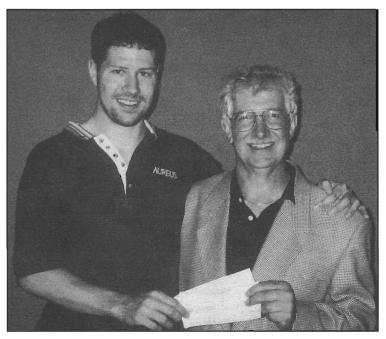
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#### **NATIONAL WINNERS**

(928 PAIRS)

- 1. Richard Gamble & Carol Goff Ottawa Bridge Centre 69.32%
- 2. Lawrence Tosczak & Karen Bolstad Saskatoon DBC 67.86%
- 3. Wayne Merkey & Marika Muravsky Joe Seigel's 67.19%
- 4. Sandra Lane & Wendy Maguire Saskatoon DBC 67.06%
- 5. Phyllis Boudreau & Desire Boudreau CLare DBC 66.96%
- 6. Joseph Galliah & Clark Matchett Newcastle DBC 66.90%
- 7. G. Kostuchuk & R Veitch Flin Flon DBC 66.67%
- 8. Frank Kinnaird & Dave McLaughlin Edmonton Bridge Centre 66.96%
- 9. Jim Lazaruk & Doris Phillips Edmonton Bridge Centre 65.76%
- 10. L. Hamilton & Ian Hamilton Battlefords DBC 65.48%

Top placings for individual clubs can be found on the CBF Website www.cbf.ca

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#### SPRING ROOKIE-MASTER GAME THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

37 clubs took part in our annual Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. Saskatoon DBC had the highest turn out with 62 pairs. The Edmonton Bridge Centre cam in 2ith 56 pairs followed by the Ottawa Bridge Centre with 54 pairs. The Vancouver Bridge Centre with 50 pairs and The Friendly Loyalist Bridge Club with 48 pairs complete clubs ranking tops in attendance. Aidan Ballantyne of Vancouver did excellent hand analyses for this game.

| 7ONF | ONE | WINNERS: | /156 | PAIRS) |
|------|-----|----------|------|--------|
| ZONE | ONE | WINNERS: | 130  | PAIRS  |

| <ol> <li>Phyllis Boudreau &amp; Desire Boudreau</li> </ol> | CLare DBC        | 66.96% |
|--|------------------|--------|
| 2. Joseph Galliah & Clark Matchet                          | Newcastle DBC    | 66.90% |
| 3. P. Dumas & U. Arsenault                                 | Summerside DBC   | 65.45% |
| 4. A. Downey & A. Mills                                    | Corner Brook DBC | 65.19% |
| 5. Evelyn ross & Dorcas Cando                              | Newcastle DBC    | 63.54% |

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| ZONE TWO WINNERS: (148 PAIRS)           |                        |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1. Richard Gamble & Carol Goff          | Ottawa Bridge Centre   | 69.32% |
| 2. Keith Anderson & Francois Brunet     | lan's Club             | 65.08% |
| 3. Rosalie Greenspoon & Jan Spumanis    | Shakespeare's Elbow BC | 64.88% |
| 4. Gilbert Starosta & Robert Tranquille | Shakespeare's Elbow BC | 63.61% |
| 5. Alie Kammings & Jim Ralston          | Ottawa Bridge Centre   | 63.50% |

#### ZONE THREE WINNERS: (211 PAIRS)

| Wayne Merkey & Marika Muravsky   | Joe Seigel's       | 67.12% |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Donald Chisholm & Michael Emery  | Grand Slam BC      | 64.80% |
| Darren Wolpert & Benjamin Nadler | Joe Seigel's       | 63.77% |
| Anna Maxine Jones & Rob Lawton   | The Bridge Fokes   | 63.69% |
| Dwight Goertz & Terry Tack       | London Bridge Club | 62.75% |

#### ZONE FOUR WINNERS: (103 PAIRS)

| Falconbridge DBC     | 64.94%   |
|----------------------|--|
| Thunder Bay DBC      | 64.24%   |
| Tuxedo Bridge Studio | 63.40%   |
| Thunder Bay DBC      | 61.98%   |
| Tuxedo Bridge Studio | 61.52%   |
|                      | Thunder Bay DBC<br>Tuxedo Bridge Studio<br>Thunder Bay DBC |

| ZONE FIVE WINNERS: (206 PAIRS)      |                        |        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1. Lawrence Tosczak & Karen Bolstad | Saskatoon DBC          | 67.86% |
| 2. Sandra Lane & Wendy Maguire      | Saskatoon DBC          | 67.06% |
| 3. G. Kostuchuk & B. Veitch         | Flin Flon DBC          | 66.67% |
| 4. Frank Kinnaird & Dave McLaughlin | Edmonton Bridge Centre | 66.26% |
| 5. Jim Lazaruk & Doris Phillips     | Edmonton Bridge Centre | 65.76% |
| TOME CIVING HERE (404 BAIDS)        |                        |        |

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| ZONE SIX WINNERS: (104 PAIRS)       |                         |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1/2. Ron Gagnon & Dave Cunningham   | Cariboo Bridge Club     | 64.58% |
| 1/2. Margaret Pearce & Peter Selles | Penticton DBC           | 64.58% |
| 3. Kenny Chan & Lynne Westlund      | Vancouver Bridge Centre | 63.43% |
| 4. I. Gartrell & Roy Johnson        | Penticton DBC           | 63.39% |
| 5. Brad Bart & Norman Dreger        | Vancouver Bridge Centre | 63.07% |

September 1998

# CLUB MANAGERS & BRIDGE PLAYERS

When sending in cheques to either the CBF or ACBL offices, it would be greatly appreciated if you would include a note (either separately or on the cheque) that indicates your club number if the cheaue is for the club, or your player number if you are making a personal payment. And please note the cheque's purpose, i.e. member fees, club monthly report, CNTC, COPC, International Fund, Charity Fund, Junior Fund, etc. It is also important that all information on the cheque is correct (i.e. the date). With the number of cheques that come in regularly to the ACBL and CBF, it is very time consuming and often difficult to figure out what a cheque from Joe Bridge in the amount of \$28 is for if no other information is given. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of all clubs and members in this regard. Jan Anderson, CBF Coordinator



The CBF Board recently changed the name of our publication to *Bridge Canada*. At the same time it confirmed the publication schedule for 1998 & 1999: three issues a year to be published in January, May and September. The Board voted a big thank you to Jude Goodwin-Hanson for her continued excellent work at editing the magazine.

The Board discussed advertising in *Bridge Canada*. It was decided that all ads must be paid for up front at the time of placing the ad. Ad rates will remain the same (see page 12). Anyone paying for a year's worth of ads (3 issues) in advance will receive a 10% discount.

## CBF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## October 10, 1998 11:00 am Montreal Regional

The CBF Bylaws read:
"Each Unit of 1,000 members or less shall be
entitled to name one delegate as of right, and
shall further be entitled to name one further
delegate for each additional 1,000 members
or fraction thereof." Units should notify the
CBF Coordinator of their official delegates
prior to October 1, 1998.

The CBF Annual General Membership Meeting is open to any member of the CBF wishin to attend but only Unit delegate(s) are allowed to vote.

#### **AGM AGENDA**

- Minutes of last General Meeting
- Adopting of 1997 Financial Statements
  - Confirmation of CBF elections
    - Appoint of auditors
  - Discussion of board actions taken since last general meeting

## ERIN BERRY Canadian ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

The CBF Board has renamed the Fall Rookie-Master Game in memory of Canadian Junior Player Erin Berry. Note the date for this year's game is:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1998

## CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (CNTC)

- Beginning in the fall of 1998, single-session club games will be allowed at the first stage of the CNTC, no matter how many teams are involved. All teams in single-session club games will be limited to four players. Sanction fee will be %15 per team.
- Club CNTC games may be stratified but qualification will only be based on the Open or A Strat.
- \$50 purchase of club round qualification is extended to the date of the Unit Final that the individual would be involved in. After the unit final is completed, club round qualification purchase fee is \$900.
- A committee has been set up to investtigate the future of the CNTC. The committee consists of Doug Heron, Aidan Ballantyne, Bill Treble and George Retek.
   If you have any comments or thoughts on the CNTC please submit them to one of these people.
- Changes were made to the CNTC Travel Subsidy. Beginning with the 1999 CNTC National Final, travel subsidy will be V-Class Airfare from the Canadian airport nearest to the individual's residence. The final decision on what is the closest airport will be made by the CBF Board. Also

beginning with the 1999 CNTC National Final, 25% of the subsidy will be withheld until adequate documentation is submitted.



#### CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (COPC)

- Club Qualifying round is extended lasting from Sept. 1 Dec. 31, 1998
- Stratification of club COPC games will be allowed but qualification will be based on only the Open or A Strat.
- The Board of Directors is thinking of changing the time frame of the COPC club , qualification period. Please let your Zone Director know your thoughts on this.

#### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Anyone representing Canada in international competition will have to be a paid up CBF member.
- Since Bermuda, as host of the "1999" Bermuda Bowl (being held in Jan, 2000 to allow for a 50th anniversary), will have a team in both the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, the tri-country playoff will just be a bi-country playoff between Mexico and Canada. Plans for this playoff will be formalized once we know who the Canadian teams are.
- NPCs will be asked to include information on actual costs when submitting their captain's report. The CBF will also come up with a template for the NPC report.

#### THE 1998 CAVENDISH

Congratulations to Fred Gitelman of Toronto (and U.S. partner Brad Moss) for their 3rd place finish in the vaunted Cavendish Invitational. According to the IBPA Bulletin, July, Fred and Brad earned \$11,424 (U.S.) for their placing.

#### 1998 COPC NATIONAL FINALS • JULY 12-18, 1998 • LAVAL, QUEBEC

| 1.   | Doug Heron - Alex Heron, Ottawa ON             | 467.53  |
|------|--|---------|
| 2.   | Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA - Peter Herold,       |         |
|      | Surrey BC                                      | 466.44  |
| 3.   | Boris Baran, Montreal PQ - Fred Gitelman,      |         |
|      | Toronto ON                                     | 461.58  |
| 4.   | Waldemar Frukacz, Ottawa ON - Michal Iglewski, |         |
|      | Alymer PQ                                      | 460.09  |
| 5.   | David McLellan - L. Hansen, Thunder Bay ON     | 457.31  |
| 6.   | Bob Todd, Winnipes MB - Robert Kuz,            |         |
|      | St. Andrews MB                                 | 456.53  |
| 7.   | Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON                 |         |
|      | Lloyd Harris, Sudburry ON                      | 445.06  |
| 8.   | Ronald Carriere, Kirkland PQ - Doug Fraser,    |         |
|      | Mt. Royal PQ                                   | 444.07  |
| 9.   | Lee Barton - Lucille Barton, Edmonton AB       | 436.94  |
|      | Brian Fraser, St. Laurent PQ - George Retek,   |         |
|      | Montreal PQ                                    | 436.75  |
| 11.  | Jurek Cryzowicz, Aylmer PQ - Darren Wolpert,   |         |
|      | Thornhill ON                                   | 433.62  |
| 19   | Rene Lawand - Mary Lawand, Pickering ON        | 432.77  |
|      | Kizmet Fung - Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB     | 426.66  |
|      | Rizwan Ul Hag - Brig Garg, Sudmbury ON         | 423.87  |
|      | John Ross, Brampton ON - Ron Bishop,           |         |
|      | Willowdale ON                                  | 423.09  |
| 16   | Karl Hicks, Dominion NS - John Carruthers      |         |
|      | Toronto ON                                     | 421.99  |
| 17.  | Nancy Koffler - A. Koffler,                    | ,,      |
|      | Dollard des Ormeaux PQ                         | 421.16  |
| 18   | Stephen Willard - Dick McKinney, Edmonton AB   | 419.77  |
|      | William Koski, Gilford ON - Danny              | , , , , |
| . /. | Schamenhom, Orilli a ON                        | 418.15  |
| 90.  | Alan Lee, Willowdale ON - Richard Chan,        |         |
| _0.  | Unionville ON                                  | 417.96  |



## **Doug Heron - Alex Heron**

ewly Elected CBF President Doug Heron and his son Alex Heron, of Ottawa, Ontario, were placed 21st after two sessions. They emerged from the 3rd session, however, in 1st place after a whopping 69% game and were able to hold on to their position throughout the final session to win by just over a points. Alex, 27, started playing bridge about 5 years ago after suffering a back injury. Alex works at a financial firm in Toronto. Doug is an otolaryngologist and a commercial pilot. He is very active in bridge as the current CBF President and co-chair of the ACBL National Appeals Committee. Doug and Alex don't play together that much tout they did recently win the Canadian National Knockouts at the Toronto Easter Regional (with Howard Piltch, Dick Anderson, Jack Brown and Jeff Smith).

#### **CALL FOR CANDIDATES**

The term of office for the CBF Zone Director for each of Zone II (Units 151, 152, 192 and 199) and Zone V (Units 245, 248, 390, 391, 392, 573, 575) expires on December 31, 1998.

The CBF Coordinator is now accepting nominations for these positions.

Any member in good standing with the Canadian Bridge Federation and residing in the Zone may submit his or her name as a candidate for the position of CBF Zone Director.

Any interested person should notify the CBF Coordinator in writing of his or her intention to run in the election for Zone Director. This Notification of Candidacy must be received by the CBF Coordinator no later than September 15, 1998. The declaration shall contain the name, address and unit of said candidate and

may contain biographical material which is not to exceed one hundred 9100) words.

The term of office for Zone Director is three (3) years.

Units will conduct their voting between Sept. 30, 1998 and Nov. 30, 1998.

Questions about the duties of the Zone Director can be directed to the CBF Coordinator or a current Zone Director (addresses, etc. inside front cover).

#### **ELECTIONS**

MAY, 1998 - Doug Heron was elected CBF President for 1998-1999. Eric Sutherland was elected CBF Vice-President for 1998-1999. Jan Anderson was re-appoints Coordinator and Treasurer.

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#### **ROUND ROBIN TOP 8 PLACINGS**

#### 277 GORDON

270 **POCOCK** - June Pocock, Coquitlam BC; Kathy Adachi, Delta BC; Marcia Christie, Surrey BC; Leslie Gold, Richmond BC

263 **DUNBAR** - Janet Dunbar, Ina Demme, Elizabeth Redrupp, Shelagh Paulsson, Toronto ON; My Steinberg, Montreal PQ; Julie Fajgelzon, St. Laurent PQ

258 **DUPONT** - Marion Dupont, Ottawa ON; Mary Drummie, Kanata ON; Barbara McKay, Fredericton NB; Susan Quinn, Gloucester ON; Marcia Shaw, Woodlawn ON; Joslyn Grassby, Ottawa ON

#### 256 WALDER

238 **HODGE** - Evelyn Hodge, Burnaby BC; Flora Tereposky, Maple Ridge BC; Mary Fines, North Vancouver BC; Monica Angus, Port Coquitlam BC

224 **NEATE** - Margie Neate, Claire Burns, West Vancouver BC; Stella Alliston, Sharon Hughes, North Vancouver BC

222 **BERTHIAUME** - NPC Bernard Marcoux; Louise Berthiaume, Longueuil PQ; Mouna Ghannoum, Outremont PQ; Maureen Beyrouti, Josette Beyrouti, Westmount PQ; France Marcoux, Montreal PQ; Sylvana Papazain, Mont Royal PQ



### 1998 CHAMPIONS

Dianna Gordon, Toronto, ON Sheri Winestock, Toronto, ON Beverly Kraft, Toronto, ON Rhoda Habert, Montreal, PQ Barbara Saltsman, Montreal, PQ Francine Cimon, Montreal, PQ

#### **RUNNERS UP**

Marilyn Walder, Winnipeg MB Maureen Marsch, Winnipeg MB Lana Blackett, Winnipeg MB Lorraine Serlin, Winnipeg MB Edith Maislin, Cote St. Luc PQ Evette Mashall, Montreal PQ

Congratulations to the GORDON team, members of which, with the exception of newcomer Sheri Winestock, have won the CWTC many times over the years and are often referred to as "Team Canada" by fel-

low competitors. This year, however, they were given a run for their money. It became clear throughout the 98 CWTC that the field is closing in on itself, the competition becoming more fierce, and the players more confident. Second place, WALDER, played very strongly all week, scoring a huge comeback victory against POCOCK in the last quarter of the Semis to advance to the Finals where they led for 3 Quarters.

| QUARTER FINA | AL MATCHE | 5  |    | SEMIFINAL MATCHES |        |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|-----------|----|----|-------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|
| GORDON       | 60        | 22 | 24 | 63                | GORDON | 57 | 25 | 32 | 44 |
| BERTHIAUME   | 9         | 23 | 24 | 3                 | DUNBAR | 2  | 22 | 57 | 18 |
| POCOCK       | 50        | 10 | 48 | 27                | POCOCK | 27 | 41 | 48 | 8  |
| NEATE        | 28        | 28 | 20 | 21                | WALDER | 37 | 34 | 18 | 48 |
| DUNBAR       | 45        | 24 | 26 | 53                |        |    |    |    |    |
| HODGE        | 43        | 10 | 37 | 7                 | FINALS |    |    |    |    |
|              |           |    |    |                   | GORDON | 20 | 17 | 45 | 77 |
| DUPONT       | 15        | 43 | 36 | 7                 | WALDER | 30 | 33 | 29 | 41 |
| WALDER       | 35        | 33 | 54 | 62                |        |    |    |    |    |

## "Careless Talk Costs Lives"

#### by Ray Lee, Toronto, ON

I've borrowed my title here from the late Terence Reese's BOLS Bridge Tip from 1992, since my point is similar: everything you do in the auction gives information to the enemy. It pays, therefore, to think carefully about the consequences of a bid that will tell the opponents a lot about your hand (one of the many reasons that Flannery is the worst convention ever invented, but I digress). This hand, from a recent duplicate game at Doubles in Toronto, is a good example of what Reese was talking about.

