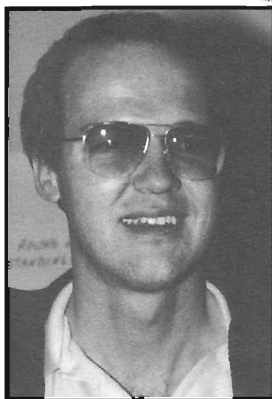
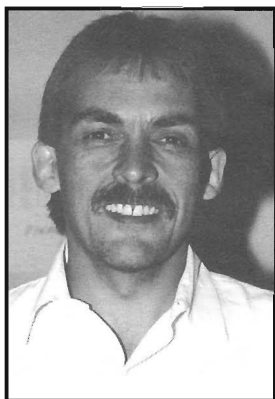


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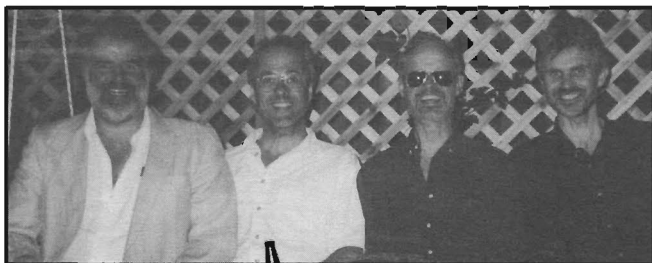
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CNTC & CWTC

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Canada's Youngest
Life Master



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CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANADIAN NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

NATIONAL FINALS

June 9-14, 97
SURREY, BC

1997 CNTC CHAMPIONS

Mike Hargreaves, Victoria BC
Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC
Allan Graves, Victoria BC
Joey Silver, Montreal PQ

RUNNERS-UP

Laurie McIntyre, Ottawa
Stephen Brown, Ottawa
John Bowman, Ottawa
Bill Bowman, Ottawa
Włodzimierz Gradecki, Nepean
Waldemar Frukacz, Ottawa

3/4. Harmon Edgar, Downsview - Michael Schoenborn, Brantford - David Turner, Pickering - Greg Carroll, Toronto - Kamel Fergani, Longueuil - Raymond Fortin, Montmagny

3/4. Denis Lesage, Longueuil - Dave Willis, Orleans - John Valliant, Ottawa - Richard Lesage, Fredericton - Andre Laliberte, Neufchatel - Peter Schwartz, Cote St. Luc

5/8. Ken Penton - Al Simon - Don Gladman - Dan Bertrand, Calgary - Ken Gee, Regina - Cliff Campbell, Thunder Bay

5/8. Michael Cafferata, Scarborough - David Colbert, Etobicoke, Ian McKinnon - Andy Altay, Willowdale - Jurek Czyzowicz, Aylmer - Darren Wolpert, Thornhill

5/8. James McAvoy - Duncan Smith, Victoria - Peter Herold, Surrey - Ken Scholes, Bellevue, WA

5/8. Nicolas L'Ecuier - Jeff Blond, Montreal - Xavier Combey, Pointe-Claire - Ronald Carriere, Kirkland - Nick Krnjivic, Westmount

ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

1. EDGAR	952	9. ROSS	783
2. LESAGE	935	10. CHIPPIN	776
3. PENTON	909	11. ZALUSKI	758
4. CAFFERATA	866	12. IAFRAMBOISE	753
5. MCAVOY	845	13. GARTAGANIS	750
6. L'ECUYER	840	14. AMOILS	744
7. HARGREAVES	828	15. HANNA	737
8. MCINTYRE	815	16. BARTON	691
		17. FISHER	684
		18. BALKAM	629
		19. MACKENZIE	540
		20. BRADLEY	369

Top 8 advanced to the
Quarter-Finals

QUARTER FINALS

	1/4	Half	3/4	Final
EDGAR	48	61	115	160
LECUYER	32	92	112	156
LESAGE	39	63	118	134
MCAVOY	41	56	58	120
PENTON	42	60	95	137
MCINTYRE	43	93	120	138
CAFFERATA	30	58	90	94
HARGREAVES	62	109	130	190

SEMI-FINALS

EDGAR	47	61	83	141
MCINTYRE	36	62	110	178
LESAGE	42	69	92	126
HARGREAVES	42	107	158	222

FINAL

MCINTYRE	32	55	103	135
HARGREAVES	39	92	116	185

CHANGES TO THE CNTC 1997-1998

ANOTHER OBJECTIVE

Objective 4 will be added to the Conditions of Contest and will state:

"To help raise funds to subsidize the CNTC winner to represent Canada internationally."

ENTRY FEES

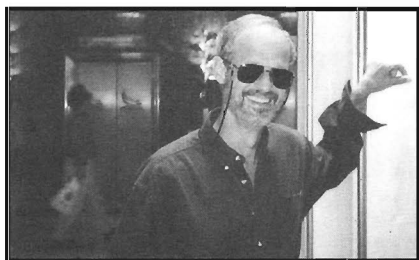
To fulfill this objective the entry fee structure has been changed for the National Final beginning with the 1998 CNTC National Final. A levy of \$200 per team will be added to the entry fee for the Round Robin of the CNTC National Final. Entry fees will now be charged for the Knock-Out portion of the event. A levy of \$100 per team will be added to the entry fee for the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals. The money raised from these levies will go into the International Fund and be used to subsidize the CNTC winner to international competition. The Board also reaffirmed its decision to increase the field for the CNTC National Final to 28 teams beginning with the 1998 CNTC National Final.

