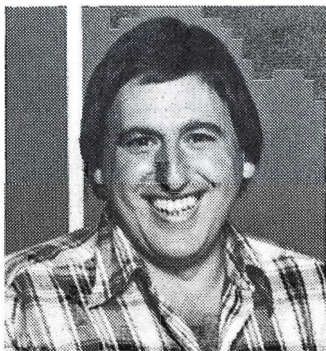
After intermittent club directing and having a few franchised games, she

became interested in operating a club that would reflect the spirit with which the game should be approached. "The primary aspect in my opinion was to promote a club where a novice program would thrive. In the last year I think I have achieved a certain amount of success by averaging 13 tables weekly at my novice game and the last club tournament for novices had two sections totalling 19 tables," she said.

Because of her interest in this area, Anna co-ordinated a Master-non Master night last year for the Montreal Bridge League, which drew three sections totalling 46 tables. She feels this will become an annual event in Montreal.

Anna still participates in club games and attends most of the Montreal sectionals, and quite a few regionals and nationals. She attended her first World Olympiad in 1978, and now looks forward to serve on the C.B.F. to the best of her ability.

# Bridge Unabridged



By Eric Kokish

## “Ace” shows way

There's an old saying that makes the rounds in bridge circles: "Those who can, play ... those who can't, direct." Some of my best friends are tournament directors, and I'd like to correct the impression that my little introductory quotation might convey to those who believe that the printed word is gospel. In fact, it's only "**most who can, play.**" Some of those tournament directors are really excellent players and some **would** be if they only got to play a bit more often.

Take Solly Weinstein, for instance. When most our group plunged blindly into the game in our university years, Solly decided he'd do much better directing. In the space of very few years he broke all sorts of records in climbing the ACBL hierarchical ladder and today he is the league's youngest National director. If you care to ask anyone, you'll learn that he works harder than anyone else and that he deserves every bit of success that he's achieved.

Secretly, though, Solly wants to be recognized as a player and he keeps threatening to take some time off to engage in serious competition. While deciding to go all out to become a life master, Solly ran into yet another

obstacle ... he discovered flying. This has set his bridge goals back a bit, but in the last year he's made LM in the air by passing about umpteen tough tests. Soon we'll all be flying to tournaments via Air-Weinstein.

But every now and then, "Ace" Weinstein does get a session off, and when he does he enlists whoever doesn't have a suitable excuse and he runs to the tables with a devilish glint in his eagle eye. That's Solly. Today's offering comes to us from a recent Regional in Jacksonville, Florida, and "Ace's" victim was his stoic sidekick, Ann Mendelsohn.

## BOTH VULNERABLE SOUTH DEALS

NORTH  
S A53  
H KQJ1083  
D QJ10  
C 2

WEST  
S J87  
H VOID  
D K986542  
C 876

EAST  
S Q109  
H A764  
D 3  
C Q10954

SOUTH  
S K642  
H 952  
D A7  
C AKJ3

## OPENING LEAD: Club Eight

Ann was North and she used a **Jacoby Transfer** bid to put "Ace" on play before checking on aces (sorry) with a **Gerber 4C**. With only one ace missing, she settled for 6H. West led the club eight and our hero went into action.

Remembering that there are millions walking the streets naked for failure to draw trumps "Ace" proceeded to avoid that error. East ducked the first trump and should have ducked the second (after which careful defense ... spade return upon winning third trump ..

would defeat the slam), but he didn't. He returned a diamond. "Ace" played the ace and cashed two high clubs, discarding a spade and a diamond from dummy. Now he led his remaining trump and ran the rest of dummy's. On the last of these, East had to throw a spade so that he could keep a club higher than declarer's. "Ace" could now discard his club since East had a higher one, and he kept three spades. West (poor fellow) had to keep his king of diamonds to guard against dummy's queen, so he too had to pitch a spade. Now "Ace" cashed dummy's spade ace and crossed to his king, dropping everyone's spades, and his deuce of spades took the last trick (he had been very careful to discard the four and keep the two, just for the aesthetic effect). You might say that Solly's double squeeze combined with a Vienna Coup was sort of "acey-deucie" ...

## What's in a name?

Frank Entis and Peter Hidas scored 78.6% at the Mirabel Club to lead all pairs who tried their luck in the ACBL's Rookie Grand National Pairs (0-20 master points). This sensational effort earned our heroes an all-expenses-paid trip to the Fall Nationals in Cincinnati, Ohio where 28 pairs (from 25 ACBL districts) met to contest the North American Finals.

They were ninth in the field after the first session and slipped a bit to finish eleventh. Our rookie District Director George Retek was on hand for the festivities and he brought us back a hand and some background information.

"Would you believe," said George, "that 'hid' in Hungarian, means 'bridge' ... and 'hidas' translates roughly into 'man who owns bridge'!!" If that weren't a sufficiently auspicious opening shot, how about this hand ...

