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#### **CBF AND ACBL RELATIONS**

of 1999:

t hat began as a set of worrisome problems for the CBF Board has escalated into a potential crisis.

Money matters have always been something of a problem, what with the US-Canada exchange rate getting out of hand and the lack of ownership of our tournaments. More recently an audit of our CBF dues has shown a distinct weakness in accounting practices at the ACBL, which has led to fees paid by our members not being credited to the CBF.

At the Vancouver NABCs, a series of occurrences brought relations between the CBF and ACBL to a new low.

First, while I was on my way to Vancouver, and what I had been told was the opportunity to present the CBF's position to the ACBL Board meeting, the ACBL Board voted NOT to wait for my arrival. The vote was close, in fact lacking one vote, and bottom line was I was not allowed to present our case (which would have meant waiting until 2PM on the afternoon I was scheduled to speak to the Board).

Next, the ACBL Board voted to take away the right of individual countries to ratify their own teams for international representation. All teams would now have to be ratified by the ACBL. Canada's autonomy was to be taken away, unlike any other NCBO in the world.

There were other affronts and name calling and our Canadian representatives to the ACBL Board left the meeting extremely unhappy and upset over what had transpired. Since then ACBL CEO David Silber has made some major efforts to smooth the waters, including a one-on-one meeting with CBF Zone VI Director Aidan Ballantyne and the next day with myself.

Communication suddenly improved tremendously and I now get the same monthly full report as the ACBL Board. Mexico and Bermuda are now also receiving this reportthat has never happened before.

David Silber has said he will pay our Junior Teams entry fees to the World Championship. ACBL President Val Covalciuc has proposed a new motion regarding accreditation of Zone Two teams which introduces the creation of a "Zonal Conference" for Zone 2.

There is reason to hope that the sudden flurry of co-operation will continue.

On the following pages you will find a letter which I sent to the ACBL CEO and ACBL President, along with a resolution which was passed by the CBF board at our annual meeting.

Please send your comments and suggestions, critical or otherwise, to either myself or Jan Anderson, and the comments will be forward-

ed to the entire Board.

Doug Heron President, Canadian Bridge Federation



#### **CBF AND ACBL RELATIONS**

ACBL CEO David Silber

Jean David

On behalf of the CBF I would like to thank you for paying the entry fees for our two junior teams at the World Junior Championship this summer.

I would also like you to know that the Directors of the CBF appreciate your recent efforts to ease tension and solve problems between the two organizations.

You may be sure that our primary goal is to solve problems and not to set up a parallel organization, but that in the end we may be forced into that position against our hopes and wishes.

The CBF is working on the wording of a resolution that outlines our position in detail, and you will be receiving a letter from our CBF Board in the near future.

Hoping we can continue to work together.

Sincerely,

Doug Heron

PRESIDENT Canadian Bridge Federation



The mandate of the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) comprises:

- enhancing the quality and enjoyment of bridge in Canada;
- representing the interests of Canadian bridge players in regional, national and international contexts;

 promoting bridge and revitalizing the game in Canada at all levels;

- increasing CBF membership
- selecting and coaching Canadian representatives for international competition.

The CBF is fiscally constrained in implementing its mandate since the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), rather than the CBF, sanctions duplicate bridge in Canada. The CBF Board recognizes a long tradition of cooperation between the CBF and the ACBL for the betterment of bridge in Canada, but believes that current arrangements are failing in several areas. Therefore the CBF Board resolves the following:

1. The CBF Board will approach the ACBL and attempt to work cooperatively with the ACBL to resolve outstanding problems by May 15, 2000. Some problem areas include:

#### (a) CBF MEMBERSHIP INCOME

CBF membership income is on a downward trend; consequently the CBF faces an impending financial crisis. There are several issues that need to be addressed:

(i) the ACBL accounting system is deficient with respect to CBF membership dues. For example the ACBL does not provide a meaningful reconciliation of funds collected on behalf of the CBF. Specifically,

	Members Accounted	Total Canadian
	For (Paid & Unpaid)	Members
1995	14,678	17,442
1996	14,101	17,005
1997	15,895	16,651
1998	15,231	16,645

#### **CBF AND ACBL RELATIONS**

(ii) the ACBL has been slow in setting up ACBL protocols to ensure that Canadians buying or renewing their ACBL membership also pay CBF dues and are properly credited with doing so.

(iii) the ACBL has been unwilling to work with the CBF in considering other ways of addressing the CBF's membership dues problem. Alternatives that should be considered include:

making CBF fees payment a mandatory condition of Canadian membership in the ACBL.
rebating to the CBF a share of ACBL membership dues collected from Canadians (even if this means raising ACBL dues for Canadians).
remitting to the CBF a portion of ACBL sanction fees from ACBL games run in Canada (even if this means increasing sanction fees in Canada).

#### (b) ACBL LACK OF SENSITIVITY

The ACBL displays a lack of sensitivity regarding issues of national sovereignty, character, etc. The ACBL does not adequately recognize the separate, unique and distinctive character of its four member nations. Lack of sensitivity is reflected in:

 (i) difficulty in addressing problems arising from a weak Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar;

(ii) inability to provide French language service to Canadian francophones;

(iii) other specific policy/product examples such as the New Member Guide of the ACBL that ignores the three non-U.S. bridge organizations that are part of the ACBL.

#### (c) INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

An historically important part of the CBF's mandate has been the selection of Canadian representatives to complete internationally. (i) recent actions by the ACBL Board in Vancouver (Spring 1999) suggest that the ACBL is supplanting Canada's sovereignty in choosing its representatives (i.e., the ACBL motion passed that the ACBL will ratify Canada's international representatives in WBF events involving zonal representation);

(ii) with respect to zonal representation to WBF events, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda have a constant battle to ensure that at least some of the North American Quota in international competition accrues to non-U.S. NCBOs. The ACBL should recognize a fundamental principle that North America's representatives should always come from at least two different member countries for any particular competition.

2. While cooperating with the ACBL to solve ongoing problems, the CBF will concurrently investigate its options with respect to forming an independent, lower cost and more efficient organization to take over the sanctioning of duplicate bridge in Canada. The CBF will also obtain advice related to:

(a) legal issues;

(b) determining the amount of equity presently held by the ACBL belonging to Canadian members;

(c) consulting with Canadian bridge players, administrators, tournament directors and other interested parties concerning the future of bridge in Canada and the creation of an independent league;

(d) establishing a mission statement for a new organization;

 (e) creating a business plan for a new organization.

The CBF is only investigating its options. In the event that satisfactory progress has not been made by May 15, 2000 in resolving the issues between the CBF and the ACBL, the CBF may be obliged to pursue those options.