REPLACEMENT / AUGMENTATION

In order for players to be eligible to become replacement players or augmentees on a team in the CNTC, they must have CNTC club round qualification.

SCORING

Beginning with the 1998 CNTC National Final, the scoring system for the Round Robin will be changed to the 25 Victory Point VWF scale. This scale will also become the scoring scale that must be used in Zone Finals that involve any kind of Round Robin play.



Joey Silver, 3-time winner of the CNTC.

Photo: Shireen Mohandes



NEW MASTER-NONMASTER CNTC QUALIFYING GAME

Beginning with the club qualifying round of the 1998 CNTC, a new club qualifying game has been added. It will be the Master/Non-Master CNTC Qualifying Game. Each game will be a single session qualifying game with a sanction fee of \$10 per team entered. Each team must consist of at least two non-master players, each with less than 200MPs as of their September point card. Each master (more than 200 mpts) on the team must play with a non-master partner.

The top 50% of the field in these games will receive CNTC club round qualification. Players qualify as individuals.

A DECADE OF CNTC CHAMPIONS

- 1997 Gordon McOrmond - Michael Hargreaves
Allan Graves - Joseph Silver
- 1996 Nader Hanna - Doug Fraser - Michael Roche
Jim Green - Paul Thurston - Rick Delogu
- 1995 Joseph Silver - Fred Gitelman - George Mittelman
Mark Molson - Eric Kokish - Boris Baran
- 1994 Joseph Silver - Fred Gitelman - George Mittelman
Mark Molson - Eric Kokish
- 1993 Mike Cafferata - Mike Kenny - Mary Paul
Dave Colbert - Michael Roche - Chris Hough
- 1992 Jim McAvoy - Duncan Smith - Michael Strebinger
Peter Herold - Jim Dickie - Bruce Ferguson
- 1991 Ed Bridson - John Gowdy - David Lindop
Geoff Hampson - Boris Baran - Mark Molson
- 1990 Doug Heron - Ed Zaluski - David Willis
John Valliant - Mike Betts - Randy Bennett
- 1989 Mark Molson - Boris Baran - George Mittelman
Arno Hobart - Marty Kirt - Billy Cohen
- 1988 Maurice Larochelle - Jean Bernier
Andre Laliberte - Jacques Laliberte
Raymond Fortin - Kamel Fergani
- 1987 Mark Molson - Boris Baran - John Guoba
John Carruthers - Eric Murray

CHANGES TO COPC IN 1997-1998

NO MORE UNIT FINALS

Beginning with the 1998 COPC there will no longer be Unit Finals in the COPC. The Club qualifying period will be September 1, 1997 to November 30, 1997. 50% of the field in each club qualifying game will qualify for the National Final as individuals. Sanction fee for the Club Round continues to be \$10 per table of which \$5 per table will go into the COPC travel subsidy pool.

TRAVEL SUBSIDY

The COPC travel subsidy has been changed so that each Unit in Canada holding Club Qualifying games will be eligible for at least one subsidized pair. The subsidized pair(s) will be the pair(s) achieving the highest percentage game in that Unit during the Club Qualifying games. Players can play in as many club qualifying games as they wish and thus try to obtain higher percentages games. Players must play in the National Final in order to receive subsidy money. The subsidy money is paid out to the individual and not the pair. If a pair eligible for subsidy money decides not to attend the National Final, the subsidy will drop down only to the next eligible pair. The subsidy formula will take into account the distance from the National Final and the participation in the COPC in that Unit. For players that for one reason or another did not qualify in a COPC club round game, club round qualification can be purchased for an administration fee of \$50. This fee is payable to the National Coordinator two weeks prior to the National Final.

CASH PRIZE STRUCTURE 1998

The prize structure for the National Final has been altered to the following:

1st Place	\$2,000.00
2nd Place	\$ 600.00
3rd Place	\$ 250.00
4th Place	\$ 150.00



CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COPC

1997 CHAMPIONS
Michael Betts, Fall River
Randy Bennett, St. Johns
 417.80

RUNNERS UP

Felipe Hernandez, Coquitlam
 Michael Neagu, Coquitlam
 403.24

3.	Keith Balcombe, Brooklin John Duquette, Oshawa	402.05
4.	Larry Hansen Dave McLellan, Thunder Bay	394.93
5.	Peter Herold, Surrey Ken Scholes, Bellevue	391.82
6.	Kiz Fung Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton	390.50
7.	Paul Thurston, St. Catharines Rick Delogu, Waterloo	387.20
8.	Jurek Czyzowicz, Aylmer Darren Wolpert, Thornhill	386.66
9.	Alan Lee, Willowdale Doug Baxter, Toronto	385.66
10.	Rod MacKenzie, Dartmouth Michael Roche, Don Mills	379.60