### EAST-WEST VULNERABLE NORTH DEALS

NORTH		
S 72		
H A1094		
D KQJ109		
C K4		EAST
WEST		S AJ
S 9853		H Q76
H 8532		D 83
D A74		C Q87653
C A10	SOUTH	
	S KQ 1064	
	H KJ	
	D 652	
	C J92	

### OPENING LEAD: club ace

Peter was South and after Frank opened 1D and East hazarded (indeed) 2C, 2S was the only possible choice (since negative doubles were not allowed in the GNP). After West raised to 3C and North rebid his chunky diamonds, Peter had to find a suitable call. Hoping that his partner could bid 3NT, Peter elected to show his heart stopper, fully aware that this might be interpreted as showing a second suit. When North raised to 4H, Peter knew the worst had come. Still, he didn't think his side could take 11 tricks at diamonds, so he elected to shoot out 4H on the 4-2 fit.

West led the club ace and elected to switch to trumps at trick two, hoping to eventually take two of theirs for one of his (he still thought Peter had a real suit). East withheld his queen and Peter's jack won the trick. West jumped on declarer's diamond play and changed his mind (East had squirmed on the first heart so West now "knew" that something was fishy), switching back to clubs. Peter won the king and tried a spade, but East hopped up with the ace. A club play would have terminated this story, but East didn't want to allow a ruff-sluff (maybe West had the other club) so he exited with the jack of spades! Peter won, cashed the heart king, crossed to dummy with a diamond and cashed the heart ace. When the queen dropped, Peter drew the last trump and claimed, +420 and a top! "Man who OWNS bridge," huh ...

# Canadian Bidding Contest



by Allan Simon

## FEBRUARY HONOUR ROLL

*Our thanks to the 132 readers who participated in the February contest, often supplying encouraging comments and useful suggestions along with their answers. The Top 10 were:*

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|---|-----|
| 1/2. Bobbe McDonald,<br>Prince Albert, Sask.  | 590 |
| 1/2. Richard Spackman,<br>Lethbridge, Alta.   | 590 |
| 3/4. Richard Bickley,<br>Regina, Sask.        | 560 |
| 3/4. Bruce Watson<br>St. John's, Nfld.        | 560 |
| 5. Lauren Miller,<br>Vancouver, B.C.          | 550 |
| 6. T.G. Evans<br>Winnipeg, Man.               | 530 |
| 7/9. Glen Johnstone<br>Winnipeg, Man.         | 510 |
| 7/9. John Lee<br>Toronto, Ont.                | 510 |
| 7/9. Mrs. J. Seed,<br>Saskatoon, Sask.        | 510 |
| 10/11. Paul Godin<br>Montreal North, Que.     | 500 |
| 10/11. Mrs. L. Howard<br>Prince Albert, Sask. | 500 |

*Mr. Spackman and Mrs. McDonald*

*have been invited to join this month's panel; a flip of a coin gave Bobbe the book prize, "Card Play Technique" by Gardener (she obviously doesn't need a bidding book).*

## THE MAY PANEL

*There are only eleven panelists this month, as I misplaced the questionnaire returned by John Stevens of Toronto. I am just sick about this and can only hope that Mr. Stevens will forgive me and participate in the next contest. The other experts are, in alphabetical order:*

**DOUG ANDREWS (Vancouver, B.C.)** is a rarity among top-flight players: he is as respected for his services as unit officer as he is for his remarkable record in competition.

**PIERRE DAIGNEAULT (Laval des Rapides, Que.)** is a bright star in the growing galaxy of young French Canadian players. His credits include one National and three Regional championships.

**ALAN DOANE (Halifax, N.S.)** There can be no argument with the statement that Doane has been one of Atlantic Canada's top players for the last twenty years. And many would omit the word Atlantic from the previous sentence.

**IRENE HODGSON (Toronto)** She has represented Canada in three different Olympiads (Miami, Monte Carlo and New Orleans) and three different events (Ladies' Teams, Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs).

**GARY JOHANSSON (Regina, Sask.)** Is the other half of the partnership (you met Dan Mathieson on the February panel) that has been running away with so many events in District 18.

**PAT LOPUSHINSKY (Edmonton, Alta.)** Gets my vote as top woman player

in Western Canada. She has a superb record in tournaments throughout Alberta and should soon be a force to be reckoned with on the national scene.

**BOBBE McDONALD (Prince Albert, Sask.)** Qualified for the panel by winning the February contest. She writes: "I am not a Life Master. Winning a bidding contest is unbelievable. 75% of the time my results end up in the category 'Why don't you try Canasta?.' I have two married sons, a daughter in high school and one granddaughter."

**JOE SILVER (Montreal)** needs no introduction. He won the Vanderbilt at the Vancouver Nationals and in partnership with the likes of Eric Kokish, George Mittelman and Fred Hoffer he has amassed an enviable collection of trophies at all levels of competition, including the Olympiad.

**RICHARD SPACKMAN (Lethbridge, Alta.)** the co-winner of the February contest, is well known in Alberta for his numerous victories and for his gentlemanly demeanor at the table.

**MIKE STREBINGER (Vancouver)** is one of our great match-point players. He represented Canada in the last two Pairs Olympiads, with different partners.

**DAN TAIT (Montreal)** Many of our younger players—even in Montreal—may not realize what a great player lives in our midst. In his native Scotland, Tait won all four National championships. Since coming to Canada in 1956, he has played but rarely. But when Jeremy Flint, Peter Pender and Jackie Begin needed a fourth for a big team game, the call went out to Dan Tait.