#### NATIONAL WINNERS

#### 1. Laurie Danyluk & Winston Gokavi, Saskatoon DBC 77.32%

2. Julie Bidwell & Wilma Katzman,	
Saskatoon DBC	72.22%
3. Edith Young & Charles Mcaleenan	,
Bathurst DBC	68.41%
4. Dagmar McReynolds & Suzanne C	Choinard,
Barrie Bridge Assoc.	68.37%
5. Mike Thompson & Dianne Moore,	
Saskatoon DBC	68.33%
6. Jeanne Kerfoot & Terry Stokes,	
Powell River DB	68.15%
7. David Deaves & George Lipski,	
Guelph DBC	68.11%
8. David Hooey & Dianne Isfeld,	
Vancouver Bridge Centre	67.55%
9. Jean Stevenson & Kay Pfahl,	
Ottawa Bridge Centre	67.50%
10. Terry Rull & Camiel De Vries,	
The Bridge Fokes	67.48%

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1999 - 38 clubs took part in our annual Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. The Edmonton Bridge Centre had the highest turnout with 79 pairs. The Martinique Bridge Studio of Calgary came in with 52 pairs followed by the Saskatoon DBC with 50 pairs., the Hub City DBC in Nanaimo with 48 pairs, the Vancouver Bridge Centre with 47 pairs and The Bridge Fokes in London, Ont. with 46 pairs. Past ACBL President, Dick Anderson of Regina, did an excellent analysis for this game.

### THE NEXT ROOKIE MASTER GAME

The 1999 Erin Berry Rookie Master Game Thursday, October 28, 1999

#### by Winston Gokavi

Laurie Danyluk, who likes playing cards, got into bridge about five years ago when her friend Jane Deneer suggested that they take lessons at the Saskatoon Bridge Club. The Club had advertised the "Club Series" in the local newspaper. Laurie and three other friends took the Club, Diamond, and Heart series. They practiced the lessons at the kitchen table.

Laurie took the Heart series a second time in September 1997. Winston Gokavi taught the series. Laurie was a very keen student who constantly asked questions, took notes and actively participated in the class. She and her friend Noreen Donald proved to be aggressive bidders and declarers. They also defended well. The week following the end of the lessons, Laurie Danyluk competed in her first Rookie/Master game and came first at the Club with a 67% game. She also placed fifth in Canada.

Laurie is married, with three children, Michael 15, Greg 14 and Leah 9. Her husband is not a card player but is big into golf. Laurie is not able to spend much time at her bridge game because the children keep her hopping. She has to drive them to all kinds of sporting activities. Laurie is in the accounting field and her skill with numbers is readily apparent when she is at the bridge table. She was especially aggressive in her bidding at the Rookie/Master game. Her declarer play was very competent and her defensive attitude positively on the up and up. She enjoyed defending hand 10 for a top. Her only regret was missing the slam bid on hand 27. Laurie, who has already become a good bridge player, will be even better in the future. Right now, she can only play one or twice a month.

... Winston is a Life Master and an accredited bridge teacher.

#### **BRIDGE CANADA**

A vote of thanks was extended to our editor Jude Goodwin-Hanson for another excellent year. A vote of thanks was also extended to Bernard Marcoux for his excellent work of helping us maintain some French language content.

The Board would like to see

Bridge Canada have more

articles of interest to local

plish this the CBF asks all

players. To try and accom-

Units in Canada to put our

editor on the mailing list for

submit articles to Bridge

For future National

their Unit publications and to

Canada whenever possible.

Championships we will try to

aet shorter write ups that are

less technical. The CBF will

provide "Interesting Hand"

records at Bridge Week and

will also make recording of

CNTC and CWTC a hosting

the final matches of the

**INTERNATIONAL** 

The Board ratified our

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and two Canadian Junior

teams and set amounts for

requirement.

their subsidy.

#### **CBF HOME PAGE**

The CBF will continue to maintain the CBF Home Page. Although we would like to expand on it, financial constraints make that impossible at this time. We will try and find someone onsite at Bridge Week to e-mail results to our WebMaster in a timely fashion so that the results may be posted regularly.

#### COACHING

The Board reaffirmed that coaching is important for our international representatives but due to financial constraints and the desire to try to maintain current levels of subsidy, priority for coaching will be given to those who haven't had the opportunity to take part in coaching sessions in the past.

#### CANADA WIDE STAC

The Board approved in principle the idea of a Canada Wide STAC but more ground work needs to be done and suitable dates must be found.

#### **CBF COORDINATOR**

The Board approved a salary increase for the CBF Coordinator.

## HIGHLIGHTS from the CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS MAY 1999, OTTAWA

#### **ROOKIE-MASTER GAMES**

We will continue to run two rookie-master games a year – Helen Shields in the spring and Erin Berry in the fall. We will continue to provide hand analysis of all hands.

#### ARCHIVIST

Steps are being taken to provide our Archivist with the mounds of paper held in storage so that she may begin to go through it all.

#### CANADIAN BRIDGE HALL OF FAME

The CBF Board has approved in principle the concept of a Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame. A committee was struck to investigate the question and report back to the board with a proposal.

#### ERIC SUTHERLAND STEPS DOWN

Citing heavy work load and lack of time, Eric has stepped down as Director for Zone III. Ray Lee has been appointed Director in his place. Many thanks to Eric for all his hard work!

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

#### **BRIDGE WEEK CONCERNS**

Several motions were passed dealing with concerns raised by individuals taking part in 1998 Bridge Week. These included:

•DICs (Director-in-Charge) will be asked to dress in appropriate ACBL-NABC standards

•No smoking will be allowed in the playing area, washrooms, hospitality room nor in hallways or corridors adjacent to the playing area.

•Appeals will be heard by committees of players consisting of 3 -5 players with 5 being the preferred number. The DIC will select the members of the committee from a pool of players taking into account experience, neutrality, minimally affected by result and a reasonable cross section of peers. This pool of players will be formed by having each team captain submit to the DIC at the Captain's meeting the name of one person from their team who will serve on committees. The committee will be the sole judge of its membership.

•For security reasons the CNTC and CWTC will only play the same boards if the matches are of equal length and on the same time schedule.

•The final of the CWTC will be increased to 72 boards to make it the same as the final of the CNTC.

•Beginning in 2000 the CBF will award gold, silver and two bronze medals to the final four teams in the CNTC and CWTC.

#### COPC & CWTC

No change was made to the scheduled time frame of the club round of the COPC. A Committee was set to review the Conditions of Contest of the CWTC.

#### CNTC

Some changes have been made to the Conditions of Contest:

• Teams will be allowed to advance to the National Final as long as they retain two original members - any dropped members are poisoned. Disagreements as to who continues in the event must be resolved by the team else no one will continue.

• Any team advancing to the National final must have at least two members who reside in the zone they are representing.

As well, the board reduced sanction fees for single session games from \$15 per team to \$12 per team, changed the travel subsidy policy for National Final to include "for original members of a team to qualify for subsidy money, they must have played at least 50% of the boards in either the Unit Final or the Zone Final." and set up a committee to review the Conditions of Contest.

#### CNTC - FLIGHT B

Steps have been taken to add a Flight B to the CNTC starting in the fall of 2000. ACBL Board approval needs to be received. Conditions of Contest need to be changed and ACBLscore needs to be set up to handle the new Flight.

The plan is that Flight B of the CNTC will be open to all players with fewer than 750 mps. on Sept. 1 of the year club round play begins. The Flight B will have club, unit, zone and National Finals. For club and unit level of play, games may be stratified with open CNTC games. At the Zone level a separate Flight B championship will be held but may be at the same time and location as Flight A Zone Final. The National Final, held during Canadian Bridge Week, will be a six-team final with one team representing each Zone.

#### MONEY

# Budget Your CBF dues are deposited into the GENERAL FUND and dispersed exclusively according to the

sively according to this Annual Budget.