The hand at right was just one of a number of fairly extreme distributional hands that came up that night, and perhaps shell shock was in some measure responsible for North's decision to open 4♥ as dealer at favourable colours. This came around to me, in the West seat, and I had one of the easier 4NT calls I have come across in a while. Partner had more of a problem (no ace of hearts and no spade control), but given the vulnerability, and the fact that I had bid 4NT without the ace of either of my suits, could not envisage a hand much worse than the one I actually held, and eventually bid 6♠.

South led the unimaginative &J, and the hand turned on picking up the trumps for no losers. Given the auction, though, my partner had no

DLR: N NORTH VUL: EW ♠ AT53 ♥ AJT9754 4 **4** 9 WEST **EAST 8** ♠ ○949 ♥ KQ83 ★ KJT963 ♦ A72 ♣ KQJ742 ♣ A6 SOUTH **♦** KJ76 **♥** 62 ♦ Q85 ♣ T853

difficulty playing a diamond to the ace and taking the finesse through South.

I overheard some discussion afterwards where the North player was holding forth along the lines of 'What could I do, I made my normal bid, they bid a slam, and she guessed everything...'; I confess I had little sympathy. Several bids occur to me with the North hand, but 4\(\psi\$ with two aces and four decent spades is not among them. Indeed, my sympathies on this hand lie with a friend who also held the West cards, and who ended up playing a minor suit slam after North had opened the bidding 1\(\psi\$, and East had overcalled 1NT. How would you play the diamonds on this auction? He laid down the \(\psi K\), and the hand was over.

Mr. Reese, as usual, gave us good advice.

**CBF WEB SITE REPORTING BEST YET** - Many viewers wrote to commend us this year on the reporting for the CNTC, CWTC and COPC National Finals in July. there were a few glitches (including a power failure) but all in all most were able to obtain results in a relatively short time. Thanks go to event director Henry Cukoff, Doug Heron and June Pocock for their reporting efforts. Here is a breakdown of visits during the 10 days from Sunday July 12 - Tuesday, July 21.

CBF Home Page - 1154 CNTC Home Page - 957 CWTC home Page - 398
Bridge Week Home Page - 3687 COPC Home Page - 296 Welcome to bridge - 291

#### **ROUND ROBIN TOP 8**

517 **BARAN** - Boris Baran - Mark Molson, Montreal PQ - Peter Nagy, Las Vegas NV - Eric Kokish - George Mittelman, Toronto ON - Aug. Fred Gitelman, Toronto ON

465 GARTAGANIS

461 HARGREAVES

458 **P. SCHWARTZ** - Peter Schwartz, Cote St. Luc PQ - Andre Laliberte, Quebec PQ - Kamel Fergani, Longueuil PQ - Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal PQ - Greg Carrol, Toronto ON -David Tumer, Pickering ON

440 **JOTCHAM** - Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON - Bruce Gowdy, Don Mills ON - Jim Howie, Toronto ON - Aug. Ron Bishop, Willowdale ON - John Ross, Brampton ON -Fred Lerner, Markham, ON

438 **DONER** - Cameron Doner, Delta BC - David Sokolow, Vancouver BC - Jim Dickie, Blaine WA - G. Sekhar, Winnipeg MB - Aug. Filipe Hernandez, Port Coquitlam BC - Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC

431 **TREBLE** - Bill Treble, Colin Ward, David Sired, Ken Sired, Winnipeg MB - Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC - Aug. Doug Fisher, Winnipeg MB

430 **THURSTON** - Paul Thurston, St. Catharines ON - Rick Delogu, Waterloo ON - Martin Caley, Jeffrey Blond, Montreal PQ - Michael Roche, North York ON - Ed Bridson, Unionville ON



#### 1998 CNTC CHAMPIONS

Mike Hargreaves, Victoria BC Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC Allan Graves, Vancouver BC Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC Aug. Joseph Silver, Montreal PQ

#### **RUNNERS UP**

Nicholas Gartaganis Judith Gartaganis Gordon Campbell, Calgary AB Peter Jones, Edmonton AB Joh Duquette, Oshawa ON Keith Balcombe, Brooklin ON

It's two in a row for the Hargreaves team, which won the 1997 title, then added Bryan Maksymetz to win again. And it seemed an easy road after scrappy GARTAGANIS brought down the BARAN machine in the Semi-finals. What happed to GARTAGANIS in the Finals? The story has yet to be told. GARTAGANIS were 2nd in 1996. For complete stats see our web site! www.cbf.ca

| QUARTER FINALS |    |    |    |    |             |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| BARAN          | 38 | 49 | 44 | 46 |             |    |    |    |    |
| JOTCHAM        | 32 | 5  | 59 | 13 | SEMI-FINALS |    |    |    |    |
|                |    |    |    |    | BARAN       | 50 | 15 | 31 | 27 |
| GARTAGANIS     | 34 | 44 | 59 | 66 | GARTAGANIS  | 22 | 57 | 30 | 57 |
| TREBLE         | 37 | 7  | 25 | 22 |             |    |    |    |    |
|                |    |    |    |    | HARGREAVES  | 39 | 46 | 30 | 69 |
| HARGREAVES     | 42 | 41 | 32 | 19 | P. SCHWARTZ | 27 | 38 | 35 | 21 |
| DONER          | 21 | 38 | 44 | 29 |             |    |    |    |    |
|                |    |    |    |    | CNTC FINALS |    |    |    |    |
| P. SCHWARTZ    | 37 | 25 | 36 | 65 | HARGREAVES  | 68 | 31 | 61 | 52 |
| THURSTON       | 13 | 31 | 18 | 6  | GARTAGANIS  | 0  | 78 | 24 | 53 |

# Charitable fund

| 1997 CBFCF DISBURSEMENTS               | \$       |
|--|----------|
| Missing Children Society of Canada     | 10,000   |
| Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind      | 5,000    |
| Cancer Research Society Inc.           | 5,000    |
| REACH                                  | 1,500    |
| Alzheimer Society                      | 500      |
| New Visions Homes                      | 1,000    |
| The Faye Peterson Transition House     | 750      |
| Independent Living Resource Centre     | 750      |
| Marina Lodge Toronto Rehab Centre Card | diac 750 |
| Caring for Cancer Patients             | 900      |
| Dartmouth General Hospital             | 600      |
| Interval House                         | 500      |
| Saskatoon Food Bank                    | 500      |
| Mary's Place                           | 500      |
| Total Donations                        | \$28,250 |

#### 1998 DESIGNATED CHARITIES

| YWCA Women's Shelter              | 5,000 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| North York Women's Shelter        | 5,000 |
| Cancer Research Society Inc.      | 1,000 |
| Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind | 1,000 |
| Trustee Discretionary Funds       | 6,000 |
| Chair Discretionary Funds         | 750   |
| •                                 |       |

Note: Trustee Discretionary Funds are intended for the support of local charities in each CBF Zone.

#### 1999 DESIGNATED CHARITIES

Total Donations

Canuck Place Shelters for Abused and Battered Women Cancer Research Society Inc. Sierra Legal Defence Fund

#### **RICHMOND TROPHY**

AS AT JULY 10, 1998

| AS AT JULY 10, 1998              |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Ken Gee, Regina SK            | 600 |
| 2. Richard Anderson, Regina SK   | 537 |
| 3. Martin Caley, Montreal PQ     | 362 |
| 4. Robert McPhee, Belleville ON  | 319 |
| 5. Duncan Smith, Victoria BC     | 294 |
| 6. Gavin Wolpert, Thomhill ON    | 276 |
| 7. Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke PQ    | 259 |
| 8. H. Beaulieu, Sherbrooke PQ    | 255 |
| 9. J. Steinberg, Toronto ON      | 255 |
| 10. A. Ballantyne, Vancouver BC  | 248 |
| 11. Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC    | 247 |
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| 13. T. Gandolfo, Edmonton AB     | 246 |
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# **Budget**

As CBF members you might want to take a careful look at the figures below. Your CBF dues are deposited into the GENERAL FUND and dispersed according to this Annual Budget.