## MAY SOLUTIONS

(A) Matchpoints, neither vul., South holds:

S:643 H:975 D:Q8652 C:74

West	North	East	South
3H	Dbl.	Pass	?

The scoring:

Action	Panel Votes	Points
4D	8	100
3S	3	60
Pass	0	20

*This "problem" was borrowed from Marshall Miles' book How To Win at Duplicate Bridge. Miles supplies the following "official" answer:*

*"Pass. This is your only chance for a plus score. If you can make four diamonds, partner will raise you to game and you will be down one. Even at rubber bridge, I believe it pays to pass . . ."*

*When I first read these lines, I decided one of us was crazy. To find out who, let's turn to the panel:*

**SILVER:** Four diamonds. Maybe there is something about take-out doubles that I do not understand, but I bid my best suit.

**McDONALD:** Four diamonds. What else??

**TAIT:** Four diamonds. What else? Pass is too much against the field and I'm too old for three spades.

**HODGSON:** Three spades—like a shot!

*Pardon me, Irene, but I believe that was an unintentional pun. We need waste no further time on this problem, other than to mention that many readers fancied themselves budding Bob Hopes with comments like "See Goren, page 2" or "Not strong enough to cue bid."*

(B) IMPs, both vul., South holds:  
S: AKQ10975 H J1065 D:97 C:--

West	North	East	South
Pass	1C	Pass	1S
Pass	3C	Pass	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel Votes	Points
4S	9	100
3H	1	40
4NT	1	40
3S	0	30



*This problem misfired. I wanted to see how many panelists would bid only three spades, on the theory that a jump to game in a forcing auction should be treated as a shut-out bid (and, as a side issue, to see if any panelist would be distracted by jack-fourth of hearts). Well, now we all know.*

**LOPUSHINSKY:** Four spades. I feel this should imply a strong, semi-solid spade suit, with little on the outside, and no support at all for clubs.

**DAIGNEAULT:** Four spades. Shows my hand. Very good and long suit, nothing outside, no interest for partner's suit.

**TAIT:** Four spades. Since three spades would be forcing, the jump must show a probable running suit with the inference that I have no outside feature.

*As always, there were a few iconoclasts:*

**Andrews:** Four no-trump, followed by five spades if partner shows one or two aces and six spades if partner has three aces.

**HODGSON:** Three hearts. Pass four hearts, bid four spades over three no-trump.

(C) Matchpoints, E\*W vul., South holds:

S:QJ108 H:42 D:AJ32 C:K108

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
1S	3D	3S	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel Votes	Points
4D	5	100
5D	4	90
3NT	2	60
Pass	0	40

*Here we have an entirely different kind of problem, the kind which is rarely discussed in textbooks. First, it is an exercise in hand evaluation (Who can make what? Did E\*W miss their heart fit?); second it is a tactical problem (How can we get E-W to bid 4 or 5 spades?). Not surpris-*

*ingly, the near-unanimity the panel displayed in the first two problems has vanished.*

*The pessimists took the advance sacrifice, often with tactical considerations in mind:*

**JOHANSSON:** Five diamonds. They are odds-on to make four spades. But they must have a heart fit as well. Maybe they will make a mistake and bid five spades over five diamonds.

**LOPUSHINSKY:** Five diamonds. I would certainly like to lull them into a five spade bid! I did consider three no-trump, naturally expecting to convert to four diamonds when doubled, but this may stop them bidding past four spades, which I am far from certain that I can beat.

*This is where hand evaluation comes in:*

**STREBINGER:** Three no-trump. Will run to four diamonds if doubled; will double four spades if they bid on.

*Yes, a slim plurality felt confident that a lot of matchpoints were coming their way if East-West could be coaxed into just one more spade bid:*

**SILVER:** Four diamonds. Hoping they will bid four spades (Slurp!)

**DAIGNEAULT:** Four diamonds. Will happily double four spades. Minus 790 will just be another fix.

*But the four-diamond bidders also included a couple of fence-straddlers:*

**DOANE:** Four diamonds. Two spade tricks may be all we have on defense. At matchpoints, I'll defend four spades, undoubled.

**SPACKMAN:** Four diamonds. The object is to push them too high. I am sure I can't beat four spades but I do not want to bid five diamonds until they bid four spades. If they do, I will bid five diamonds. If they take another push, I will double.

*Not that it proves anything, but when this hand was played at a local tournament, the travelling score was littered with 790s.*

(D) IMPs, N-S vul., South holds:  
S:KQ H:10863 D:A64 C:AKQJ

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1C
Pass	1D	1H	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel Votes	Points
2H	4	100
Dbl	2	80
2NT	2	70
3D	2	70
1NT	1	60
3NT	0	30

*Another toughie, the kind of real-life problem where no textbook can offer any help as there is no definite answer. But as you read the panel solutions, you will gain an insight into expert thinking. This is more important than the number of points you scored on the problem.*

**STREBINGER:** One no-trump. Shows extra. Partner will recognize values and feature bids will be easier as partner knows I have heart length. Can't think of reasonable alternative.

**ANDREWS:** Two hearts, hoping partner can bid 2 no-trump which I will raise to three. If partner bids two spades, three clubs or three diamonds I'll bid three hearts trying to get him to bid three no-trump with half a stopper.