JUNIOR FUND BUDGET

GENERAL FUND		
	2000	1999 (revised)
REVENUE		
CBF Membership Fees	75 000	72 000
CNTC net	4 000	5 000
COPC net	3 000	3 000
CWTC net	1 000	1 000
Rookie Master Game	1 500	1 500
Interest	3 500	3 500
Total	88 000	86 000
EXPENSES		
Audit	900	900
Bank Charges	200	200
CBF Coordinator	22 400	22 000
Bridge Canada magazine	39 000	38 000
COPC Cash Prize	1 500	1 500
Amortization	700	950
Directors' Expenses	500	500
Directors' Meeting	6 000	6 000
Education	1 000	1 000
Insurance	1 400	1 300
Internet	2 500	2 400
Miscellaneous	800	800
Office Expenses (incl rent/travel)	7 200	7 100
Telephone	2 500	2 400
Translations	500	500
Storage	700	670
Special Projects	1 500	
Total Expenses	87 800	87 770

#### INTERNATIONAL FUND BUDGET

_	2000	1999 (Revised)
Revenue	10.000	10.000
Game Receipts	18 000	19 500
Bridge Week	11 200	12 000
Interest	1 000	1 000
Total	30 200	32 500
Expenses		
COPC Cash Prize	1 500	1 500
National Coach	0	3 000
Tri-country Playoff		8 000
Bermuda Bowl		12 800
Venice Cup		12 800
Olympiad Teams Open	10 000	-
Olympiad Teams Women's	10 000	
Total	24 500	35 100

	2000	1999
REVENUE		
ACBL	2 200	4 765
Junior Month	6 800	6 800
Other Months	3 200	3 200
Interest	800	800
Total	13 000	15 565
EXPENSES		
<b>EXPENSES</b> Special Projects Cyborg	2 500	2 500
Special Projects	2 500	2 500 2 000
Special Projects Cyborg	2 500	
Special Projects Cyborg Coaching		2 000
Special Projects Cyborg Coaching Int'l Br Festival	1 000	2 000



5 500

21 000

Total

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#### MONEY

## **Financial Pages**

Canadian Bridge Federation Inc. Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Equity For the year ended December 31, 1998

GENERAL FUND		
	1998	1997
REVENUE		
COPC net	4 4 3 8	4 505
CWTC net	25	977
CNTC net	4 583	664
Rookie Master Gome net	1 247 3 544	2 375
Interest CPE Markey bins	3 344 73 335	2 136 64 615
CBF Memberships GST Rebate on WITC	3 706	04 015
Late Fees	141	50
LOIE LEES	141	
	91 019	75 322
EXPENSES		
Audit	850	750
Amortization	1 293	1 168
Bank Charges	57	149
Magazine	34 493	22 537
Coeching	-	3 075
Directors' Expenses	175	912
Directors' Meeting	5 799	4 698
CBF Coordinator	17 600	17 200
Insurance	1 228	586
Miscellaneous	120	439
Office Expenses	6 025	6 087
Telephone	3 541	3 053
Internet	2 105	1 974
COPC Cash Prize	1 500	4 500
Storage	660	266
Translations	400	350
Special Projects	2 000	32
Loss on disposal of Capital Assets		
	77 846	68 065
EXCESS OF REVENUE	13 173	7 257
FUND EQUITY start of year	79 078	86 321
Transfer to World JR Championship		(12 500)
Transfer to Junior Fund	(2 000)	(2 000)
FUND EQUITY end of year	90 251	79 078

#### FINANCIAL AND BUDGETS

Actions for the CBF Board of Directors Meetings in May 1999. - A motion was passed that for budgeting purposes in all accounts we will budget for a net revenue of zero or plus - no negative budgeting. The Board also approved a contribution of \$250 towards the cost of translating the Easy Bridge Series into French.

#### INTERNATIONAL FUND

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REVENUE	1998	1997
International Games	19 567	19 599
	19 387	397
Interest	1084	347
International Fund Surtax	11 400	
Bridge Week	11 600 2 628	
Miscellaneous	2 0 2 8	0
	34 879	19 996
EXPENSES		
COPC Cash Prize	1 500	
National Coach	2 502	
McConnell Cup	8 773	
Rosenblum	8 773	-
Tri-Country		8 000
Venice Cup		12 479
Bermuda Bowl		12 479
Postage	-	45
Miscellaneous	•	1 195
	21 548	34 198
EXCESS OF REVENUE	13 331	(14 202)
FUND EQUITY start of year	14 307	28 509
FUND EQUITY end of year	27 638	14 307

#### JUNIOR FUND

1998	1997
074	007
	287
	352
	5 903
	4 670
	-
	-
820	205
	1 4 7
2 000	0
	10 499
3 000	3 000
1 000	
196	0
6 196	13 499
9 774	(2 082)
7 762	7 760
2 000	2 000
	84
19536	7 678
	274 395 862 6 852 4 088 1 433 1 246 820 2 000 3 000 1 000 1 96 6 196 <b>9 774</b> 7 762 2 000

#### CBF CHARITABLE FUND

\$20,300



1998 dispersals totalled \$20,550.00 The following donations for 1999 were approved:

The CBF Charitable Foundation will be publishing a brochure which will instruct on how to submit charity requests and will provide information about guidelines used in awarding donations. This brochure will also highlight previous donations made.

#### CANADIAN WOMEN WIN BI-COUNTRY PLAYOFF FOR BERTH IN BERMUDA 2000

MONTREAL PQ - Congratulation to Beverly Kraft, Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Sheri Winestock, Rhoda Habert, and Barbara Saltsman (George Mittelman NPC) our 1998 Women's Team on their win over Mexico

September 1999

Total

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING May 17, 1999 Ottawa

In 2000 or 2001, we will likely donate our millionth dollar to Canadain charities. In year 2000, donations will be designated but not limited to:

- Literacy groups
- Canadian Humane Society
- Children's Wish Groups

Other groups being investigated as possible recipients of our donations are:

- Ronald McDonald houses.
- Organizations helping paraplegics.
- Non-profit drug and alcohol rehab organizations.
- Sheltered Workshops.
- Adoption of a CBF foster child.

Marilyn White of Toronto was elected Chairperson of the CBF Charitable Foundation for the term 1999 - 2000. Janice Anderson was appointed Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

(Miriam and Magy Rosenberg, Nancy Lira, Bronia Nosnik, and Nancy Gerson) in the recent Bi-country playoff. The women played four sessions of 32 boards (total 128). The outcome of the event was in doubt up until the last quarter when the Canadians pulled ahead to win.

#### CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR CBF ZONE DIRECTOR

The term of office of the CBF Zone Director Zone III (Units 166, 246, & 249) and Zone VI (Units 429, 430, 431, 456, 571, & 574) expire on December 21, 1999.

This is to notify CBF members in those zones that the CBF Coordinator is now accepting nominations for these positions.

Any paid up member in good standing with the CBF and residing in the zone may submit his or her name as a candidate for the position of CBF zone director.

Any interested persons 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 no later than Sept 30, 1999. The declaration shall contain the name, address and unit of said candidate and may contain biographical material which is not to exceed one hundred (100) words.

The term of office for zone director is three (3) years. Units will conduct their voting between October 9 and November 30, 1999.

Questions about the duties of the Zone Director can be directed to the CBF Coordinator or any Zone Director.