| GENERAL FUND                   | REELS DE       |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revised                        | Budget 1999    | Budget 1998    |
| REVENUE                        | 70.000         | 70.000         |
| CBF Membership Fees            | 72 000         | 70 000         |
| CNTC net                       | 3 000          | 3 000          |
| COPC net                       | 3 000          | 3 000          |
| CWTC net                       | 1 000          | 500            |
| Rookie Master Game<br>Interest | 2 000<br>3 500 | 2 000<br>2 700 |
|                                | 3 300          | 1 210          |
| Misc. (WJTC rebate)  Total     | 84 500         | 82 410         |
| Total                          | 84 300         | 02 410         |
| EVDENCEC                       |                |                |
| EXPENSES<br>Audit              | 800            | 800            |
| Bank Charges                   | 200            | 200            |
| CBF Coordinator                | 18 000         | 17 600         |
| Bridge Canada magazine         | 38 000         | 37 000         |
| COPC Cash Prize                | 1 500          | 1 500          |
| Amortization                   | 900            | 1 200          |
| Directors' Expenses            | 1 000          | 750            |
| Directors' Meeting             | 6 300          | 6 000          |
| Insurance                      | 1 350          | 1 200          |
| Internet                       | 2 400          | 2 300          |
| Junior Development Fund        | 1 000          | 2 000          |
| Miscellaneous                  | 800            | 800            |
| Office Expenses (incl rent/tro | avel) 6 000    | 6 500          |
| Telephone                      | 3 400          | 3 400          |
| Translations                   | 500            | 500            |
| Storage                        | 670            | 660            |
| Special Projects               | -              | 2 000          |
| Total                          | 83 420         | 84 410         |
|                                |                |                |

| INTERNATIONAL FUND BUDGET |             |             |  |  |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Revised<br>REVENUE        | Budget 1999 | Budget 1998 |  |  |
| Game Receipts             | 20 000      | 19 500      |  |  |
| Bridge Week               | 11 200      | 11 200      |  |  |
| Interest                  | 1 000       | 300         |  |  |
| Total                     | 32 200      | 31 000      |  |  |
| EXPENSES                  |             |             |  |  |
| COPC Cash Prize           | 1 500       | -           |  |  |
| National Coach            | 3 000       | 3 000       |  |  |
| Tri-country Playoff       | 8 000       | -           |  |  |
| Bermuda Bowl              | 12 800      | -           |  |  |
| Venice Cup                | 12 800      | -           |  |  |
| World Championships       |             |             |  |  |
| Open Pairs                | -           | -           |  |  |
| Rosenblum                 | -           | 6 200       |  |  |
| McConnell                 | -           | 8 000       |  |  |
| Total                     | 38 100      | 19 500      |  |  |

| BALANCE SHE   | ET 1997                              |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| ASSETS Cash and Term De Accounts Receivat Prepaid Expenses Capital Assets               |                                      | 139 882<br>4 604<br>11 491<br>4 385<br>160 362       |
| LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Deferred Revenue   |                                      | 3 297<br>56 418<br>59 715                            |
| FUND EQUITY General Fund (Stal International Fund Junior Fund (State World Junior Fund  | (Statement<br>ment D)                | 7 762  |
| JUNIOR FUND   | BUDGET                               |  |
| Revised REVENUE General Acct ACBL Games & Donations Junior Month E. Berry Mem Interest  | 1999<br>1 000<br>6 000<br>0<br>5 500 | 1998<br>2 000<br>2 200<br>0<br>4 500<br>1 430<br>300 |
| Total   | 13 000                               | 10 430   |
| EXPENSES Special Projects Cyborg Coaching Int'l Br Festiva Junior Trials Team Subsidies | -                                    | 3 000<br>0<br>1 000<br>2 000                         |
| Total   | 18 000                               | 6 000  |
|   |                                      |  |

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| GENERAL FUND                          |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                       | 1997            | 1996            |
| REVENUE                               | 1007            | 1000            |
| COPC net                              | 4 005           | 8 329           |
| CWTC net                              | 977             | (26)            |
| CNTC net                              | 664             | 8 237           |
| Rookie Master Game net                | 2 375           | 1 489           |
| Interest                              | 2 136           | 1 489           |
| CBF Memberships                       | 64 615          | 57 712          |
| Deferred membership prior 96          | 0               | 827             |
| Late Fees                             | 50              | 0               |
|                                       | 74 822          | 81 393          |
| EXPENSES                              |                 |                 |
| Audit                                 | 750             | 700             |
| Amortization                          | 1 489           | 1 283           |
| Bank Charges                          | 149             | 215             |
| Magazine                              | 22 537          | 30 329          |
| Coaching                              | 3 075           | 4 200           |
| Directors' Expenses                   | 912             | 1 284           |
| Directors' Meeting<br>CBF Coordinator | 4 698<br>17 200 | 6 910<br>16 800 |
| Insurance                             | 586             | 558             |
| Miscellaneous                         | 439             | 1 195           |
| Office Expenses                       | 6 087           | 6 472           |
| Telephone                             | 3 052           | 2 426           |
| Internet                              | 1 974           | 1 499           |
| COPC Cash Prize                       | 4 500           | 3 000           |
| Storage                               | 266             | 0               |
| Translations                          | 350             | 350             |
| 1997 World Jr Championships           | 12 500          | 12 500          |
|                                       | 80 565          | 89 721          |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE                     | (5 743)         | (8 329)         |
| FUND EQUITY start of year             | 86 321          | 96 649          |
| Transfer to Junior Fund               | (2 000)         | (2 000)         |
| FUND EQUITY end of year               | 78 578          | 86 321          |

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INTERNATIONAL FUND

| INTERNATIONAL FUN                                  | D        |         |
|--|----------|---------|
|  | 1997     | 1996    |
| REVENUE  |          |         |
| International Games                                | 19 599   | 22 853  |
| Interest   | 397      | 1 654   |
|  |          |         |
|  | 19 996   | 24 507  |
| EXPENSES   |          |         |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 1 195    | -       |
| McConnell Cup                                      | -        | -       |
| Rosenblum  | -        | -       |
| World Open Pairs                                   | -        | -       |
| Tri-Country  | 8 000    | -       |
| Venice Cup   | 12 479   | -       |
| Bermuda Bowl                                       | 12 479   | -       |
| Postage  | 45       | -       |
| Printing   | -        | 352     |
| World Team Championship                            |          |         |
| Open Team  | -        | 13 269  |
| Women's Team                                       | -        | 13 269  |
|  | 34 198   | 26 890  |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE                                  | (14 202) | (2 393) |
| FUND EQUITY start of year                          | 28 509   | 30 892  |
| FUND EQUITY end of year                            | 14 307   | 28 509  |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                  |          |         |
| JUNIOR FUND  |          |         |
|  | 1997     | 1996    |
| REVENUE  |          |         |
| Game Fees  | 287      | 176     |
| Donations  | 352      | 375     |
| ACBL   | 5 903    | 2 252   |
| Junior Trials entries                              | 4 670    | 3 086   |
| Interest   | 205      | 414     |
|  | 11 417   | 6 303   |
| EXPENSES   |          |         |
| Junior Team Trials                                 | 0        | 307     |
| Junior Team Subsidy                                | 10 499   | 0       |
| Special Projects                                   | 10 700   | 3       |
| CYBOrg   | 3 000    | 2 000   |
| Mini-Bridge  | 0        | 556     |
| Cardiff  | 0        | 716     |
| Jr. Month  | ő        | 50      |
|  |          |         |
|  | 13 499   | 3 629   |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE                                  | (2 082)  | 2 674   |
| FUND EQUITY start of year                          | 7 760    | 3 086   |
|  |          | 2 000   |
| Transfer from General Fund                         | 2 000    |         |
| Transfer from General Fund FUND EQUITY end of year | 7 678    | 7 760   |

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## THE PORTUGUESE GRAND PRIX

#### by John Carruthers, Toronto

When one hears about the Portuguese Grand Prix in Estoril one could be forgiven for assuming that the reference was to Formula 1 automobile racing. however, there is another Grand Prix held on the Estoril Coast, this one the premier event on the Portuguese bridge calendar. Imagine a bridge tournament with no stratiflighted pairs, no three-ring-circus knockouts, and no morning or midnight games, just one tough session of pairs or teams per day and the rest of the day off to sightsee, play golf, eat or sleep. heaven! Of course, it doesn't hurt that there is a lot to do and see, the food and wine are marvellous, and the people are friendly.

I had snapped up an invitation to play in the tournament last May with Mark Horton, Editor of Bridge Magazine (London). We were joined in the teams by Tony Waterlow and Victor Silverstone of Great Britain and Tommy Sandsmark (Norway) and Peter Lund (Denmark). We were certainly the most cosmopolitan team, if not the most successful! Katie Thorpe and Mark's fiancée Vera Nestorovitch cam as well and we made a true holiday of it. We visited the beautiful Royal Palace in Sintra, the only royal palace of the Middle Ages still standing, the Castle of São Jorge, whose site in Lisbon dates from the fifth century A.D., and the Monastery of Jéronimo in Belém. For me, the most interesting site was the Marine Museum in Belém, which chronicles Portuguese maritime history from the time of Prince Henry the Navigator to the present. Also impressive is the monument of Prince Henry, Vasco de Gama, Magellan and other 'discoverers' on the north bank of the River Tagus, near the spot where many of the expeditions were launched. Curiously, there is a monument of Christ the King on the south bank of the Tagus, and it is modelled after Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado in Rio de Janeiro, not the other way around as you might expect.

The bridge was not as successful as the sightseeing. Could you have done better? See how you would handle each of the following bidding problems which arose at our table.

- 1. Matchpoints DLR: N VUL: E/W

  - **♥** JT
  - ◆ Q
     ◆ AKT86

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | 1♦    | Р    | 1♥    |
| ?    |       |      |       |

Your agreement is that 2♥ here would be Michaels. What do you bid as West?