**DOANE:** Two hearts. Will follow two spades with two no-trump; three clubs with three diamonds. Not fond of this hand, but vulnerable at IMPs I must push.

**TAIT:** Three diamonds. Very awkward. I'd like to have another diamond. Two no-trump would be disastrous if partner has something like Axx KQxxxx xxx(Six diamonds would be cold! Ed.) and bids three no-trump, assuming heart values wasted in my hand.

**MCDONALD:** Two no-trump. In case my partner has an ugly six and only four diamonds. He will raise to three no-trump with anything better.

**JOHANSSON:** Double. I want to show general strength. If partner passes, fine, but I expect him to bid and give a better indication of the type of holding he has.

(E) Matchpoints, N-S vul., South holds:

S:3 H:K63 D:KQJ106432 C:8

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	4C	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel Votes	Points
6D	6	100
5D	4	70
6NT	0	30
4D	1	20

*The best answer to this ugly problem comes from Edmonton:*

**LOPUSHINSKY:** Six diamonds. This could well be wrong, but I have no way to find out about controls. I think four no-trump would be construed as quantitative, and five diamonds is a gross underbid. By the way, why did I pass this hand in second seat?

*Our South probably felt that with an eight-card suit he was too strong to open three diamonds. As it is, the answer boils down to a matter of temperament. Since I am writing these lines in March, I'll start with the lions:*

**SPACKMAN:** Six diamonds. East should be congratulated on his fine bid.

**JOHANSSON:** Six diamonds. The four club bid sure jammed the auction.

*And I'll go out with the lambs:*

**MCDONALD:** Five diamonds. East had made it difficult--my partner could easily have fifteen points missing three aces or he could have four aces and nothing else--in that case I will cry a lot.

**ANDREWS:** Five diamonds, followed by six diamonds over six clubs if they save. Besides, an expert partner will raise five diamonds to six with three aces or bid six clubs with four aces (so we can reach six no-trump).

(F) Rubber bridge, E-W vul., South holds:

S:J63 H:1097 D:643 C:KQ92

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	2H	Pass
3S	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	5NT	Pass
6D	Dbl.	7H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Which card do you lead?

Scoring:

Action	Panel Votes	Points
Club K	4	100
Club Q	2	100
Heart 9	2	80
Heart 10	1	70
Heart 7	1	70
Diamond x	1	50
Spade	0	30

*This fascinating hand was borrowed from the March 1972 edition of The Bridge World. The idea is to cook up a hand that fits all the conditions and that may be defeated by an intelligent opening lead.*

*Going up the ladder of probabilities, East-West may be mixed up and off the ace of diamonds.*

**HODGSON:** Three of diamonds. If I can't trust partner, I do not play with him or her.

*Several desperate panelists thought they could set up a surprise trump trick:*

**TAIT:** Heart nine. If the trump suit is solid they must have tricks to spare. Maybe I'll find Jxx in dummy opposite AQ8xxx and persuade declarer to put up the jack.

**STREBINGER:** Heart nine--may possibly get a heart trick we don't deserve. May cut down on ruffing game. Club or diamond does not rate to beat this contract. If any lead does?

*Read on, Mike.*

*Six panelists constructed hands which necessitated club leads. They gave dummy AKxxxx in spades and the Ace of clubs as side entry. A club honour would remove the side*

*entry before the spades could be set up and run:*

**SPACKMAN:** King of clubs. One hopes our side has is that the spade suit does not run and must be established with two ruffs. The King of clubs would remove a vital entry to dummy prematurely.

**ANDREWS:** Queen of clubs, hoping to take out prematurely dummy's entry to the spade suit in the event it needs to be established to make the contract.

**SILVER:** The club king. One should always lead the top of touching honours (except when holding AK of the same suit).

**DOANE:** Club king. If declarer must ruff a spade to establish the suit this will remove entry, i.e.: AKxxxx Qxx AJx opposite xx AKJxx AJxx xx.

*The trouble with these constructions is that West probably wouldn't jump to three spades with such a hand. He likely has six spades to the AKQ so that knocking out his side ace will make no difference. Declarer will draw trumps and run the spades.*

**DAIGNEAULT:** This problem is very interesting. My first choice is the ten of hearts. If dummy is AQ109xx Kxx AJx opposite -- AQJxxx AJ10xx xx we will beat it if declarer doesn't guess the spades by playing A-Q. Second choice: club king, if: AKQ xxx Jx xx AJx opposite -- AKQxxx AJxxx xx.

*These clever constructions have the fault that East wouldn't use Blackwood with a spade void.*

*There is a chance, however, to beat this hand if declarer has a singleton spade opposite AKQxxx--provided that dummy's outside ace is in the trump suit! Dummy should look like AKQ10xx Ax xx Jxx and declarer should have something like x KQJxxx AJxx Ax.*

*Now a spade opening lead kills dummy! Any reader who led a spade gets only 30 points, but the satisfaction of knowing that he found the only lead which would have worked*

at the table.