#### CANADIAN OPEN TEAM WINS BI-COUNTRY PLAYOFF AND BERTH IN BERMUDA 2000

Canada – Mike Hargreaves, Victoria BC; Gordon McOrmond, Delta, BC; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC; Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC; Joseph Silver, Montreal PQ; Fred Gitelman, Toronto ON; Irving Litvak (NPC) – opened up a 28-0 lead after the first 2 boards in the June Mexico-Canada bi-country playoff in Vancouver, BC. After a series of heavy exchanges Canada had built a 76 IMP lead at the end of 32 boards. The Mexicans were Gonzalo Herrera, Dorita Montelongo, Miguel Reygadas and Elena Brucilovsk.

In the 2nd session Silver-Graves played Herrera-Montelongo on vugraph and the Canadians had a very rough set. Mexico closed the gap to 40 IMPs after 48 boards. Litvak decided to bench Silver-Graves and after a highly entertaining 16 board segment, where both teams showed imagination and initiative, the Mexicans won back 4 more IMPS. At one point they had the lead down to 22 IMPs. By the end of the 3rd quarter however, Canada was ahead by 100 and finished the event 335 - 235.

The match was held in Richmond BC. Thanks to a tremendous effort by local volunteers there was a reception, a hospitality room, food, beverages, monitors and a daily vugraph. All this despite just 3 weeks to prepare. Thanks to all!

Aidan Ballantyne Jenny Ballantyne June Pocock Phil Wood Dave House Mark Eddy Brian Russell Jude Goodwin-Hanson Pete Walton Richard & Marcia Christie Gladys Mackie and others!

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#### JUNIOR BRIDGE

## JUNIOR TEAM REPORT

by Jonathan Steinberg



Team Canada I's official NPC is now only Jonathan Steinberg. Leslie Amoils had to resign. He will be

playing for South Africa later this year and next and the WBF does not allow one to play and/or NPC for 2 different countries. Thanks Leslie for all you've done!

Gavin Wolpert has replaced Steve Lariviere on Team Canada II. Steve was ineliaible according to the WBF Conditions of Contest. You must have been born on or after January 1, 1974 in order to be eligible to participate in the 1999 World Junior Bridge Championship. This sounds simple but you are also eligible if you were born in 1973 if your Zone held a Zonal Championship to select the 1999 Junior team in 1998 Both the ACBL and the CBF held Zonal Championships in 1998 to select their 1999 teams. Hence, players born in 1973 became eligible as in the case of Canada's David Brower and USA's Brian Mever both of whom will turn 26 in 1999 {born in 1973). Steve Lariviere was born in mid-November, 1973 but unfortunately he did not qualify in a Zonal competition in 1998. Steve gualified in a Zonal competition in April 1999 which does not make players born in 1973 eligible. Had the trials to select Canada II been held in 1998, Steve would have been eligible. But we didn't know about a possible Canada II in 1998! You might say Steve is 6 weeks too old or the trials were held 4 months too late! Bottom line is that an honest mistake was made when Steve was allowed to play. Nobody realized that he was technically ineligible until the official WBF entry form clearly spelled out the eligibility rules.

Both teams had a coaching weekend with Eric Kokish June 4-6, 1999. *(Eric Sutherland, NPC for Team Two, wrote an article on this topic for* the ACBL Bridge Bulletin *that appeared in the August issue ... ed)* 

#### CANADA WINS 4th SPOT TO WORLD JUNIOR BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP!

The Canadian Junior trials to select Canada II were held in Toronto, April 2-3, 1999. Final Results were:

- 1. Josh Heller Ian Boyd
- 2. Erin Anderson Steven Lariviere
- 3. Craig Barkhouse Colin Lee
- 4. Jeff Smith Isabelle Brisebois
- 5. Gavin Wolpert Charles Halasi

On the Sunday, April 4 in Toronto, Canada II won a 64 board match against USA III to qualify as the 4th team to represent Zone 2 this summer at the World Junior Championships.

#### CANADA II

NPC: Eric Sutherland, Josh Heller & Ian Boyd, Erin Anderson & Steven Lariviere (now Gavin Wolpert, see left), Craig Barkhouse & Colin Lee

Canada II joined Canada I and two previously approved USA teams in representing the ACBL at the World Junior Bridge Championship August 9 - 18 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

#### CYBOrg

Eric Sutherland has stepped down as the head of CYBOrg and editor of CYBONews. Ben Seidenberg and David Halasi will replace him. Ben and David hope to develop a web site fo CYBOrg which will be linked to the CBF Home Page.

CANADIAN JUNIOR BRIDGE http://www.cbf.ca/JR

#### **1999 INTERNATIONAL FUND CALCUTTA**

## OH CALCUTTAI

the 1999 International Fund Calcutta was open to everyone who wanted to play. Entry fee for this two session event was \$150 per pair and there were cash awards for the top 20% of pairs overall in each session. This came from the Players Pool made up of entry fees minus game expenses. IMP Pair scoring, comparing to a datum arrived at by deducting the top two and bottom two scores, was used. The field was seeded based on the purchase price for each pair (see sidebar).

The event began with a reception and auction Saturday July 10 followed by a light lunch and then the IMP Pairs game. The First Canadian Bridge Federation International Fund Calcutta raised approximately \$2000 towards sending our International Teams to play for Canada.

## **1999 IF CALCUTTA RESULTS**

1	Waldemar Frukacz & Vlad Grodecki	825	\$3600
2	Ray Grace - David Smith	500	\$2400
3	Ghassan Menachi - Jon Robinson	375	\$1170
4	Darren Wolpert - Nick L'Ecuyer	750	\$990

Entry total 24 pairs at \$150 per pair \$3600 Auction total \$12,000

Section top in the players pool payed \$640 Section top winners were Frukacz-Grodecki and Wolpert-L'Ecuyer

#### **Richmond Trophy**

Sta	ndings July 7, 1999	
1.	Ken Warren, Delaware ON	676
2.	Ken Gee, Regina SK	523
З.	Andy Stark, Mississauga ON	328
4.	Martin Caley, Montreal PQ	282
5.	Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON	256
6.	William Koski, King City ON	252
7.	Allan Graves, Vancouver BC	247
8.	Gavin Wolpert, Thomhill ON	240
9.	Don Brock, Brampton ON	234
10.	Jeff Smith, Gloucester ON	234
11.	Doug Fraser, Mount Royal PQ	223
12.	Jonathan Ferguson, Gloucester ON	222



Lerner - Lindop	975
Frukacz - Grodecki	825
Wolpert - L-Ecuyer	750
Amoils - Zeidenberg	650
Heron - Kent	600
Ross - Bishop	575
Grace - Smith	500
Grainger - Schockl	500
Priebe - Chan	500
Bowman - Bowman	475
Dimich - Takemori	450
Liberman - Tylman	425
Ladewig - Janiki	400
Neufeld - Schwartz	400
Pockock - Bert	375
Menachi - Robinson	375
Binsky - Campbell	350
Davidson - Kertes	300
Demme - Dunbar	300
Goldstone - Holmes	300
Khan - Carpenter	300
Platt - Smith	300
Weniger • MacKenzie	300
McIntyre - Gold	300

13.	Allice Anderson, London ON	207
14.	Claude Laberge, Longueuil PQ	204
15.	Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke PQ	202
16.	Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	197
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#### **1999 CNTC NATIONAL FINALS**

#### **TED HORNING (1940-1999)**

One of Canada's all-time great bridge players, Ted Homing, died this moming after a fierce battle with cancer. Ted is survived by his wife Wendy and son Jason. Ted's death cut short his quest to fulfill two dreams. One was to retire to South Africa, which he and Wendy had visited many times and had fallen in love with. The other was to win the Canadian Bridge Team Championship. Although known for years as Canada's finest pairs player, Ted was justifiably proud of his teams record as well, having reached the finals of the Canadian Championship in 1991, the semifinals on other occasions, and the semifinals of the North American Championship in 1984, and having finished fourth in the Cavendish Invitational Teams in 1997.