COPC CHAMPIONS

1996	Dave Willis - John Valliant
1995	Jim Reigle - Pierre Treuil
1994	Dick Anderson - Peter Basarsky
1993	Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski
1992	Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski
1991	Michael Cafferata - Ken Warren
1990	Katie Thorpe - John Carruthers
1989	Ron Borg - Michael Strebinger
1988	John Valliant - Dave Willis
1987	Maurice de la Salle - Mark Chalfin
1986	Gary Whiteman - Ken Warren
1985	Boris Baran - Mark Molson

Helen Shields

1997

CANADIAN ROOKIE-MASTER PAIRS

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1997

39 clubs took part in our annual Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. The total of 1146 pairs was up 199 pairs over 1996. The Ligue de Bridge de Quebec game at the Charlesbourg DBC had the highest turn-out with 80 pairs. The Club de Bridge Chicoutimi came in with 73 pairs followed by the Ottawa Bridge Centre with 68 pairs and Club de Bridge Longueuil with 60 pairs.

ZONE ONE WINNERS:

1. Ron Doucet & Carole Dickson
2. C. Mann & D. MacNeill
3. Peter Hare & Diane Bernard
4. Ruth Fraser & Harry Eickholt
5. E. Ladner & E. MacDonald

96 PAIRS

Newcastle DBC	69.68%
Summerside DBC	63.75%
Newcastle DBC	62.24%
Amherst DBC	60.37%
Summerside DBC	59.58%

ZONE TWO WINNERS:

1. Monique Drouin & Zotique Goudreau
2. Ghislaine Lalonde-Pilo & Daniel Doston
3. Suzanne Raymond & Helene Gregoire
4. Jean-Paul Labrie & Bernard Larouche
5. Anca Zamfir & Adrian Zamfir

454 PAIRS

Gatineau Bridge Club	74.81%
Ottawa Bridge Centre	71.39%
Club de Br. Longueuil	70.83%
Club de Br. Chicoutimi	69.05%
Ottawa Bridge Centre	68.89%

ZONE THREE WINNERS:

1. Robert Jarvis & Ron Guzda
2. Pat Chapman & Charles Parent
3. J. Hunt & J. Swane
4. Robert Starfield & Michael Brown
5. Miriam Bishop & Norma Cross

225 PAIRS

St. Catharines DBC	70.68%
St. Catharines DBC	65.23%
The Bridge Fokes	64.46%
St. Catharines DBC	63.86%
Belleville DBC	63.43%

ZONE FOUR WINNERS:

1. Grant Wurcket & Fred King
2. Walter Dedio & Aki Salo

48 PAIRS

Tuxedo Br. Studio	65.74%
Tuxedo Br. Studio	64.58%

ZONE FIVE WINNERS:

1. Wayne Black & R. Cowie
2. Fred Brown & John Masich
3. Jean Scharfstein & Erna Rath
4. W. Hewitt & B. Bryce
5. Dearle Calder & Paige Finney

268 PAIRS

Flin Flon DBC	69.17%
Prince Albert DBC	68.75%
Saskatoon Br. Club	68.00%
Carlyle DBC	67.71%
Prince Albert DBC	66.96%

ZONE SIX WINNERS:

1. Patricia Radziwill & Isabell Green
2. Lorna Kronlund & Alvin Brown
3. Lorna Dreveny & Doris Nelson
4. Parmel Leeuw & Stan Hegstrom

55 PAIRS

Penticton DBC	60.00%
Fairwinds DBC	59.31%
Penticton DBC	59.00%
Fairwinds DBC	58.94%

NATIONAL WINNERS

1146 PAIRS

1. Monique Drouin & Zotique Goudreau
Gatineau Bridge Club
74.81%
2. Ghislaine Lalonde-Pilo & Daniel Doston
Ottawa Bridge Centre
71.39%
3. Suzanne Raymond & Helene Gregoire
Club de Br. Longueuil
70.83%
4. Robert Jarvis & Ron Guzda
St. Catharines DBC
70.68%
5. Ron Doucet & Carole Dickson
Newcastle DBC
69.68%
6. Wayne Black & R. Cowie
Flin Flon DBC
69.17%
7. Jean-Paul Labrie & Bernard Larouche
Club de Br. Chicoutimi
69.05%
8. Anca Zamfir & Adrian Zamfir
Ottawa Bridge Centre
68.89%
9. Fred Brown & John Masich
Prince Albert DBC
68.75%
10. Gerald Gaugl & Douglas Heron
Ottawa Bridge Centre
68.61%

Charity

CBF CHARITABLE FUND

1996 CBF CF DISBURSEMENTS

	\$
Missing Children Society of Canada	5,000
Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind	1,000

Alzheimer's Society	1,500
Empty Stocking Fund	1,000
United Generations Ontario	1,000
Caring for Cancer Patients	750
Edmonton Food Bank	750
Kidney Foundation (Edmonton)	750
Dartmouth General Hospital	550
Youville Centre	500
University of Winnipeg	500
F.O.S. of Nanaimo	500
Toys for Tots	500
The Parkinson Foundation of Canada	250
The Renascent Centres	250
CNIB Nova Scotia/PEI	200

Total Donations to Canadian Charities in 1996	\$15,000
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1997 DESIGNATED CHARITIES

At the 1997 meeting of the Trustees of the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund the following pledges were made

Missing Children Society of Canada	10,000
Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind	5,000
The Cancer Research Society Inc.	5,000
Trustee Discretionary Funds	9,750

Total Donations pledged to Canadian Charities in 1997	\$29,750
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Note: Trustee Discretionary Funds are intended for the support of local charities in each CBF Zone.