*Reader answers have begun pouring in again. Among the early voters, Janet Cox of Nepean, Ont. and Linda Howard of Prince Albert, Sask. (Yep. P.A. again) are in the lead with 540 points each. Why not match wits with the August panel (12 different experts will be featured) by sending your choices -- no comments required -- on a plain piece of paper to:*

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*The reader with the highest total will receive a book prize and fame and will be invited to join the expert panel.*

*Finally, I repeat my plea to readers in Quebec City, Victoria, Saskatoon and Ottawa: Please send names and addresses of experts in your area. And, all readers, if you have any good problems, I would like to hear from you.*

## AUGUST PROBLEMS

(A) IMPs, both vul., South holds:  
 S:J5 H:A96 D:AKJ863 C:AQ

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	ID
Pass	1H	Pass	?

(B) Matchpoints, N-S vul., South holds:  
 S:J932 H:8752 D:-- C:K9852

West	North	East	South
3D	Dbl	5D	?

(C) Rubber bridge, E-W vul., South holds:

S:AK953 H:O654 D:5 C:KJ7

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	3H
Pass	4C	Pass	?

(D) Matchpoints, both vul., South holds:

S:5 H:K10654 D:3 C:AQJ1086

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	?

(E) IMPs, E-W vul., South holds:  
 S:- H:1087652 D:K106 C:J986

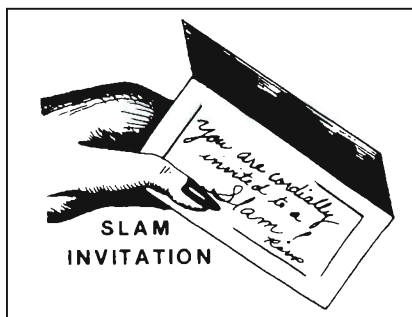
West	North	East	South
INT	Dbl.	2S	?

(F) Rubber bridge, neither vul., South holds:

S:874 H:63 D:AKQ1098 C:32

West	North	East	South
ID	Pass	2NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Which card do you lead?



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# E.S.P.

By Gim Ong, Winnipeg.

This article was previously printed in the South African Bulletin.

The hand came up at a club championship event and only one declarer made his doubled contract of 4S for a top board.

East-West Vulnerable,  
North Dealer.

		NORTH	
		Q862	
		AK53	
		KQJ2	
		3	
WEST		EAST	
754		AK	
764		10982	
106		A98	
KQ1076		J985	
		SOUTH	
		J1093	
		QJ	
		7543	
		A42	

N	E	S	W
1D	P	1S	P
2S	P	4S	P
P	Dbl.	P	P
P			

Holding three cashable quick tricks in his hand, East fancied his chances of defeating the opposing 4S contract and doubled. He was so eager to defeat the contract that he led the heart ten out of turn, to hear declarer say, "It's not your lead."

The Director was summoned while West muttered something about the declarer having four options. North was not slow to get into the act and hastily answered, "You can accept the lead."

The Director duly arrived and gave declarer his options correctly - the option chosen was to accept the lead and play from his hand as dummy was exposed. The dummy was a sight to behold for the singleton in clubs was worth its weight in gold.

Winning in hand, the declarer led

trumps to East's honour. Not being clairvoyant, East returned a club hoping to find his partner with the Ace. When declarer won he led another round of trumps, and East switched back to hearts. Thus declarer only lost three tricks, to the Ace-King of Trumps and the Ace of Diamonds.

West mentioned in passing to his partner, "If you had not led out of turn, I would have opened with a diamond and a third round ruff would have set the contract."

"How am I to know that declarer also held four diamonds?"

"Even if you had switched to a diamond after winning the first trump trick, we could still have defeated the contract," retorted West. Turning to declarer, he asked "And how did you manage to accept the lead out of turn?"

Without batting an eyelid, the declarer replied, "E-S-P."

That's how the game is played.

## From the North

Northern Alberta Unit #391 held its "Ookpik Tournament" the weekend of February 13 - 16. A new playing site was used; the Continental Inn and from all who attended there was nothing but praise over the improvement. It would seem to prove that bridge players prefer to play in a Hotel atmosphere where conveniences are handy. The lighting was excellent and the Hotel did their best to provide all necessary services. Table count was a healthy -300- with good representation from Wetaskiwin, Red Deer and Calgary.

Traditionally the election of officers for the Unit Board is held at the annual general meeting. This year the board decided to try a new format and the voting was held over the sectional weekend. Ballot boxes were open ½ hour before and ½ hour after each session. This proved to be most satisfactory as the majority of the Unit members were able to cast their vote.



# From Whence The C.B.F.

--A Short History by The President  
of the  
Canadian Bridge Federation  
--James D. (Duff) Harper



Over the past few years during which I have been a director it has become apparent to the executive that the bridge players of Canada have little or no knowledge of what the Canadian Bridge Federation is, how it came about or what it is trying to do, and some are not too sure why we are here. Hopefully, a glance at our history may help to explain both our functions and our *raison d'être*.

As bridge players from all over the world immediately recognize and accept, Duplicate Bridge in North America is "owned and operated" by the American Contract Bridge League. This is as it should be, and few fair-minded Canadians would have it otherwise.

From the outset of tournament bridge, however, Canada has evolved many players of world calibre. Canadian Bridge players as a group, are and have been keenly competitive from the club level up to the highest echelons. Because of the "north-south" orientation of the A.C.B.L. however, Units and Districts are (and were) established with a view of the convenience of North American bridge as a whole, without particular reference to National boundaries.