In pairs play, Ted won the right to represent Canada in the World Pairs Olympiad many times, and had a tenth and a seventeenth place finish in that, the world's toughest and most gruelling pairs event. In Canadian and North American Pairs Championships there were many wins and top finishes. Ted had the knack of playing well against the best in the world, the best in the country, or the best in the club, whatever the skill of the opposition. He was successful at all levels of competition.

Nevertheless, it is as a partner, teammate and opponent that Ted will be remembered best. In my 28 years partnering Ted at the bridge table (and occasionally as an opponent), he never uttered a critical, contemptuous or angry word to anyone. He was a very ethical, sportmanlike player who could extract the best game possible from his partner - everyone simply played better with Ted. Ted was indeed a 'Class act'. Would that there were more like him.

Other than a short stint with IBM in the sixties and seventies, Ted made his living from bridge his whole life. He was the antithesis of everything the corporate world wanted in its employees - tough, independent, entrepreneurial, unstructured. It was inevitable that he would leave the corporate world to do his own thing. Ted's bridge activities were extremely varied - he owned numerous bridge clubs at different times, played bridge professionally, taught bridge classes, directed games, organized travel groups, was the Toronto Star Syndicate's bridge columnist for 21 years, and was a regular contribution to the Bridge Calendar.

We shall miss you, Ted. John Carruthers, Monday, July 19, 1999



#### CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS 1999 CHAMPIONS

Ted Horning, Honorary Captain Robert Lebi, Willowdale ON Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON Drew Cannell, Hampstead PQ John Carruthers, Toronao ON

#### **Runners Up**

2. Boris Baran, Cote-Saint-Luc PQ - Allan Graves, Vancouver BC - George Mittelman - Eric Kokish, Toronto ON -Mark Molson, Miami FL

3/4. Michael Hargreaves, Victoria BC -Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC - Dan Jacob, Burnaby BC - Lawrence Hicks, Coquitlam BC

3/4. Kamel Fergani, Longueuil PQ -Nicolas L'Ecuyer - Jeffrey Blond, Montreal PQ - Doug Fraser, Mount Royal PQ

#### **ROUND ROBIN FINAL STANDINGS**

1. 485 Eric Balkam - Michael Betts - John Stewart -Donald Presse, Halifax NS; Irving Litvack - Roy Hughes, Toronto

- 2. 483 Baran
- 3. 472 Hargreaves

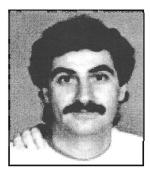
4. 460 Darren Wolpert, Thomhill ON; Jurek Czyzowicz, Alymer PQ; Fred Gitelman, Toronto ON; Brian Maksymtez, Coquitlam BC; Joseph Silver, Hampstead PQ

5. 456 Lebi

6. 449 Jim Green - John Gowdy - Martin Kirr, Toronto ON; Amo Hobart, Peterborough ON

 441 Dave Willis, Orleans ON; John Valliant, Ottawa ON; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; Wlodzimierz Grodecki, Wayne PA; Fred Lerner, Markham ON; David Lindop, Toronto ON
 Fergani

#### **1999 COPC NATIONAL FINALS**





Jacob (above) and Hicks did not let a disappointing loss in the NTC semifinals discourage them from winning the COPC.



## Dan Jacob, Burnaby BC Larry Hicks, Coquitlam BC

1	Dan Jacob - Lawrence Hicks, BC	363.50
2	Paul Janicki - Detlef Ladewig, ON	361.91
3	Jurek Czyzowicz, PQ - Darren Wolpert, ON	356.96
4	Doug Fraser - Jeffrey Blond, PQ	353.00
5	Stephen Brown, ON - Pierre Daigneault, PQ	347.50
6	Michael Dimich - Brad Bart, BC	345.26
7	James Cole - Mavis Cole, ON	342.37
8	Mihai Valcu - Gabriel Nita-Saguna, ON	342.09
9	Neil Kimelman, SK - Bob Todd, MB	341.76
10	Kamel Fergani - Nicolas L'Ecuyer, PQ	338.50
11	Larry Hansen - Roland Laframboise, ON	338.10
12	Ed Zaluski - John Zaluski, ON	335.43
13	Andy Stark - Martin Hunter, ON	330.00
14	June Pocock, BC - Mary Lou Bert, WA	327.08
15	Douglas Root - Kevin Conway, ON	320.66
16	Joey Silver, PQ - Fred Gitelman, ON	318.69

#### TWO INSTANCES OF ACTIVE ETHICS AT THE 1999 CNTC

In the CNTC round robin vs Barton, Doug Heron declared a 4<sup>sh</sup> contract and at the end claimed down one. At the dinner break the Barton team was going over the hands, and they could not figure out how he could have been set. Lee Barton called Heron's room and explained that having gone over the hand several times, it was clear that he had made the contract. Lee Barton submitted a correction to allow 4<sup>sh</sup> making.

At the end of the CNTC round robin, the Fergani and Fourcaudot teams were tied in the 8th and last qualifying spot. The tie-breaking formula was used to break the tie, and Fergani was eliminated. Later that night, the Fourcaudot team realized they had not been deducted a one victory point procedural penalty which had been awarded by an appeals committee. They called the Fergani team, set things right,, and Fergani took their 8th spot, moving into the quarter-finals.

A big kudo to both the Barton and Fourcaudot teams for doing the ethical thing and helping to keep bridge a classy sport.

#### **1999 CWTC NATIONAL FINALS**

#### **ROUND ROBIN FINAL STANDINGS**

- 1. 357 Gordon
- 2. 337 Nadler
- 3. 335 Adachi

4. 328 Janet Dunbar - Elizabeth Redrupp -Shelagh Paulsson, Toronto ON, Ina Demme, Willowdale ON, Bev Ross, Branpton ON, Judy Overland, Weston ON

5. 316 Winestock

 310 Wendy Krause - Christine Lebi, Toronto ON; Janet Galloway - Despina Georgas, Willowdale ON; Barbara Sims, Mississauga ON; Janice Fox, Etobicoke ON

7. 307 Marian Dupont - Joslyn Grassby, Ottawa ON; Mary Drummie - Marcie Shaw, Kanata ON; Barbara Mackay, Fredericton NB; Jean Brett, Orleans ON

 300 Irene Hodgson, Toronto ON; Chrystyna Schock - Helen Brockman - Kathy Guinyou, Willowdale ON; Noreen Sugarman, Kingston ON; Susan Cooper, Thornhill ON

The winning CWTC team is eligible to be ratified as Canada's official representative in the Women's Teams at the 2000 World Teams Olympiod in Maastricht, Netherlands, and receive subsidy money to attend this event.