Thank You Katie Thorpe

The Trustees of the CBF Charitable Fund (CBFCF) would like to express their appreciation to Katie Thorpe of Toronto for her work as Chairperson of the Fund since 1990. Katie has given a great deal of her time to ensure that charity money raised by Canadian clubs goes to worthwhile Canadian Charities. Many thanks go to Katie for her tireless efforts on our behalf.

During the coming year the CBF will be actively looking for a person to take over being Chairperson of the CBFCF. This individual will be responsible for: helping find suitable Charities for CBFCF support; ensuring the Trustees receive material on these charities; coordinating the presentation of Charity cheques; facilitating maximum exposure for the CBF through the charity presentations it makes; and chairing the annual meeting of the Trustees of the CBFCF. Anyone with an interest in this position should contact CBF Coordinator Jan Anderson (see back cover).

1998 DESIGNATED CHARITIES

In 1998 the CBFCF designated charities will include: shelters for battered and abused women, Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Cancer Research Society Inc.

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. Note: The Junior Fund Budget can be found on page 13.

GENERAL FUND

	Budget 1998	Budget 1997	Budget 1996	Actual 1996
REVENUE				
CBF Memberships	75 000	68 000	58 000	57 712
CNTC net	3 000	-	2 000	8 237
COPC net	2 000	2 000	2 000	8 329
CWTC net	500	500	500	(26)
Rookie Master Game	2 000	2 000	2 000	1 489
Interest	1 700	2 500	4 000	4 825
Total	84 200	75 000	68 500	81 393
EXPENSES				
Audit	700	680	660	700
Bank Charges	240	230	220	215
CBF Coordinator	17 600	17 200	16 800	16 800
Canadian Bridge Canadien	38 000	27 000	34 600	30 329
COPC Prizes	3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000
Amortization	1 200	1 500	1 280	1 283
Directors' Expenses	2 000	2 000	2 000	1 284
Director's Meeting	6 000	6 000	5 700	6 910
Insurance	1 400	1 000	570	558
Internet	1 800	1 600	1 600	1 499
Junior Development Fund	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Miscellaneous	800	800	800	1 195
National Coach	3 000	3 000	4 200	4 200
Office Expenses (inc rent/travel)	6 800	6 600	6 300	6 472
Telephone	3 400	3 200	3 000	2 426
Translations	500	400	400	350
World Junior Championships	-	12 500	12 500	12 500
Total	88 440	88 810	95 730	89 721

INTERNATIONAL FUND BUDGET

	Budget 1998	Budget 1997	Budget 1996	Actual 1996
Revenue				
Game Receipts	21 000	21 000	20 000	22 853
Bridge Week	11 200	-	-	-
Interest	400	1 000	1 000	1 654
Total	32 600	22 000	21 000	24 507
Expenses				
Tri-country Playoff	-	8 000	-	-
Bermuda Bowl	-	12 800	-	-
Venice Cup	-	12 800	-	-
World Championships				
Open Pairs	-	-	-	-
Rosenblum	10 000	-	-	-
McConnell	10 000	-	-	-
World Team Championships				
Open Team	-	-	13 200	13 269
Women's Team	-	-	13 200	13 269
Miscellaneous	-	1 195	-	-
Printing	-	-	-	352
Total	20 000	34 795	26 400	26 890

Financial Pages

GENERAL FUND

	1996	1995
REVENUE		
COPC net	8 329	2 343
CWTC net	(26)	(173)
CNTC net	8 237	15 952
Rookie Master Game net	1 489	1 929
Interest	4 825	5 618
CBF Memberships	57 712	60 070
Deferred Membership prior to 96	827	
	81 393	85 729

EXPENSES

Audit	700	650
Bank Charges	215	160
Magazine	30 329	37 270
Coaching	4 200	4 788
Directors' Expenses	1 284	1 852
Directors' Meeting	6 910	5 776
CBF Coordinator	16 800	16 400
Insurance	558	538
Miscellaneous	1 195	1 922
Depreciation	1 283	1 769
Office Expenses	6 472	4 931
Telephone	2 426	3 031
Internet	1 499	407
	89 721	79 494

EXCESS OF REVENUE (8 329) 6 235

FUND EQUITY start of year	96 649	95 414
Transfer to Junior Fund	(2 000)	(5 000)
FUND EQUITY end of year	86 321	96 649

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash and Term Deposits (Note 2)	181 001	
Accounts Receivable	10 744	
Prepaid Expenses	6 980	
Capital Assets (Note 3)	3 591	202 316

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	4 344	
Deferred Revenue	29 579	33 923

FUND EQUITY

General Fund	86 321	
International Fund	28 509	
Junior Fund	7 760	
World Junior C Fund	45 803	168 393
		202 316

Canadian Bridge Federation Inc.