This too, is fine, although--perhaps by chance, A.C.B.L. Districts 1 and 2 are wholly Canadian and Districts 18 and 19 in the west are split across the border. As most of our readers are aware, North America (including the U.S.A., Canada and Mexico) is considered to be one Unit (Zone 2) for the purpose of international competition by the World Bridge

Federation.

## BIRTH OF THE C.N.T.C.


Prior to 1979, in order for a Canadian Team to qualify as a team in World Bridge Events, it had to compete in and win one of the annual team trials sponsored by the A.C.B.L. Last year the C.B.F. was successful in obtaining permission from our "mother in Memphis" to hold Canadian National Team Trials with the winner to be entitled to compete as of right in the Bermuda Bowl Trials. Such is not yet the case with reference to pairs and would in all probability never have been so for teams had it not been for the organization and founding of the Canadian Bridge Federation.

## ORIGINS OF THE C.B.F.

The precise date and details of its moment of conception are not preserved with any degree of accuracy. So far as it is known, its seed was germinated at the Summer Nationals in Chicago in 1965. A meeting was held during that tournament organized by Eric Murray, Alvin Landy and possibly others whose names have not been recorded. Nothing of major effect on posterity was achieved at this meeting and a fairly long period of gestation ensued.

In 1966 another meeting was held at the Spring Nationals in Seattle and at that time Eric Murray was elected president and Henry Smilie, treasurer. It was at this time that the first approach was made to Units for a contribution of five cents per member.

In Montreal in 1967, the Canadian



Bridge Federation as it is presently constituted finally became viable and was officially born. At this time, voting procedures for Directors had not been officially laid down nor had the Zone boundaries been established. At this meeting, Doug Cannell was elected president and a further request for five cents per member was sent to each Unit.

The next meeting was held in Minneapolis in 1968. The same year (in September) saw the first issue of the Canadian Bridge Digest. This was a special Olympiad Edition and was edited by Sammy Kehela. In 1968 the per capita contribution per unit was raised to one dollar where it has remained to this day.

One of the prime objects of the C.B.F. at that time was to select a team to send to the World Bridge Olympiad in Deauville, and to publish a Canadian Bridge Digest to inform Canadian players on bridge events occurring across the country and to promote Canadian unity in matters appertaining to bridge.

The fair and equitable selection of pairs and teams to represent Canada in International competition have continued to be accorded the highest priority in C.B.F. affairs. As the organizers of the Deauville trip soon realized, the levy of five cents per player first levied was a mere drop in the bucket.

### **FINANCING OPERATIONS**

In the early 1970's the Olympiad Fund was separated from the general revenues of the C.B.F. The General fund has always retained a fair credit balance as has the Charity Fund. The Olympiad Fund has unfortunately always been close to the bottom line, although it has succeeded in meeting all reasonable demands so far made upon it. With the co-operation of all Canadian Units it will continue so to do. The Olympiad Fund is financed entirely by revenues from Olympiad Fund Games. These are held three times per year and the fund nets between three and four thousand dollars per game. This may sound like a fair amount but in these inflationary

days, it is not very much when one faces the prospect of financing a pair from each zone. And/or a team or teams to be transported, housed and/or fed in a foreign country.

The General Fund is supported by the Unit contributions of \$1.00 per player. Although only 95% of the units in Canada belong to the C.B.F. we do our best to represent the interests of all. We try to keep the reserve of the General Fund at around \$20,000 in order that it may be utilized (if absolutely necessary) as a buffer for the Olympiad Fund. The transportation and per diem expenses of the Directors who attend the annual meetings are paid out of this fund as are the stipends for the Treasurer and the Secretary. As well, the General Fund finances the Canadian Bridge Digest which is published four times per year and distributed in the A.C.B.L. Bulletin. The expenses for this item alone amounted to approximately \$8,000 in 1978 and I am sure considerably more last year. The editors of the Digest are paid a stipend out of the General Fund for each issue published. The remainder of the C.B.F. Directors receive no monies whatsoever for whatever services they perform. We see no chance for improving our income in the foreseeable future unless Districts 18 and 19 should apply for re-districting to provide for a further all-Canadian District, and thus pave the way for approaching the Canadian government for assistance. At present we cannot state truthfully that we represent all Canadian Bridge Players as there are a few Units which still do not support us. Hopefully, as we prove our worth the Units which have elected not to give us their support will change their minds.

We recognize the right of each Unit to decide on its own and appreciate the doubts entertained by some western Units as to the possible advantage of redistricting. We have no intention of attempting to "railroad" anything down anyone's throat, but we sincerely hope that the future will bring an entirely

unified front with all Units in Canada supporting the C.B.F., even if re-districting never comes to pass.

### **C.B.F. SUPPORTS CHARITIES**

The Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund is financed entirely by revenues from Charity Games. These are held twice a year Nation-wide and in addition each Club has at least one Club Charity. Each year we contribute approximately \$30,000 to the charity of our choice.