- 2. Matchpoints DLR: E VUL: None
  - **♠** AKQJ84
  - **♥** K5
  - ♦ Q732
  - **.** 3

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | -     | 1♠   | 2♠    |
| 3♠   | 4♥    | 4♠   | 5♥    |
| Р    | Р     | ?    |       |

What is your call as East?

- 3. Matchpoints DLR: S VUL: E/W

  - ♥ K L
  - ♦ KJ6
  - ♣ A43

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | _     | -    | Р     |
| 1♠   | Р     | 2♦   | Р     |
| 2NT  | Р     | 3♣   | Р     |
| 3♦   | Р     | 3♥   | Р     |
| 2    |       |      |       |

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You are West. your agreement is that with a minimum balanced hand you rebid 2NT rather than raising partner's minor with three trumps. Over 3♣ you have an easy 3♦ bid. What do you respond to partner's 3♥ bid?

4. Matchpoints DLR: S VUL: None

| ě | T862 |
|---|------|
| ٧ | 7432 |
| ٠ | 5    |
| ٠ | AKJ7 |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | -     | -    | 1♦    |
| P    | 1♥    | Р    | 1NT   |
| P    | 2♣ *  | ?    |       |

You are East; 2♠ is New Minor Forcing. What is your call?

- 5. Matchpoints DLR: S VUL: E/W
  - ♠ AKT953
  - ♥ AKT5
  - ♦ K76
  - void

| WEST | NORTH      | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|------------|------|-------|
| -    | -          | -    | 1♦    |
| Р    | 1 <b>♠</b> | Р    | 2♣    |
| Р    | 2♥ (4SF)   | Р    | 3♣    |
| Р    | 3♦         | Р    | 4♣    |
| Р    | 4♥         | Р    | 4♠    |
| Р    | ?          |      |       |

With the opponents silent, your partner South opens 1♦ and you have an unimpeded auction to his 4♠ cue bid. What now?



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6. IMPs DLR: S VUL: Both

- ♠ AK986
- **♥** J86
- ♦ AKQ85
- void

| WEST | NORTH   | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|---------|------|-------|
| -    | -       | -    | 1♠    |
| Р    | 1NT (F) | Р    | 3♦    |
| Р    | 3♠      | Р    | 4♣    |
| Р    | 4♥      | DBL  | Р     |
| Р    | RDBI    | P    | ?     |

You are South. Do you agree with your bidding so far? Whether you do or not, what is your call now? (1NT was forcing for one round and  $3 \pm$  excluded the three-trump slow raises, with which you have agreed to bid  $4 \pm$ .)

#### **ANSWERS**

We're going to score this quiz in an unusual fashion. For most of the answers to these problems there are not absolutes. However, your responses will reveal a lot about how aggressive or cautious you are, and how willing you are to back your judgment at the expense of appearing ridiculous if wrong. Of course, there were winning answers on all the problems, and there may be 'correct' calls as well. Nevertheless, we'll assign marks for each of the bids we think possible on the basis of aggressiveness along, not on what we think the correct bid is, nor on what the table results was. Of course, I'll give you my opinion and tell you the table result anyway!

1. On the first problem, 1 riangle, 2 riangle and <math>2 riangle are all attractive for various reasons. 1 riangle and 2 riangle get the respective suits into the game but may lose the other suit. 2 riangle gets both suits in but has the attendant risks of the higher level. At matchpoints, a pass has something to recommend it at this vulnerability because of the opponents' eagerness to double for the magic +200. Additionally, the annoying bits in the red suits argue for caution as well, since they may play a

part on defence. You would be on lead against a heart contract, so 1. looks okay to me. If partner were likely to be on lead, 2. would be more attractive. At the table, my partner chose 2. (as would I) and paid the price when his LHO had ace-queen fourth of spades and we played 2. doubled for -500. Any other bid would have worked better at the table since LHO had three hearts.

2♥ - 10 The bid I suspect most would make at the table

1**.** - 6

2♣ - 4

Pass - 0

2. Normal procedure calls for a pass here since 'the five level belongs to the opponents. However, is this a normal situation? You would certainly pass at rubber bridge or IMPs, taking your plus if one were available and not offering your neck if one were not. A case can be made for bidding 5♠ at matchpoints, since you have a decent chance of going for only 300, and all you really care about is the winning decision. Here the winning decision was to bid on, since -300 was cheaper than their 450. You did not double did you? That would have been -650. I bid 5♠, but believe the 'correct' bid to be Pass. An indicator for Pass is partner's simple 3♠ bid rather than a lead director or a fit jump.

DBL - 10 This is really greedy 5♠ - 7 Trying to stop on a dime

Pass - 0 Seems routine

3. Just to prove that I'm not giving you a quiz where all the winning bids are different from the 'correct' or 'aggressive' bids, here they were one and the same - 4. Partner had: ---, A84, AQT982, K765. Six diamonds was as close to cold as possible. 3NT, which partner would have passed had you perpetrated it, would have made ten or eleven tricks. In the auction, partner showed diamonds and clubs and a value in hearts. What more do you need to go beyond 3NT, even at matchpoints?

4♣ - 10 If it's ever going to be right to go past 3NT with a limited hand, this is it.

3NT - 0 No lie of the cards can beat you!

4. Here, again, there are only two choices, Pass and Double. Or perhaps you think there is only one choice, Pass. On this occasion, discretion was the winning course of action, and probably the most prudent as well. I think Pass is the 'correct' bid, but have a lot of sympathy for Partner's enterprise. The opponents redoubled and made it.

DBL - 10 Pass - 0

5. Here, unless you can invite slam with 4NT or 5♣ (could you?), you must either attempt to sign off in 5♦ or commit to a slam. Perhaps you made a grand slam try or passed 4♠? Good grief, could these all be possible actions? This time, partner had ---, J3, A9854, AQT632. The winning, and I believe the correct, decision this time was to bid 5. What do you think of partner's bidding? He had a difficult bid over your 3. Perhaps he should have contented himself with 3♥ and passed 3NT had you bid it. As for your problem, there seems to be a lot of duplication, making slam a dubious bet with your holding only three diamonds. Furthermore, Partner's cue bid in spades, delayed as it was, must be based on shortness, and is not an attempt to play there. Partner must have at least five clubs to honour strength, perhaps more, from his bidding, so your AK in both majors does not help him much. If he had eleven or twelve minor cards with good honour structure, he'd bid slam himself. Wouldn't you on this auction?

Nevertheless, slam is not hopeless on these cards. A three-two diamond break plus a little luck in clubs and hearts will see you home. At the table, we held the opposing hands and diamonds were four-one, so even though everything else was favourable, they were down one.

| 0111    | ii ie is Grana Glanni Gree           |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 5♥ - 8  | A grand slam try by definition,      |
|         | since you didn't bid 6♦              |
| 5NT - 8 | If it is pick a slam, to be followed |
|         | by 6♦ as a grand slam try            |

If it is Grand Slam Force

d 7

6. The bid made at the table 4NT - 4 But only if not Blackwood

I admire your guts - but you could 5🌩 play right here!

Pass - 3 At the table, you'd have made it despite partner's void

5• -0

5NT - 10

6. This deal was the killer for us in the teams event, costing us several places and a lot of money. Our opponent bid 64 and made it by dropping the doubleton gueen of trumps offside missing five when his partner turned up with JT5, A42, T6, AQ985. There were residual chances if that failed, but they added up to only a little more than 40%. Needless to say, our partners played in game making an overtrick. I think, having jump shifted and cue bid, that 4 is plenty with this collection. Partner will have at most three spades and the round aces (with ace-king, ace and three spades he'd have made a two-over-one, surely). If by

chance he has no heart losers or some other surprise, he'll bid on.

**6**♠ - **10** You still have to make it 6 You can pass partner's 5♠

5• -6 See above

5 5∳-Partner will pass with his poor trumps

0

#### ANALYSIS:

| 51-60 | Don't keep loaded guns around the    |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
|       | house                                |
| 41-50 | Road rage is a way of life for you   |
| 31-40 | Matchpointed pairs is your métier    |
| 21-30 | IMPs is your game - a good balance   |
|       | of caution and aggression            |
| 11-20 | you should practice yelling at other |
|       | drivers                              |
| 0-10  | Perhaps needlepoint is for you       |
|       |                                      |



#### **CANADIANS IN THE TOP 50 OF ACBL RACES**

47. Karin Lynn Gamble, Winnipeg MB

As At July 10, 1998

#### YOUTH

| 2.  | Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON   | 276 |  |     |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| 4.  | David Halasi, Toronto ON      | 246 | JUNIOR   |     |
| 12. | Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ       | 93  | 3. Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON                 | 276 |
| 15. | Erin Anderson, Regina SK      | 80  | 6. David Halasi, Toronto ON                    | 246 |
| 16. | David Sabourin, Ottawa ON     | 80  | <ol><li>Jeff Smith, Gloucester ON</li></ol>    | 219 |
| 17. | Charles Halasi, Toronto ON    | 79  | <ol><li>Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON</li></ol> | 182 |
| 24. | Josh Heller, Toronto ON       | 48  | 17. Craig Barkhouse, Barrie ON                 | 142 |
| 26. | David Grainger, Etobicoke ON  | 41  | 18. Mike Nadler, North York ON                 | 140 |
| 34. | Ian Boyd, Calgary AB          | 30  | 23. Jonathan Ferguson, Ottawa ON               | 123 |
| 35. | Matthew Mason, Kingston ON    | 30  | 25. Miles, North York ON                       | 110 |
| 38. | Brian hardy, Ottawa ON        | 29  | 40 Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ                     | 93  |
| 41. | Sandy Snider, Kingston On     | 27  | 45. Ian Nicholson, Ottawa ON                   | 81  |
| 42. | Susan Harbour, Scarborough On | 27  | 49. Erin Anderson, Regina SK                   | 80  |
| 43. | Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON    | 25  | 50. David Sabourin, Ottawa ON                  | 80  |
| 45. | Andrew Haydon, Kingston ON    | 21  |  |     |
|     |                               |     |  |     |

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## **JOSH HELLER**

### CANADIAN WINS 1998 KING OF BRIDGE

Josh Heller of Toronto, an active member of the ACBL and CBF Junior Programs who was recently inducted into the ACBL Junior Corps, has been named the 1998 King of Bridge. The title is awarded by the International Palace and Sports Foundation and carries with it the \$1000 homer Shoop/International Palace of Sports scholarship.