Dianna Gordon, Toronto ON Katie Thorpe, Toronto ON Beverly Kraft, Toronto ON Francine Cimon, Montreal PQ Martine Lacroix, Chicoutimi PQ Rhoda Habert, Saint-Laurent PQ

#### **RUNNERS UP**

 Sheri Winestock - Gloria Silverman, Toronto ON - Barbara Clinton, Aurora ON - Roisin O'Hara, Oakville ON - Barbara Saltsman, Montreal PQ - Nancy Koffler

3/4. Kathy Adachi, Delta BC Marcia Christie - Ina Anderson, Surrey BC Leslie Gold, Richmond BC

3/4. Mike Nadler NPC - Linda Wynston, Toronto ON - Ruth Gold, Pompano Beach FL - Hazel Wolpert, Thornhill ON - Maureen Culp,, Pickering ON - Doreen Bernhardt, Uxbridge ON - Debbie Bennett, Scarborough ON

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#### 1999 CWTC QUARTER FINAL RESULTS

Gordon 191 vs Hodgson 102 Nadler 143 vs Dupont 91 Adachi 155 vs Krause 84 Winestock 156 vs Dunbar 97

#### SEMIFINALS

Gordon 106 Adachi 93 Winestock 127 Nadler 119

#### FINALS

Gordon 154 Winestock 64

September 1999



## Élémentaire, mon cher Watson!

#### par Bernard Marcoux, Montréal

Le Dr Watson kibitzait son vieil ami Sherlock Holmes, qui

jouait un petit robre à leur club de Londres. Watson ne jouait pas au bridge; en vérité, il jouait, mais jamais avec Holmes. En fait, personne ne voulait fouer à la table de Holmes, car tous pensaient qu'il voyait à travers les cartes: il prenait toujours les bonnes impasses, trouvait toujours les Dames, effectuait toujours le bon switch. Il avait de plus un esprit caustique qui semait la terreur chez ses partenaires; à la vue du mort, il sortait sa loupe, se penchait au-dessus de la table, examinait soigneusement les cartes de son partenaire et ajoutait alors généralement:

- Cher ami, même à la loupe, je ne trouve rien dans votre main qui puisse justifier vos enchères.

Les seuls joueurs qui consentaient à jouer avec Holmes étaient jack L'Éventreur, le Dr Moriarty et l'inspecteur Lestage de Scotland Yard. Jack et Moriarty faisaient équipe, naturellement, et l'inspecteur jouait avec Holmes, le bons contre les méchants, comme quand on était petit. Holmes mettait toutefois la pédale douce à son persiflage avec l'inspecteur, car celui-ci faisait appel à ses services dans les affaires insolubles, ce dont Holmes raffolait; et ce dernier avait aussi certaines petites habitudes de consommation sur lesquelles Lestage fermait les yeux. Gentlemen's agreement!

À gauche de Holmes se trouvait Jack l'Eventreur; Holmes, 4e à parler, ouvrit sa main:

€XX
<b>♥</b> A9
♦xxx
♣AD108xx

Jack	Lestage	Moriarty	Holmes
1♠	Р	lsa!	2♣
2♠	3♣	Р	5♠

Jack entama coeur.

Mort
≜Rxx
♥R87x
♦ADxx
<b>♣</b> 73
Holmes
♠xx
<b>♥</b> A9
▼A2
◆A3 ◆XXX

♣AD108xx

À la vue du mort, Holmes sursauta, prit sa loupe, se leva, se pencha cérémonieusement sur la table et se mit à examiner le mort. Il planait au-dessus de la table, tel un hélicoptère, allant des piques aux coeurs aux carreaux, tout à coup plongeant vers ces deux petits trèfles. Il levait alors les yeux et regardait l'inspecteur à travers l'oeil de sa loupe. Celui-ci, nullement intimidé, opposait à chaque regard inquisiteur de Holmes un petit air narquois que seuls les fonctionnaires tout-puissants peuvent afficher.

À première vue, Watson pouvait compter 6 perdantes: 2 piques, 2 carreaux et 2 trèfles.

#### ÉLÉMENTAIRE, MON CHER WATSON!

Il se préparait à entendre le chapitre d'insultes que Holmes destinait généralement à ses partenaires qui gageaient mal, main son téléavertisseur se mit tout à coup à tintinnabuler. Il dut s'éloigner pour aller donner un coup de telephone et, à son retour, la main était terminée. Il se pencha pour consulter la feuille de pointage et aperçut +100 dan la colonne de Holmes. Holmes avait fait 11 levées!! Celui-ci sentit la surprise de son vieil ami, se retourna vers lui et, gamin, lui décocha son sourire le plus espiègle.

Après la partie, en remontant à son appartement sur Bond Street, Holmes lui raconta le détail. Le club de bridge se trouvait près de Charing Cross Station, à deux pas de Trafalgar Square (point de depart de toutes les mesures de distance entre Londres et le reste du monde). Si l'on se place à l'intersection de Trafalgar Square et de Northumberland Avenue (où Holmes exploite un pub qui porte son nom), dos à la Tamise, on aperçoit, à gauche, L'Arche de l'Amirauté, par laquelle on emprunte Pall Mall Avenue qui nous mènera à Buckingham Palace (Buckhouse, comme dissent les Anglais, toujours irrévérencieux). Au centre de Trafalgar Square s'élève la statue de l'infâme Nelson, ennemi de tous les Français. À droite. la cathédrale St-Martin-in-the-Fields, qui a donné son nom au célèbre orchestra classique de Neville Mariner (Academy-of-St-Martin-in-the-Fields). Derrière Nelson, la National Gallery.

Holmes et Watson enfilèrent donc Charing Cross Road, vers le nord, jusqu'à Leicester Square, où Watson s'excusa pour aller aux toilettes chez McDo. Entre Covent Garden à droite et Soho à gauche, les deux comparses montèrent jusqu'à Cambridge Circus, prirent à gauche sur Shaftesbury ("Une bière sur Compton Street, Holmes?" proposa Watson, maintenant soulagé). Mais Holmes, attiré par l'animation de Piccadilly Circus au loin, ne répondit même pas. Watson pressa le pas pour le rattraper et lui demanda:

- Et cette main de 5<sup>(\*)</sup>, Holmes, comment avez-vous foué pour faire 11 levées? 3 impasses, j'imagine? (Watson ne connaissait du bridge que les impasses; viola pourquoi Holmes ne voulait pas jouer avec lui)

- Non, je dirais peut-être une, si impasse signifie 50% de chances de réussite. Une fois la première impasse réussite, le reste était forcé.

- Expliquez-moi.

Jack entama coeur.