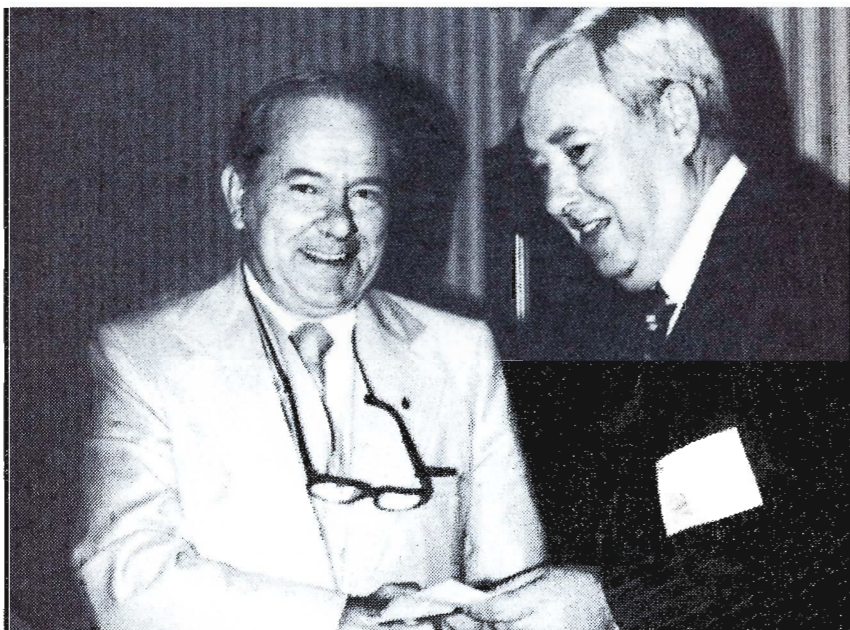
Since 1968, in each year in which a major World Bridge Federation event has been held the C.B.F. has held trials and sent participants to represent this country.

### **COMMUNICATION**

The C.B.F. endeavours to keep the Unit Officers aware of "what's cooking" through periodic letters to the President and Secretary of each Unit. In


addition to this these Unit officials are sent copies of the minutes of all meetings of the C.B.F. Directors that outline in detail the deliberations and decisions of your Board of Directors. As of this date, we have the full financial support of twenty out of the twenty-three Units in Canada. Only one Unit has never given any support, but has, nonetheless received every piece of correspondence received by all other Units. It goes without saying that all Canadian bridge players receive the Digest and each is entitled to enter players in any C.B.F. sponsored event. If they qualify for International events they are entitled to and will receive our financial support. It is our duty to serve all Canadian bridge players whether or not their particular Unit lends us its support.

To date, almost all contracts between Units and the C.B.F. have been verbal. If any Unit desires to make constructive



President Judge J. D. (Duff) Harper is shown presenting a cheque for \$15,000 to Judge George Lavatte, president of the Canadian Mental Health Association. On this occasion Judge Harper accepted the Canadian Mental Health "Award of the Year" inscribed to the Canadian Bridge Federation.





contributions to C.B.F. policy we would more than welcome same. Naturally all suggestions, requests or criticisms must be submitted in writing to our Executive Secretary whose duty it is to place same on the agenda for the next Director's meeting then ensuing. It is also open to any Unit to present submissions to the annual Delegates Meeting, but important submissions require thought and consideration and should be submitted well in advance.

One of the prime purposes of organizing the C.B.F. was to administer and disburse the funds raised in Canada through A.C.B.L. sanctioned tournaments run for charitable purposes. During those early years the C.B.F. disbursed \$20,000 in 1967 to the Canadian Cancer Society, \$14,000 to the Canadian Mental Health Association in 1968, and in 1969, a contribution to the Canadian Heart Fund. The C.B.F. has the absolute right to collect and disburse funds received from charity events and to give them to the charity of its choice.

Up to this point in time, we have elected to choose the Canadian equivalent to the choice of American charity adopted by the A.C.B.L. for each year. For the year 1979 the choice was Mental Health and our contribution will be at least \$30,000. The choice of the A.C.B.L. for 1980 is the American Diabetes Association and we have elected to accept the Canadian Diabetes Association as this year's recipient of our charitable donations. To date we have decided not to declare a different charitable organization than that of the A.C.B.L. because of the advantage of continent-wide publicity accorded the American choice for each year. Should the need arise, however, we have the absolute authority granted us by the A.C.B.L. to adopt whatsoever charitable organization we may elect to choose for any or all years to come. Prior to the establishment of the C.B.F. the charitable funds raised in Canada had been accumulating without any

organized body being authorized to disburse them.

## INCORPORATION

In 1977 the original constitution was extensively amended to its present form and we are in the process of incorporating the C.B.F. for the purpose of establishing an entity that could be made the subject of government beneficence both on the Provincial and National levels.

Your president personally prepared the amended constitution (as well as a further amendment providing for inclusion of Aaron Goodman as a Director during his tenure as treasurer) and as well prepared all documents necessary for Incorporation.

We have applied for letters patent in the name of "Canadian Bridge Federation"--either "Limited" or "Incorporated" but have hit a small snag at the Federal bureaucratic level in that they fear we might be confused with a bridge construction company.