Statement of Revenue, Expense and Equity

For the year ended December 31, 1996

INTERNATIONAL FUND

	1996	1995
REVENUE		
International Games	22 853	29 006
Interest	1 654	1 847
Miscellaneous	0	1 195
	24 507	32 048

EXPENSES

McConnell Cup	-	-
Rosenblum	-	-
World Open Pairs	-	-
Junior Team	-	-
Tri-Country	-	8 000
Venice Cup	-	12 553
Bermuda Bowl	-	12 553
Postage	-	-
Printing	352	-
World Team Championship		
Open Team	13 269	-
Women's Team	13 269	-
	26 890	33 106

EXCESS OF REVENUE (2 383) (1 058)

FUND EQUITY start of year	30 892	31 950
FUND EQUITY end of year	28 509	30 892

JUNIOR FUND

	1996	1995
REVENUE		
Game Fees	176	268
Donations	375	734
ACBL	2 252	3 067
Junior Trial Entries	3 086	0
Interest	414	393
	6 303	4 462

EXPENSES

Junior Team Trials	307	-
Junior Team Subsidy	0	15 295
Special Projects		
CYBOrg	2 000	1 310
Mini-Bridge	556	-
Cardiff	716	-
Jr. Month	50	-
	3 629	16 605

EXCESS OF REVENUE 2 674 (12 143)

FUND EQUITY start of year	3 086	10 230
Transfer from General Fund	1 000	5 000
FUND EQUITY end of year	7 760	3 086

NEEDED: BRIDGE ARCHIVIST

Do you have a passion for bridge paraphernalia from today and yesterday?

This is your chance to collect Canadian bridge history. The Canadian Bridge Federation requires an archivist to manage the various documents and other stuff that have been and will be gathered over the years. This archive would be available to every interested bridge player. If we are to pass along the knowledge of yesteryear to the players of tomorrow we need to provide a place where they can go and understand their heritage.

If you are interested in more details for this position please contact Jan Anderson or Eric Sutherland (information listed on inside of front cover).

CBF MEMBERSHIP FEES

For 1998 CBF membership fees will be set at:

- \$6.50 CDN for CBF membership fee if paid with ACBL membership fee. It is the responsibility of the individual to make sure they include this when paying ACBL dues. The CBF is taking steps to try and get the ACBL to improve the handling of memberships paid by credit card.

- First time ACBL members paying their CBF fees with ACBL membership will be given a half price rate of \$3.25 CDN.

- Junior players paying their CBF fees with their ACBL fees will be given the following rates:

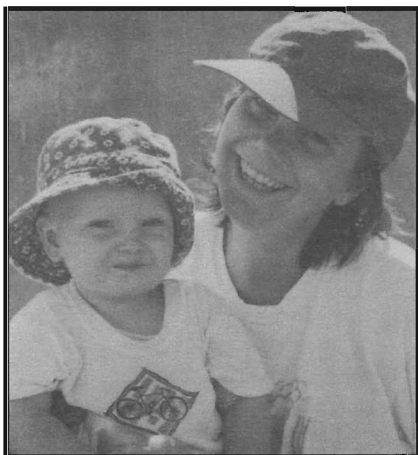
Under the age of 20	\$1.00
20 or older	\$3.25

CWTC '97-98 CHANGES

As with the CNTC, the CWTC will have the added objective "to help raise funds to subsidize the CWTC winner to represent Canada Internationally". To this end, levies will be added to entry fees charged at the National Final (similar to the CNTC - see page 6). As well, beginning with the 1998 CWTC National Final, a quarter final round will be added and the event will be held in conjunction with the CNTC and COPC (see Bridge Week, page 17).

ELECTION REMINDER

Closing date for nominations for CBF Director for Zones I and IV is September 15, 1997. Nominations should be sent to CBF Coordinator, Jan Anderson (see back cover).



CBF WEB SITE

The CBF Board voted to continue supporting their Internet site, created and maintained by Jude Goodwin-Hanson (pictured here with daughter Jama). The site features information about the CBF, the current calendar, day-by-day reports from national Championships, rosters, history, newsy bits and more. On a typical day, our pages receive an average of 1345 'hits'. During the CNTC/COPC, the site had an average of 3318 'hits' per day. This involved a variety of pages but most likely about 1,000 people a day visited during our event.

JAMES D. HARPER

NEW BRUNSWICK - Provincial Court Judge and former CBF President, James D. Harper, died Sunday, April 27, 1997 at the Dr. Everitt Chalmers Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was 71.

Known for his wit, in and out of the courtroom, Judge Harper pulled no punches. Known by the nickname "Duff", he was quick to point out that it came from his middle name, Dufferin, and did not refer to his card playing ability. He joined the A.C.B.L. in 1973 and became a Life Master in 1979. He served as the C.B.F. Director for Zone One from 1977 to 1982. He was President of the Canadian Bridge Federation in 1979 and 1980. During his presidency he wrote at least two articles for the Canadian Bridge Digest explaining the CBF, its role, and its relationship with the ACBL.