Heller, 17, is a 12th grader at Upper Canada College in Toronto. he represented Canada at the Hero World Youth Bridge Festival in the Netherlands in January. he is a Life Master, contributor to the CTBOrg Newsletter and the director of a weekly club game at the Doubles Duplicate Bridge Club in Toronto. Recently he answered a few email "interview" questions for us.

#### What got you started at bridge, Josh?

I started bridge just after I turned 13. I got turned on to the game during the Summer school break and began playing every second Friday for about the first year and a half. That first year mostly involved learning the basics as I had never taken formal lessons. I picked up most of the game through watching and playing. I became an LM at 16 and "went over" playing with John Gowdy at a Sectional Tournament at Clubs.

## Do you play with people your own age? Do you play at your school?

For the last year and a half I have been playing mostly with junior players including juniors that I have met at nationals and who live across North America. In grade 9 I was a part of a bridge club at my high school but that ended when the teacher who had run the bridge club for a number of years retired. Bridge became an unknown game at my school, but hopefully I'll be doing something about that beginning September.

## Do you feel playing bridge has affected your school work at all?

I have always been careful not to allow bridge to interfere with my school work. I thought it was very important that school come first because I'll have the rest of my life to play bridge but only a limited time to spend in school. Early last year I took a 10-week break from bridge to concentrate on school because my workload had become so intense.

#### Do you intend to go on to University?

I have been considering a number of options concerning university I am leaning towards an undergraduate business degree which I would like to take at UPFNN.

The \$1000 scholarship becomes available for my tuition once I choose a university. Right now the money is being held in trust.

#### Who is your favourite Bridge Personality?

I have to say that one of my favourite personalities would be Zeke Jabbour. I met Zeke recently at a Regional in London and he instantly befriended me. He would come up to me throughout the tournament and ask me how it was going or tell one of the humorous anecdotes for which he is famous. Another person who I like a lot is Ron Smith of San Francisco. He is one of the top players in North America and one of the nicest bridge players that I know. I met him at the Dallas NABCs and now at every NABC that I attend he says hello and

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asks how things are going. Recently I met him on OKbridge. After joining his table he said hello to me and commented that he hadn't seen me in a long time because I hadn't been at the fall or spring NABCs. I had never met him on OKbridge before but he remembered me quite well. I like top level bridge players who take the time to say hello and share their experiences with you.

## What kind of tournaments do you enjoy most?

Regionals and NABCs are my favourite tournaments by far. I love the many different options you have each day and, especially at the national level, the chance to play in the premier events such as the Life master Pairs and the Spingold. I plan to play many of the National events this summer in Chicago because of the great experience that playing at that level affords.

I read in the ACBL Bulletin that you are also a bridge writer and director ...

I direct a weekly game at the Doubles Duplicate Bridge Club - a Barometer Pairs. I love the barometer game because through preduplicated boards we are able to offer a method of scoring normally available only at the international level. I was first introduced to this form of scoring at the World Junior Pairs Championships in Italy and I thought it would be a great game to run at a club as a new experience.

#### Do you have any long term bridge goals?

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Thanks for this Josh and congratulations!

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#### THE FALLIBLE GENIUS - A CHRONICLE BY BRAD BART



## AN ASPIRING NOVICE

I am back at the Vancouver Bridge Centre for another kick at the can. Tonight I am playing with a novice in an open field. Partner is enthusiastic about everything we do and he feels I can do nothing wrong, except that is, for my smoking. In fact, he is so confident in my abilities that he has been routinely overbidding our side to hopeless contracts and then expecting me to work miracles. I would hate to dash his confidence in me.

We are on our last round of the evening and we are having a good session so far. Three more high boards should help us clinch first place. Our first board was excellent for us. On our second board of the set, I pick up:

Vul: Both Dlr: Pard ◆ J 7 6 5 ♥ J 4 ◆ 7 6 5 3 ◆ A T 5

Blech! I hate hands like this.

Partner starts with 1♠ which is passed to me. Time for my first big decision. I choose to bypass diamonds in favour of my four card major and bid 1♠. Lefty passes and partner bids 2♠ by the nature of Standard American Yellow Card we have no conventional responses over reverses to I try to slow things down with 2NT. Partner bids a confident 3NT which ends the auction. Even though I feel that my meagre six count may prove inadequate, I am certainly not unhappy about the bidding, at least from my side of the table. At least the declarer play will be stronger from my side. Lefty thinks a while and eventually produces the ♦6.

DLR: Partner VUL: Both

PARD (dummy)

- A T
- **♥** KT53
- ♦ A 9
- ★ K8762

ΜE

- **♦**J765
- **♥** J 4
- ♦ 76 5 3
- ♣ A T 5

| ME  | LEFTY | PARD | RIGHTY   |
|-----|-------|------|----------|
|     |       | 1♣   | Pass     |
| 1♠  | Pass  | 2♥   | Pass     |
| 2NT | Pass  | `3NT | All Pass |

#### Wow.

Partner sure missed by a couple of kings. Because of the friendly lead, I still have a faint chance at 3NT. If an opponent has the doubleton ♣QJ and lefty has the ♥Q, then I can scoop one spade trick, two hearts, one diamond and five clubs before they can effectively start diamonds or spades.

With nothing to lose, I call for a low heart from dummy and my ♥J wins. This is good news, because lefty probably has the ♥Q. So I immediately lead my last heart towards dummy and win the ♥T when lefty plays low.

With two heart tricks in, it's time to go after clubs. I try the ♣K and nothing big fails. Small to the ♣A collects righty's ♣J and the last club puts lefty in as righty pitches the booming ◆T. Lefty obediently switches to diamonds, the ◆8.

Well, I've got one spade trick, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs, which is not bad for this hopeless contract. Should I concede down one and accept my pending zero matchbpoint score or is there still a chance to make 3NT? Go to Page 21 to find out.

### PSYCHOLOGY OF BRIDGE - PART TWO

By Prent Glazier, Toronto

the last issue of Bridge Canada, I stated that your degree of alertness and focus at the table will have much more bearing on your overall effectiveness than how much you learn about squeezes, coups, percentages, close bidding decisions, vague inferences and esoteric conventions. Here's my story about how attention skills shape the destiny of every bridge wannabe that ever came down the pike!

In school I was a daydreamer, a forgetter. I could not easily address myself to mundane tasks. I could zero right in on what interested me but shifting that focus to accommodate changing circumstances was very difficult. As a result, I was "different".

I took up bridge partly in an attempt to overcome my problems. It helped, but the same forces that affected me outside of bridge also limited my performance at the game. Too bad! I really love the game but it's hugely frustrating to feel so muddled that I can't do justice to the interesting situations before me, to let partners down, give opponents whatever impression this gives them, and in general, desecrate the game.

You hate those days, too, right? With good reason. Charles Goren said "there is nothing like a few minus 800s and 1100s to impair your social standing." He wasn't joking. If a telephone number shows you up on one hand, a 40% game shows you up on twenty-six. The best of partners will lose at least some of their enthusiasm for you. The worst will humiliate, bad mouth and ostracize you. It's no different than in school sports or the workplace! Competence breeds respect and affection, incompetence inhibits the development of good will. It's that simple.

It is imperative therefore that you channel as much of your energy as possible into develop-

ing good attention skills. If you have them, extensive reading on advanced topics will supplement these skills, possibly more by helping you stretch the think muscles away from the table than by providing you with information. But among those with mediocre attention skills, attempts to assimilate and apply such information will be largely ineffective and certainly won't replace concentration as the governing force in their performance. ("Reading and studying" has limitations that I will discuss in a later issue.)

We don't talk about attention. We "know" it's important. We take it for granted. Never having lived inside the mind of a player who has excellent table presence, we don't know what it's like to truly be on top of such a wide range of often fundamentally simple concepts. So we assume, most of us, that we perform adequately in this respect. All of us could improve, however, and some of those most in need of that improvement aren't even aware of it.