Mort
<b>≜</b> Rxx
♥R87x
♦ADxx
<b>♣</b> 73
Holmes
♠XX
<b>♥</b> A9
♦xxx
♣AD108xx

- Les enchères ont révélé que mon ami Jack a probablement 6 piques; a-t-il un singleton coeur, peu probable; il en a probablement 3 ou 4. On ne peut pas accuser Jack, no plus, d'être timide dans les enchères; je lui mets donc 6 piques, et non 7; avec 7, je le connais, il aurait rebidé 3. Sur le petit coeur du mort, le Dr Moriarty a joué la Dame et J'ai pris de l'As: le Valet de coeur devrait donc se trouver chez mon ami Jack. Pour localiser le Roi de trèfle, je dois d'abord débusquer l'As de pique. Survient alors le seul jeu où j'al besoin de chance, 50%, pour être exact. Petit pique, Jack sauté sur son As et revient pique, Moriarty jouant Valet et Dame de pique. Jack a donc, pour son ouverture, 6

#### ÉLÉMENTAIRE, MON CHER WATSON!

piques à l'As, probablement le Valet de Coeur, le Roi de carreau (peut-être aussi le Valet) et le Roi de trèfle. Cela ressemble au style de jack. Après le Roi de pique, j'ai donc joué trèfle vers mon As et j'ai cueilli le Roi sec de Jack.

- Bravo, Holmes!
- Élémentaire, mon cher Watson!

- Bon, unse bière à Piccadilly Circus, Holmes?

- Je n'ai pas terminé, Watson. Jusque-là, je ne fais que 10 levées. Comment ai-je fait pour réussir 11 levées?

- Un adversaire a renounce?

Prenant a gauche sur The Quadrant, Holmes poursuivit.

 J'ai joué mon 9 de coeur que j'ai laissé filer. Moriarty a pris de son 10 et est revenu petit trèfle, gagné au mort avec le 7. Tout est maintenant en place pour un Trump Coup.

- Donald Trump, où ça, Holmes??

- Je ne parle pas de Donald Trump, Watson, je parle d'un Trump Coup; la position est maintenant:

londonienne	typique	de Sir	Arthur Conan	l
Doyle.				

- Roi de coeur, Moriarty fournit, je défausse un carreau, et le Valet de Jack tombe. 8 de coeur maître, Moriarty fournit, je coupe.

- Pourquoi couper une levée maîtresse? Vous aviez encore fumé, peut-être?

- Non, Watson, pour réussir un Trump coup, je dois me raccourcir mes atouts au même nombre que Moriarty, En fait, nous avons ici un Grand Trump Coup, où on coupe une levée maîtresse afin toujours de se raccourcir.

- Vous ne devriez jamais vous abaisser au niveau de vos ennemis!

- Petit carreau vers la Dame.

- Ah! Ah! Une impass quand même.

- Ce n'est pas une impasse, c'est une certitude. Au mort avec la Dame de carreau, je joue pique. Moriarty défausse ce

qu'il veut, et je coupe encore.

- Encore!!

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	Jack		Moriarty
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	Sans impor	rtance	¥
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			♠ V9
		Holmes	
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		♦ x	
		♣ D10	

	Mort ♠ x ♥ R8 ♦ ADxx	
Jack ≜10 ♥ V ♦ RVx	÷	Moriarty ♣ ♥ xx ♦ 10xx ♣ V9
-	Holmes	

Holmes et Watson prirent à gauche sur Conduit Street, traversèrent Saville Row et se retrouvèrent sur New Bond Street. L'air était bon, les cabs circulaient, les lumières des magasins brillaient, une nuit - Petit carreau vers l'As, suivi de carreau du mort et Moriarty est fini. C'est ce qu'on appelle un Grand Trump Coup; avec ce coup, on va chrcher les atouts adverses même si cela semble impossible. C'est un coup très beau, assez rare pour en parler lorsqu'il se présente.

#### ÉLÉMENTAIRE, MON CHER WATSON!

Arrivés au coin d'Oxford Street, ils remarquèrent un brouhaha dans les environs de Selfridges, l'un de plus grand magasins à rayons de Londres. Ils se hâtèrent, fendirent la foule grâce aux policiers qui reconnurent Holmes: sur le trottoir gisait le Dr Moriarty, éventré, mort.

- Qu'est-ce qui se passe?
- Jack l'Éventreur a lassé sa carte.
- Vous ne croyes pas si bien dire,

commenta Holmes en se penchant.

Sur le cadaver se trouvait une carte toute couverte de sang.

- Quelle carte est-ce, Holmes?
- Élémentaire, mon cher Watson!

C'est la carte que Moriarty aurait dû jouer pour me faire chuter.

#### Lestage ♠ Rxx ♥ R87x

♦ ADxx

**4** 73

#### Jack l'Éventreur

Al0xxxx

♥ Vxx

♦ RVx

♣ R

- ♠ DV
- ♥ D10xx

**Dr Moriarty** 

- ♦ 10xx
- ♣ V9xx

#### Holmes

- ♠ xx
- ♥ A9
- ♦ XXX
- ♣ AD108xx

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#### CANADIAN JUNIOR MASTERPOINT RACE

#### as of July 7, 1999

 Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON
 256

 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON
 240

 Jeff Smith, Goucester ON
 234

 Steven Lariviere, Toronto ON
 174

 Craig Barkhouse, Barrie ON
 157

 Erin Anderson, Regina SK
 142

 David Grainger, Etobicoke ON
 140

#### THOSE WERE THE DAYS BUT...

The Port Credit Bridge Club was formed Dec. 1956. Entry fees were 75¢, a bottle of Nescafe cost 96¢, sugar 33¢, milk 17¢ and coffee revenues averaged \$2.20 per night. Their rent was \$15.00 per week and Coke bottle returns factored into the revenue. By December 1957, it was decided to join the ACBL, a director was hired at \$1.50 per table and the Treasurer reported a healthy balance of \$64.70. But the same old problems haunted them: Slow players, late arrivals, refreshment charges, board resignations, and which night was the best night to play.

... Madeline Conrad, CBF Archivist

#### **MASTERPOINT RACE** as of July 7, 1999 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON

**CANADIAN YOUTH** 

240 Erin Anderson, Reging SK 142 David Grainger, Etobicoke ON 140 Isabelle Brisebois, Candiac PQ 118 Charles Halasi,, Toronto ON 98 Josh Heller, Toronto ON 92 Susan Harbour, West Hill ON 87 Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ 83 David Sabourin, Dunrobin ON 51

Test your bridge ... maybe.

You are West, vul. vs not (naturally). South deals and passes, and you hold ↓ A ♥ 8 7 ♦ 8 ♠ A K J 10 8 7 5 4 3 Your call.

2 You are West again:

North (Dummy)

- ♦ 83
- AQ62
- 763
- ♣ AJ75
- West (You)
- **≜** –
- ♥ J 10 8 5 3
- 1084
- 🔶 K Q 10 4 3

North	South
1♠	2♠
2NT	3♦
3♠	4NT
5♥	6♠

You lead the ♣K, which declarer ducks in dummy. Partner plays the ♣2 (standard carding) and declarer the ♣6. How do you continue?



Here's a trio of problems from the 1998 Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC): one each to test your skill in bidding, on defense, and on opening lead.

Q	Yet again you are West. What do you lead on this hand? Non Vul:
υ	lead on this hand? Non Vul:

West	North	East	South 1♥
]♠	2♦	3♠(1)	pass
pass	4♥	all pass	

(1) preemptive

★AJ965 ♥A6 ♦985 ♣A103

Solutions?

1. Of course, there are no systems for this kind of hand. But what exactly does partner expect you to have if you open 5<sup>th</sup> in second chair, at unfavorable vulnerability? Will you miss a slam? If you open 1<sup>th</sup>, or even 2<sup>th</sup>, will the opponents find a good save in a major - or could this even be a double slam swing hand?