Apparently the powers that be in Ottawa are afraid that the general public will misconstrue a "constructive bid" as a "bid to construct." They wish us to alter our corporate name, but we still have hopes that we may obtain permission to incorporate in the name in which we applied. Our secretary is attempting to remedy the situation by obtaining written permission from the companies that are already incorporated but to date only one has answered his letter of December 31, 1979! We shall keep you informed on that one!

## A GIANT STEP FORWARD

I am sure that most of you are aware that the A.C.B.L. graciously granted your directors the courtesy of a hearing on July 20, 1978 "en banc." Out of this meeting came the recognition of the C.B.F. as an organization representing the majority of Canadian bridge players, and the establishment of a permanent "Canadian Affairs Committee" by the A.C.B.L. The members of this commit-

tee are the incumbent President of the A.C.B.L. (and his successors); Richard Goldberg, the executive secretary of the A.C.B.L., the directors of the all-Canadian Districts 1 and 2 of the A.C.B.L. and the directors of Districts 18 and 19 which are split between Canada and the U.S.A.

As a direct result of this we have the Canadian National Team Trials which we fully believe is a real step forward for Canada. We have now to deal with the Olympiad Pairs and the Grand National Pairs. We will be considering this and any other propositions re pairs at the next annual meeting of the C.B.F., which will be held at the hometown of your president, the "City of Stately Elms" in conjunction with the "Canat" Regional which commences on June 26, 1980 and will run through to Tuesday, July 1. We welcome suggestions from any and all Canadian Bridge players as to any further objectives the C.B.F. should request with reference to the interests of Canadians as a whole. Please do not hesitate to write any of us. I can promise you we will give all suggestions our earnest consideration.

All suggestions should be within the ambit of our constitution; i.e. only those things which may be done under the aegis of the A.C.B.L. Our meeting with the A.C.B.L. Directors in

1978 has proven to be most fruitful, and may well be the single biggest achievement of the C.B.F. thus far.

### CONCLUSION

I feel that the meeting in question opened the eyes of many of the A.C.B.L. Directors to the fact that the C.B.F. is neither reactionary nor divisive. I further believe that up to that time the A.C.B.L. Directors as a group had never considered the possibility that the needs of Canada as a nation had not been always met under the north-south oriented organization of the A.C.B.L. No one denies the fact that the percentage of Canadian Directors of the A.C.B.L. (a minimum of two and a possible maximum of four) is more than fair on the basis of representation by population.

Our entire thrust is oriented so that the A.C.B.L. will recognize that her Canadian child is worthy of separate recognition within the family, and of being accorded certain responsibilities as and when they arise providing that they affect Canadian bridge players as nationals, and are not otherwise disruptive of the organization of the A.C.B.L. That is our mandate and we shall do our best to see we carry it out to the mutual benefit of all Canadian Bridge players as well as that of the American Contract Bridge League.

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# With Help From Our Friends

By Ron Bass

The wisdom of the old adage "never say die" was never more prominently portrayed to this player than at a recent Regional tournament.

Sitting South and holding S 1094 H AJ3 D Q82 C J842, I became declarer at 1NT after the following auction:

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1C
P	1D	P	P
Dbl.	P	1NT	All Pass!

Imagine my surprise when this assortment of garbage hit the table as dummy: S J8752 H KQ75 D 105 C Q6. Worse yet, another quick glance at the board confirmed what I already knew—the only red colour in it was pointed directly at yours truly and partner.

I thanked the creator for the merciful heart lead and uttered a silent prayer that all those East-Wests who found their way to 3NT would be able to pick up the diamond suit so that my (expected) minus 300 could reap a few

matchpoints. (I later learned that only two pairs had made the no trump game).

When four rounds of hearts brought two little diamond discards from RHO, I began to get my hopes up for a fifth or (dare I hope) even a sixth trick at this ludicrous contract. After pitching a small spade on the fourth heart trick, and having nothing better to do at this stage, I tabled the Jack of Spades; this worked rather well when RHO's King brought down West's Queen. However, the best was yet to come! East now cashed the Club Ace and continued with the Club Ten. West (with a fair abundance of high cards and apparently frustrated at not having won any tricks yet) won this trick with the King and continued with a third club (from 9X) into my J8.

Never having been known for failure to cash out, I chalked up my sixth trick and excited with my last spade (won by west). West's Diamond Ace, followed by a diamond to East's King and a diamond to my Queen at trick thirteen completed the debacle. Needless to say, +90 our way won all the marbles on this deal.

## All the world's a stage and all the players merely men and women..

I'd like you to do a little drama practise with me. Sit in a chair and press your feet on the floor as hard as you can. Clench your fists as hard as you can. Sustain this for 20 seconds, pressing and clenching as hard as you can until the 20 seconds have elapsed. Now, smile and say something friendly.

Not easy is it? You are so tensed up that your words just don't convey any friendliness. This is what happens at the bridge table. Serious players are concentrating and trying so hard to play well that they get tensed up. And as you can see from our exercise, it is difficult to be

friendly under those circumstances.

So, when you are at the bridge table, don't be frightened or hurt by the tense players. If they appear unfriendly, please forgive them. They don't mean to be this way, they are not doing it purposely. They are so caught up in the game that sometimes their manners are forgotten in the concentration.

We all want to be friendly - if we slip once in a while - please forgive us.

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