Most of us can 'prep' ourselves for a special game with a special partner, but it's not easy to do that for the routine club game. And everyone has tried to "force" their concentration only to find that you merely end up concentrating on concentrating - and not on what's in front of you. There are no books that I know of on the subject, at least none that a bridgeophile would run to the library for. Thus the person who wants to improve this focus is to a large extend on his own.

The fact is that "attention" and especially the specialized type of focus required for good bridge play is a complex neurological process in which some players simply have more suit-

able "wiring" than others. Just as most athletes are not structurally adapted to develop into four-minute milers, so it is that most bridge players will be plagued to one extent or another by lapses that, to a considerable effort, are involuntary.

This is probably at the root of more misunderstanding between bridge players than any other one facet of the game. The person who does have a significant amount of difficulty, as I did and sometimes still do, may be very perplexed that with all his motivation and enthusiasm, how can he fall asleep at the switch so often? He may be in denial. He may try to cover up. If attention difficulties are a prominent limiting factor he may come across to others as having a poor attitude, lazy, lacking motivation, unstable, incompatible, conceptually deficient, stressed, fatigued, or more. Just as an unathletic child in school may be accused by his gym teacher of not trying, so might a player with "foggy" tendencies be seen as having an inappropriate attitude. This doesn't resolve the problem. Being at war with one's basic nature and trying to be something one is not can lead to a lot of self-deception, hypocrisy, visible depression, rudeness or other socially inappropriate behaviour.

How you address this issue is something you'll have to work out for yourself. Good luck. In the next issue I'll write about some things that helped me. In the meantime, it would do all of us good to be more compassionate and less judgmental of the bizarre things some people do as they try to become less bizarre. Despite appearances, partner may be doing his best and perhaps more than you know has you interests at heart!

## THE FALLIBLE GENIUS • continued from page 19 ONLY ONE SLIM CHANGE

I have only one remaining chance. I have to hope that lefty comes under unbearable pressure when I cash all of the clubs. But first, I must duck the \$8 to take away a possible later exit card. Righty wins the \$K, and follows up with a low diamond return, collecting lefty's \$Q. Now in dummy, I cash my two clubs and hope for a miracle. No one pitches a spade honour, but lefty lets go of two spades.

With nothing left to lose, I cash the ♠A (catching lefty's ♠K) and continue spades to lefty's ♠Q. Lefty is now endplayed in hearts and I can claim 9 tricks and +600. You can probably guess how many matchpoints that was worth.

Nice bid, partner! The entire hand:

PARD (dummy)

- ♠ A T
- **♥**KT53
- A 2
- **♦**K8762

| LEFTY         | RIGHTY       |
|---------------|--------------|
| <b>♦</b> KQ82 | <b>♦</b> 943 |

- - ME

♠ Q 9 4

- **♦** J 7 6 5
- **♥** J 4
- ♦ 7653
- **♠** A T 5

On the last hand of the set, partner reversed again! I ended up playing 44 doubled, but this time I held the damage to only three red undertricks.

**♣** J 3

Partner stopped believing in miracles.

## DE QUOI PARLE-1-ON ENCORE? DE COMPTER, COMPTER!

#### Par Bernard Marcoux, Montreal

On apprend aux débutants, lorsqu'ils doivent jouer un contrat, à ne pas jouer trop rapidement à la première levee, à faire un plan et à compter leurs levees.

Il faudrait aussi leur dire de faire la même gymnastique en défense : compter les levees du déclarant et celles de la défense. Voici votre main :

- **♦** XX
- ♥ V8xx
- ♦ 9xx
- ♣ A9xx

#### Enchères

| EST | SUD     | OUEST | NORD |
|-----|---------|-------|------|
| 1SA | р       | 2♣    | р    |
| 2♠  | р       | 2SA   | р    |
| 3SA | passent |       |      |

Votre partenaire entame de la Dame de carreau. Voici le mort :

#### Mort

- ♦ V8x
- **♥** A109x
- ◆ Rx
- ♣ 10xxx

#### Vous

- **♠** XX
- ♥ V8xx
- ♦ 9xx
- ♣ A9xx

Le déclarant duque, votre partenaire continue du 8 de carreau (indiquant probablement 5 cartes, le 8 étant la 4°), gagné au mort. Le déclarant appelle trèfle ... Dormez-vous? Ou alors êtes-vous simplement dans le noir parce que vous n'avez pas fait une pause sur l'entame, vous n'avez pas compté, vous n'avez pas



fait de plan. Retournons en arrière, revisions les enchères et comptons.

Est a ouvert 1SA, 15-17, et d'après les enchères et l'Intame, il a une main 4234. Voilà. Comment découvrir cela? Facile lorsqu'on observe, compte en réfléchit.

Au Stayman, l'ouvreur a réponduu 2 , donc 4 cartes; il a duqué l'entame carreau, et si votre partenaire en a 5, le déclarant a seulement 3 carreaux à l'As. Il ne peut donc avoir 5 trèfles puisque cela lui ferait un main 4315, et on n'ouvre pas 1SA avec un singleton. L'ouvreur a donc fort probablement 4234.

Comptons maintenant ses levees: il a 2 carreaux sûrs, l'As de coeur, et probablement 3 levées de trèfles, votre partenaire ayant un singleton. Si le déclarant n'a que 2 coeurs, il ne peut pas développer de levées dans cette couleur. Et si le déclarant a un honneur de coeur, votre partenaire, qui a 4 piques, a sûrement un ou des honneurs en majeures derrière de déclarant. Donc, il n'y a pas lieu de paniquer, le déclarant ne peut se sauver avec son contrat.

Sur le trèfle du mort, mettez l'As. Le déclarant joue petit et votre partenaire, le Valet! Votre hypothèse se confirme donc : le déclarant a 4234. Revenez carreau afin d'établir la couleur de votre partenaire.

Le Déclarant gagne de l'As et joue maintenant 3 levées de trèfle, et c'est à votre partenaire de compter; sa main à ce moment-là:

#### Part.

- ◆ D9xx
- ♥ RDx
- ♦ Vx
- 🦺 -

Et pour lui, s'il a compté évidemment, la main du déclarant est un livre ouvert :

#### Déclarant

- ♠ ARxx
- **♥** (V)x
- ♦ Axx
- ♣ RDxx

Sur les 3 levées de trèfle, votre partenaire doit donc défausser 1 pique et 2 coeurs! IL N'A PAS LE CHOIX!!!

Cela revient à dire que, si le déclarant a le Valet de coeur, la main est imbattable. Votre partenaire doit donc sécher son Roi de coeur. Le déclarant joue maintenant coeur, votre partenaire joue son Roi sec, As du mort.

Le déclarant tire maintenant sa demière cartouche : Valet de pique du mort qu'il laisse filer. Il a besoin de l'impasse pour faire 9 levées : 3 trèfles, 2 carreaux, 1 coeur, il a donc besoin de 3 piques. L'impasse rate et votre partenaire encaisse ses carreaux pour 1 de chute. La main complete :



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#### 

♣ RD87

#### Sud

Ouest

♦ V8x

◆ Rx

♥ A109x

♣ 10xxx

Nord

- ♠ D9xx
- ♥ RDx
- ♦ DV108x
- **♣** ∨

"Petit en  $2^{e}$ ", répète t-on à tous vents. C'est vrai et ... c'est faux. Au bridge, les principles sont bien beaux, mais rien ne remplace la réflexion. Au bridge, le cas fait la loi, et c'est ce qui rend ce jeu si fascinant.

Autre exemple, vous avez:

- ♠ DVxx
- **♥** ∨9
- ◆ A10xx
- ♣ Rxx

| Sud | Ouest | Nord    | Vous |
|-----|-------|---------|------|
| р   | р     | р       | 1♦   |
| 2♣  | X     | р       | 2♠   |
| р   | р     | 3♣ (!)  | р    |
| р   | Χ     | passent |      |

Le contre de votre partenaire indique une conne main, courte à trèfle. En passant, ces pétards à retardement (i.e. les joueurs qui passent et gagent ensuite), rayez-les de la liste de vos partenaires. Au bridge, on gage d'abord et on pass ensuite. Passer d'abord et gager ensuite invite les désastres, car les adversaries ont eu le temps de se dire leurs mains. On occupe l'espace immédiatement, ou on passé tout le temps. je ne parle pas de ces passes et de ces réveils qui cherchent à se faire

contrer. Seuls les joueurs d'expérience peuvent fair ces enchères.

Votre partenaire entame du 8 de carreau, 3º/5º.

#### Mort

- ♠ Rxx
- ♥ Rxxxx
- ◆ Dx
- ♣ XXX

#### Vous

- ♠ DVxx
- **♥** ∨9
- ♦ A10xx
- ♣ RDxx

10 de votre main, Roi du déclarant qui revient carreau. L'entameur, votre partenaire, joue le 7, indiquant 4 cartes, vous gagnez de votre As et ... COMPTEZ!!! Vous avez besoin de 5 levées pour la chute : votre partenaire DOIT donc avoir les 2 As majeurs, plus votre As de carreau, cela fait 3 levées : il vous faut donc 2 levées de trèfle pour battre le contrat, passer à GO et toucher le chiffre magique +200. Si le déclarant a ADxxx à trèfle, vous ne pouvez le battre; il gagnera le retour au mort, impassera votre Roi de trèfle, jouera l'As et pourra couper son carreau au mort.