Those who opened  $5 \oplus$  usually got raised to six, although several with pessimistic partners played it right there in game ('look for reasons to bid, not reasons to not bid...'). The  $1 \oplus$ and  $2 \oplus$  bidders were not impressive either. One pair playing a relay system managed to get only to  $5 \oplus$ , while the rest generally decided to treat their clubs as solid and ended up in the grand. Fortunately, the  $\oplus Q$  was doubleton, so all ended happily for them. It occurred to me that, since everyone had so much trou-

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ble, these hands might make a good "Challenge the Champs" problem; certainly it's worth discussing with your favorite partner.

2.	North	
	<b>★</b> 83	
	♥ AQ62	
	•763	
	🜲 A J 7 5	
West		East
♠ —		<b>▲</b> J752
♥ J 10 8 5 3		♥ 974
• 1084		♦ KQJ
🛧 K Q 10 4 3		• 982
	South	
	♠ AKQ 1096	4
	♥ К	
	♦ A 9 5 2	
	<b>*</b> 6	

Well, did you fall for it? More than one defender did, and continued a club looking to give partner a ruff, which is the only way South can make the hand after the devastating club lead. You really shouldn't go wrong, since if South actually had three clubs, why wouldn't he just draw trumps and play up to the sJ?

#### MASTERPOINT PRESS BOOKS WIN ABTA AWARDS

Ray and Linda Lee's Toronto-based bridge book publishing house, Master Point Press, may have set some kind of record by picking up both of the 1999 Book of the Year awards from the American Bridge Teachers' Association. The awards were announced at the ABTA convention in San Antonio in July. The winner in the 'elementary' category was '25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know', by Toronto's Barbara Seagram and Britisher Marc Smith. The advanced-level award went to Eddie Kantar's new twobook series, 'Eddie Kantar teaches modern bridge defense' and Eddie Kantar teaches advanced bridge defense'. All three books should be available from any good bookstore or bridge supply house. Bridge Teachers can obtain quantity discounts from the publisher.

3.	North	!
West ▲ A J 9 6 5 ♥ A 6 • 9 8 5 ▲ A 10 3	South ♣ K 10 ♥ QJ974 ♠ K7 ♣ K975	East

This was a really sad hand. I started the ♠A, bringing off an Elvis Coup ("the king lives"), and the hand was over. Actually there are three cards in your hand that will work, creating a vital entry for partner to lead a black card through: either a low club, or the ♠J. But I haven't yet found anyone who wants to lead a low club,, let alone find the esoteric ♠J!

How did you do?

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION Saturday, October 30, 1999 11:30 am Niagara Regional Niagara Falls, Ontario.

This meeting shall be open to all members of the Canadian Bridge Federation. For voting purposes the Bylaws stipulate that: "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 will be asked to submit the names of their official delegates to the CBF Coordinator by October 15, 1999. Please plan to attend.

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

A thousand mile journey begins with a single step. Every day dozens of future ACBL members, seven future life masters and four future silver LMs play their first ever session of duplicate bridge. Unfortunately some potentially viable candidates will fall by the wayside. One cannot over emphasize the importance of that "first day of school".

You are directing a club game. Half an hour before game time, a man enters who says he has never played duplicate before. If you thoughtlessly peddle an entry to this person without first determining if he is really ready for this form of competition you run the risk of finding vourself in a situation no director wants this person could quite unwittingly ruin everyone's evening. Those who are going to become regulars are going to become regulars no matter how you treat them but if you get off on the right foot you'll get a lot more of their business than otherwise. All this is obvious but it's astounding how many directors just "throw the fish in the water sink or swim" and then complain that we don't get enough new people.

You, of course, know better, You assess this person carefully. The litmus test could be as follows: would you like to have this person stay, play with you, as your quest at no charge, while you are running a game? If the answer is yes, you are probably correctly sensing that you are about to strike gold with this customer. If your man is "upper kitchen bridge" and wants to enter a stronger field, he is a very likely prospect for eventual serious involvement. You want him to form some good habits early - like attending your club regularly. So instead of pairing him up at the last minute with someone who is unprepared for the necessary change in personal

agenda, you yourself should play with this person. Your are the person best suited for the job as you are the one who reaps all the financial benefits as they accrue - and they will.

No lessons! This person could only want one lesson today and that is whether duplicate bridge as played at your club suits him. You can tell him about weak twos later . (He's seen his friends do postmortems and the longer it takes for him to figure out that we do the same thing, the better.) Do fine-tune your assessment of his experience, ability, agenda and personal profile so you are less at risk of mismatching him in subsequent sessions when you can't play with him yourself. If he looks promising, consider drawing on the patrons who enjoy the occasional opportunity to showcase their decency and goodwill. If you've read this far you are probably one of these patrons yourself! There are first-timers I simply wouldn't enjoy playing with but the same applies to players at all levels. If I sense that a new player isn't going to be too much of a bumpy ride, I think of it as being an opportunity to give something back to the game - to make a difference.

Let's get back to that unexpected walk-in. You can also win by determining that this gentleman is not a suitable candidate (at present) for duplicate. You can provide him with information about other channels he might pursue for his bridge - books, teachers, other clubs, recreation centres, maybe even the names of some social players you know.

And follow up! Sometimes the visitor will get interested in duplicate later on and you will have an inside track.

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Sometimes you can give yourself an extra chance as declarer by playing your cards in an order that induces a mistake by your opponent. Here's an example.

Dummy
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- 🔺 K 7 4 3
- ▼ AK12
- A 7
- 843

Declarer

- 🔺 A 6 5 2
- ♥ Q 4 3
- K 3 2
- ♣ Q 7 6

Suppose you reach four spades and West leads the king of clubs. East signals low and East switches to the queen of diamonds, How do you play the hand?

You need the trumps to break. If the hearts are 3-3, you can discard a club on the fourth heart after cashing two high trumps. Can you make the contract if hearts are not 3-3?

Yes, if the opponent who holds three trumps also holds four hearts. Now, can you do better? Can you give yourself an extra chance?

You might still make the contract when East, with three trumps and two hearts, makes an error. You should win the second trick with the king of diamonds, and immediately lead a heart to the ace. Then cash two high trumps, ending in hand and lead a heart to the king .. Next you ruff the 2 of hearts . . . that's right, you pretend to ruff the 2. The full deal was:

D	Jmmy
	K743
۷	AKJ2
٠	Α7

- 843
- West A Q 8 9765 • QJ96 🔶 A K J

East 1109 ♥ 108 10854

- 10952
- Declarer A 6 5 2 ♥ Q 4 3 • K32 Q76

We all know that East should ruff the deuce of hearts, but there are days when East misses his partner's count signal (that's why you led a heart to the ace as soon as you could), or perhaps, West played low on the first heart, giving the wrong count, because he thought a high heart would help declarer.

I once saw a world champion discard on the deuces of hearts in this situation, even though he couldn't defeat the contract if declarer did hold a doubleton heart. So it's definitely valuable to add this play to your repertoire.



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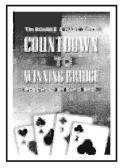
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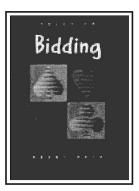
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