Judge Harper was born in Saint John, New Brunswick. He received his Bsc. from St. Francis Xavier University in 1946 and his bachelor of civil law from the University of New Brunswick in 1951. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1944 and 1945. Judge Harper began his law practise in 1951. In 1973 he has honoured with the rank of Queen's Council. In 1974 he was named a deputy provincial court judge, later moving up to provincial court judge.

Judge Harper was an accomplished photographer. A pet project of his was to preserve a portion of New Brunswick heritage through his photographic skill.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter and their spouses, along with five grandchildren.

CANADIANS WIN 1997 NAOP FLIGHT A

From the Spring 97 NABC Bulletin

DALLAS TX - Two BC residents, representing District 19, led throughout the North American Open Pairs-A and won their first NABC championship by more than a board.

Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC, computer consultant, and **Aidan Ballantyne**, an environmental consultant from Vancouver BC, scored 432.18 to 417.50 for runners-up JoAnna and Lew Stansby, District 21 representatives. McOrmond and Ballantyne - who formed a partnership "just for this event," said McOrmond - led all the way from the club, unit and district level to the national final. "Our defense was really steady," said Ballantyne, "but we got a bit lucky in the bidding."

Aidan and Gord are no strangers to Canadian bridge. Gord is a member of this year's CNTC team. Aidan, past president of the CBF, former editor of the Canadian Bridge Canadian, and current Zone VI Director, sits number 15 in Canada's top 100 as of July 14, 1997.

Winners in the NAOP-A:

1979 - Arthur More, Eric Robinson
 1980 - Bob Feller, Jeffrey Hall
 1981 - Helen Blakey, Robert Blakey
 1982 - Bill Nuttig, Ivan Scope
 1983 - John Griscorn, Jim Felts
 1984 - Steve Sion, Harold Stengel
 1985 - Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson
 1986 - Drew Cannell, G. Sekhar
 1987 - Joan Janitschke, Dick Reed
 1988 - Jan Martel, Chip Martel
 1989 - David Coslan, Dennis Clerkin
 1990 - Sidney Lazard, Jack LaNoue
 1991 - Mark Stein, Boris Baran
 1992 - Jim Krekorian, Rick Zucker
 1993 - James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze
 1994 - James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze
 1995 - David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz
 1996 - Marshall Tuly, James Cunningham
 1997 - Aidan Ballantyne, Gord McOrmond

We completed 40-some elementary school and one Queen's University Pre-Club and Diamond series bridge classes this past school year in Kingston. There are now about 490 ACBL Junior members in the Kingston area. We taught bridge in 27 elementary school classes and completed 21 other school classes before Christmas. Most of the schools, plus a large number of others, want us back in the fall.

The highlight of the year (for the kids) was a bridge Field Day in May, when 108 of them showed up at The Bridge Centre for the first-ever Frontenac-Lennox and Addington School Bridge Championships. Many principals, vice principals, teachers and parents came too. After all, this was a new activity. It was being conducted in a shopping mall, rather than the known relative safety of school premises. All were impressed that 108 kids in a 2,300 square foot room could be so quiet! There was TV and press coverage, too.

Andrew Haydon and **Matthew Mason**, both of Frontenac Secondary School, were the overall and secondary school trophy winners, while **Chris Charlebois** and **Dom Conacher** of Ecole Cathedrale won the elementary school awards. **Tyson Boudreau** and **Sean Silva** received trophies for the best performance by students who had only taken the Pre-Club lessons. Plaques for permanent display were presented to the schools.

Another popular event was the first City Junior Bridge Championships, on an April Saturday morning. Eleven year olds **Ruman Ahmad** and **Hassam Sherif** of Polson Park Public School won the trophies over 29 other pairs.

The turnout for the ACBL Junior Matchpoint Pairs was a bit disappointing, when only eight tables showed up. Research indicated that the thought of competing against all of North American was deemed too intimidating by many. At least the kids are still realistic about

A REPORT ON BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS IN KINGSTON

by Ed O'Reilly



their bridge ability! Unfortunately, we should have communicated better, because we missed an opportunity: this year, with almost all players being relatively new to bridge, the uninitiated had a much better chance than they may have in future. We are proud that **Andrew Haydon** and **Matt Mason** had the second highest score in North America, and that the pairings of **Doug Sibley-Triston Underhill** and **Elizabeth Gow-Crystal Lai** also ranked overall.

On January 23-25 (we know that this is Super Bowl weekend, but why not Super Junior Bridge Weekend too? - as long as the last bridge hand is played before game time) I have free use of a hotel ballroom plus \$1,500 scholarship money prizes, plus sporting event tickets (Blue Jays, Expos, Senators, Canadiens, etc.), for what is hoped to be the 1st Annual Kingston Junior Bridge Regional.

Kingston and I are fortunate to have the dedicated help of **Charlie Waddell**, **Bess MacMaster**, **Carol Cartier**, **Nancy Bye**, **Muriel Gilroy**, **Kenneth Allan**, **Larry Rutter**, **Phil Dumontier**, and **Bob Deutekom** in our teaching program. **Charlie**, **Bess**, **Muriel**, **Larry**, and my wife **Moir**a O'Reilly helped with the tournaments. And you cannot have enough scoring help for these younger players.