Vous devez donc imaginer que votre partenaire a Dx à trèfle; VOUS N'AVEZ PAS LE CHOIX.

Revenez donc du V de coeur, duqué à la ronde. Le déclarant, au mort, joue trèfle vers l'As et trèfle : peine perdue.

Votre partenaire gagne de la Dame et ... mais que fail-il? Il réfléchit!!! Il va vous faire mourir, n'est-ce-pas? Pourquoi ne joue-t-il pas As de coeur et coeur, coupé de votre part pour moins 1 contré vulnérable?

Après un bon 5 minutes, votre partenaire, qui ne vous a pas vu vieillir de 10 ans, joue petite pique ... SOUS SON AS!!

Le déclarant lui jette un regard, l'air de quelqu'un qui semble dire : "Mais il est fou, ce joueur!" Le Roi du more gagne, et c'est maintenant le déclarant qui se met à réfléchir, et qui perd peu à peu son petit air arrogant. Plus il réfléchit, plus il comprend qu'il ira moins 2, contrés, vulnerable.

Votre partenaire a tout compris, il sait que vous avez le Roi de trèfle (le déclarant aurait joué AR s'il les avait eus), il veut donc vous donner la main à pique, vous enlèverez le dernier trèfle du mort et vous ferez une 2º levée à carreau pour +500, et un TOPTOP (+200 était aussi un TOP, mais, lorsqu'on réfléchit en défense et qu'on extrait le maximum, on mérite un TOPTOP.). La main :

|              | Mort        |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|              | ♠ R∞        |             |
|              | ♥ Rxxxx     |             |
|              | ♦ Dx        |             |
|              | ♣ XXX       |             |
| Part.        |             | Vous        |
| Axxx         |             | ♠ DVxx      |
| <b>♥</b> Axx |             | <b>♥</b> ∨9 |
| ♦ V87x       |             | ♦ A10xx     |
| <b>♣</b> Dx  |             | ♣ Rxx       |
|              | Déclarant   |             |
|              | <b>♠</b> XX |             |

**♥** Dxx

RxxAV10xx

Comme je le dis souvent : dans les jeux télévises, il y a les VIF et le MORT. Le vif gagne parce qu'il est plus rapide et l'autre perd, donc meurt.

Au bridge, plus souvent qu'autrement, le vif **EST** le mort.

## L'AUDACE ET LE FLANR

par Bernard Marcoux, Montréal

Maurice Duplessis, ancien premier ministre du Québec, disait qu'en politique, il y avait trois choses importantes : premièrement, le pouvoir, deuxièrement, le pouvoir, troisèmement le pouvoir.

Au bridge, c'est un peu la même chose, et les trios choses importantes sont : premièrement, gager, deuxièrement, gager, troisèmement gager. Prenez cette main du regional de Hull de la première ronde du Suisse.

donc connus pour leurs succès. Je l'ai déjà dit et redit: au bridge, il faut être optimiste dans les enchères, et pessimiste dans le jeu de la carte. Le bridge est un jeu d'enchères à 80%; si vous ne gagez pas, vous ne gagnerez pas, c'est aussi simple que 2 et 2 font 4. Il ne sert à rien de s'obstiner contre cette evidence: les joueurs qui gagnent sont ceux qui gagent ou, si vous aimez les palindromes, les joueurs qui gagent sont ceux qui gagent, un point, c'est tout.

Sur le  $6 \heartsuit$  de Nicolas, Kamel a mis son jeu sur la table et s'est mis à réfléchir, à hocher la tête, pour finalement dire : "Ça ne se peut pas, il ne peut pas gager comme ça, il doit avoir cette main!", et il a mis le carton  $7 \heartsuit$  sur la table. La main (le déclarant se retrouve en Sud) :

| Ouest        | Est         |
|--------------|-------------|
| <b>♠</b> Axx | ♠ RVxx      |
| ♥ xxxx       | ◆ ARDxx     |
| <b>♦</b> X   | ♦ Ax        |
| ♣ ARxxx      | <b>♣</b> Dx |

#### Enchères

| Nord | Est | Sud | Ouest |
|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 3♦   | X   | 4♦  | 5♦    |
| р    | 6♦  | р   | 6♥    |
| n    | 22  |     |       |

Disons tout d'abord qu'en Est se trouvait Kamel Fergani, et en Ouest, Nicolas L'Écuyer, deux joueurs non reconnus pour leur timidité, et

#### Nord

- ♠ RVxx
- **♥** ARDxx
- ♦ Ax
- ♣ Dx

#### Sud

- Axx
- ♥ xxxx
- ♦ X ♣ ARxxx

Voilà pour l'audace, maintenant il faut jouer la main. Le bridge est un peu comme les deux

> faces de la vie : les enchères sont la partie du rêve, et le jeu de la main représente la partie de la réalité. Au bridge, il ne suffit pas de rêver, il faut aussi savoir compter, si l'on veut arriver au sommet. Le déclarant doit réaliser son rêve.

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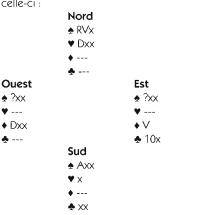
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Nicolas a pris l'entame du Roi de carreau et a coupé un carreau. Ensuite, AR de coeur, les coeurs sont 2-2. Si maintenant les trèfles sont au pire 4-2, le contrat est sur table, les troisième et le quatrième piques du mort disparaissant sur les trèfles.

Nicolas a donc joué Dame de trèfle, le Valet à gauche. Puis AR de trèfle, découvrant le partage 5-1, et le problème de cette main : qui a la Dame de pique? La situation est donc celle-ci :



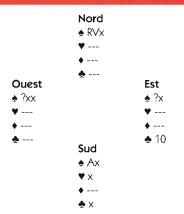
Nicolas a coupé un trèfle, pas de problème pour Est; Dame de coeur maintenant, Est défausse carreau, pas de problème encore; voici maintenant le coup de grâce, coeur encore et Est doit défausser pique évidemment, puis qu'il sait que Sud a encore un trèfle.



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Nicolas a maintenant joué pique vers l'As, le 10 d'Est, puis pique vers le more, Ouest fournissant deux petits. Que faites-vous? (Remarquez ice au passage le jeu expert de mon partenaire Serge Hamelin, qui sait depuis longtemps que ce grand chelem se joue sur les piques, et qui n'en a pas défaussé un seul.)

Ici, je crois qu'intervient la notion de flair, mais ce flair se base sur la présence à la table. En Est, sur le coeur qui squeezait trèfle-pique, j'ai hésité pour recompter la main; pourtant j'avais ce compte depuis longtemps et j'aurais dû me préparer pour défausser pique sans hésiter sur le coeur squeezant. Cette hésitation a-t-elle été suffisante pour guider Nicolas? Sans doute, mais je préfère penser qu'il aurait trouvé quand même la bonne ligne de jeu; il a mis le Roi, cueillant ma Dame maintenant sèche, scorant 1510 pour gagner le match sur cet étui.

Tels sont les excellent joueurs, et c'est ce qui les distinguee des bons joueurs : ils trouveront plus souvent les cartes qu'un bon technicien. Évidemment, vous me direz que Nicolas est oblige de trouver les cartes, et il l'a appris à la dure école, car il se retrouve souvent (toujours?) trop haut. Effectivement, à jouer contre lui, on se rend compte, et son partenaire s'en plaint parfois, que Nicolas ne passe jamais, mais il gagne, et c'est tout ce qui compte au bridge.

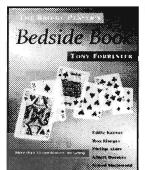
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Tuesday, October 27, 1998 April 20, 1999 October 28, 1999

## FUND GAMES

Oct 22, 1998 Canada Wide Jan 30, 1999 ACBL Wide Mar 9, 1999 Canada Wide May 12, 1999 ACBL Wide July 23, 1999 ACBL Wide Oct 21, 1999 Canada Wide

#### **CHARITY FUND GAMES**

November 23, 1998 March 23, 1999 November 22, 1999

#### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

12-13 nternational Teams, Oslo, Norway

#### **OCTOBER**

1-4 Vilnius Cup, Lithuania
NOVEMBER
6-8 Monte Carlo Teams
19-29 ACBL Fall NABC Orlando FL

DECEMBER 27-30 EBU Year End Congress, London

#### JANUARY

14-17 Cap Gemini World Invitation Pairs, The Hague

20-22 The Macallan World Invitation, London

25-28 The Tolani World Invitation, Mumbai, India

#### MARCH

15-20 European Open & Senor Pairs, Warsaw

18-28 Spring NABC, Vancouver BC JUNE

13-26 Generali European Teams & Ladies Pairs, Malta

#### JULY

22-Aug 01 Summer NABC, San Antonio TX

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