We have learned a lot. Much of it has been summarized (about 80 items) for anyone interested enough to pursue the development of

junior bridge. Just call, write or e-mail. I do think that it is time for Canadian bridge players who care for the perpetuation of their game to start planning for the future of junior bridge. The ACBL funds for these courses cannot last forever.

As a small start, why don't you immediately encourage your Units, Districts, and Clubs to set aside a small amount - say \$1 per tournament - table for the promotion of junior bridge.

Also, why not make all February games Junior month games. For an extra buck, your players

can receive lots of extra masterpoints (sectional rating).

The secret to continued junior growth appears to make it "cool" for kids to play bridge. This can only happen when the numbers are there. That is why Kingston plans to keep the numbers up.

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SO LONG and THANKS for ALL the FISH

April 1997 marked the last issue of The

Canadian Masterpoint, a magazine published by Linda and Ray Lee and Master Point Press. The magazine was published for 5 years and featured articles for all levels of bridge, written by many well known Canadian bridge authors. interested readers may still find the 'best of CMP' at their website.

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CBF JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT FUND 1997-1998 BUDGET

	Budget 1998	Budget 1997
Revenue		
Transfer from General Fund	2 000	2 000
ACBL	2 200	6 000
Junior Month	5 000	4 500
Interest	300	500
Game Fees	-	-
Donations	-	-
Total	9 500	13 000
Expenses		
Special Projects - CYBOrg	3 000	3 000
Junior Trials	2 000	0
Other Projects	-	-
Team Subsidy	-	10 500
Total	5 000	13 500



THIRTY YEARS ON....

By Linda Lee, Toronto

I glanced at a favourite old bridge book last week and it started me thinking. Everyone would acknowledge that bridge bidding theory has come a long way since the 60's when I started to play, but it appears that so too has card play technique. Opening Fred Karpin's classic "Winning Play in Tournament and Duplicate Bridge" (1967), in the chapter "well-played and well-defended hands", the first hand I looked at was the following:

		North	
		♠ 6542	
		♥ J652	
		♦ AQ7	
		♣ 85	
West		East	
♠ AKQ10983		♠ J7	
♥ void		♥ 7	
♦ KJ2		♦ 10984	
♣ KJ10		♣ 976432	
		South	
		♠ Void	
		♥ AKQ109843	
		♦ 653	
		♣ AQ	

The bidding:

N	E	S	W
P	P	4♥	4♠
5♥	P	P	5♠
P	P	6♥	Double
All pass			

As described by Karpin, this hand was defended by Milton Work, who was named the Grand Old Man of Bridge before he died in 1934. Work was playing West and led the ♠K. South, realizing that West had almost all the high cards, attempted to play the hand on

an elimination. His plan was to ruff out all dummy's spades, hooking the diamond queen along the way, and throw West in with a diamond to endplay him in clubs. However, Milton Work was up to this and unblocked his ♦KJ so that his partner was on lead on the third diamond. The author commented that the deal has been brilliantly played and defended.

In the 30's, or even the 60's, perhaps he was right. But my son Colin, a member of the Canada's squad for the World Junior Team Championships in Hamilton in August, spotted the flaw immediately. Can you?

Do you see the squeeze? Ruffing the opening lead, you cross to dummy on the ♥J and ruff a second spade. You finesse the diamond and ruff a third spade (West can unblock diamonds or not as he wishes). You now run all the hearts arriving at this ending:

		North	
		♠ 6	
		♥ void	
		♦ A7	
		♣ 85	
West		East	
♠ A		♠ void	
♥ void		♥ void	
♦ J2		♦ 1098	
♣ KJ		♣ 97	
		South	
		♠ Void	
		♥ 3	
		♦ 65	
		♣ AQ	

On the last heart West must throw a diamond. Now you cross to dummy on the ♦A, and play a spade to endplay West in clubs, just as the first declarer had hoped to do.

You be the judge. Did Fred Karpin simply miss the analysis or has technique improved so much since the 60's that Canada's juniors play better than experts of earlier years?

The world came to Hamilton, Ontario August 5th - August 14th. Eighteen teams from seventeen countries from China to Australia and from Israel to Central America participated in the 6th World Junior Bridge Team Championship. At the time of writing this report, the event was still a month away. Both Canadian teams that participated in the event were well prepared and I am sure that they did their country proud. A full report of this event will be in the January 1998 issue of Canadian Bridge Canadien.



Looking forward, there are two major events for Canadian Juniors in 1998. The first one is the International Youth Bridge Festival in January. This is a week in central Holland which has been described as the most fun ever had at a bridge tournament. The second is the Canadian Junior Team Trials which will be held in Kingston, Ontario in late August. This trial will determine the six-person team that will represent Canada at the World Junior Championship in 1999.

Details on these events will be forthcoming in the fall issue of CYBONews which will be distributed in October. If you do not yet receive this newsletter for Canadian Juniors or know someone who would enjoy it please forward their name to Eric Sutherland (see inside front cover).

SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR FUND MONTH

FEBRUARY 1997 - Thank you to all the clubs that held games during February to support the Canadian Junior Development Fund. 39 clubs held a total of 137 games raising a total of \$4,692. This is up significantly from the \$3,085 raised in 1996. Just imagine how much could be raised if more than 39 clubs held these games. Only 10% of the bridge clubs in Canada are holding these games! The CBF sent certificates to the top ten clubs.

1.	Kate Buckman Bridge Studio	13 games	120.5 tables	\$482
2/3.	Sandy Hill DBC	7 games	77 tables	\$308
2/3.	Mississauga-Oakville DBC	13 games	77 tables	\$308
4.	Victoria DBC	7 games	61 tables	\$244
5.	Algoma-Cambrian BC	8 games	58 tables	\$232
6.	Regina DBC	8 games	57.5 tables	\$230
7.	Friendly Loyalist BC	8 games	53.75 tables	\$215
8/9.	Ottawa Bridge Centre	7 games	51.5 tables	\$206
8/9.	Island Bridge Club	4 games	51.5 tables	\$206
10.	London Bridge Club	6 games	50 tables	\$200

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tion we have received
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ticipants at approxi-
mate cost of \$4000

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- \$ 500

ACBL District 2

- \$1000

OUR YOUNGEST LIFE MASTER

GAVIN WOLPERT

Gavin Wolpert, of Thornhill Ontario, became Canada's youngest Life Master during the Toronto Regional. Following is an interview conducted by John Armstrong, editor of The Kibitzer.

How old were you when you went over?

- I was 14 years, 6 months, and 19 days.

How did you manage to become a LM so soon?

- My mom helped me along the way. We played a lot and the points just came. She teaches beginners, intermediates, and some good players at Joe Seigel's The Place for Bridge in Thornhill and directs there too.

Who did you play most with on the way up?

- My Mom. She taught me nearly everything I know, although my brother Darren helped some as well. It helped to read Kelsey's books. I love his books.

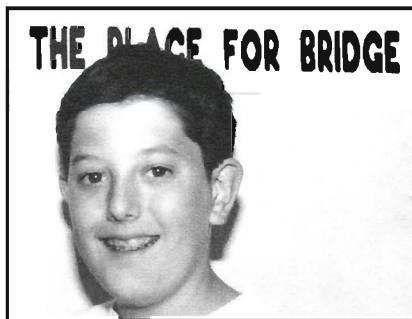
If you had your way, what system would you play?

- Probably a Precision Relay system. At the end of the auction you can tell the exact shape and every card in your partner's hand. We could play the Blue Club. I read some of Darren's notes on a version of the Mosquito Relay Club. There is a great deal to learn, but it's not very hard because so much of it is common sense.

If I had my way, our 1NT opening would be zero to five. My mother and I used to play 12-14 and sometimes 10-12. However, we found that it was killing us at matchpoints when we played 1NT with a 4-4 major suit fit and everyone else in the field made one more trick in 2 of the major. So we now play 15-17 at Matchpoints and the weak notrump at IMPs.

Before I learned much, I played 1NT on 10-12. I played kamikaze - everything I could bid, I would bid. That's when I thought I would like 1NT to be 0-10 HCP.

With a new partner I will play anything that can be checked on the convention card along with a few other gadgets.



When did you gain your last points to make LM?

- The morning Kos Thursday morning at the Toronto Regional where we made the semi-finals. The next day I wanted to sleep because I had been playing four sessions a day for so long. Just before Toronto I had been at the Dallas NABC playing three or four sessions a day for ten days.

On Friday in Toronto, I played with Jeff Meckstroth for the second time. I was scared into playing well. Both times I have played with him I haven't played a wrong card. It was cool.

I remember one hand which was so funny. There were about ten kibitzers on his side of the table. It took me about eight cards to realize what Meckstroth was guiding me to do. When I got it, everyone started clapping. It was hilarious.

I got to play with him because Lynn Deas had promised me a game for walking her dog at the regional the year before. However, she played with my brother at the other table and I played with Meckstroth. This year Lynn was ill and I played with Meckstroth and my brother played with another Toronto junior, Charles Halasi.

What are your bridge ambitions now?

- I wouldn't mind winning my masterpoint race, but I'd like to win a Flight A Regional event. In a couple of years I hope to play for Canada in the World Junior. I have another seven chances to do that. Everyone on the Junior team this year has at most two chances left, so I may have a chance in four or five years. Perhaps in eleven years I will be able to try for the CNTC. I haven't tried yet; it's really expensive and I don't think I'm at the level of the district final yet.

Thanks Gavin and congratulations!

CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN PAIRS • OPEN TEAMS • WOMEN'S TEAMS

Bridge Week

Beginning in 1998 the CBF intends to hold all three National Championships together in a Canadian Bridge Week. A tentative schedule can be found in the sidebar at right (note: beginning in 1998, the CNTC will involve 28 teams from across Canada).

As before, players qualifying for the CNTC National Final will automatically receive qualification to the COPC National Final. This will now apply to women playing the CWTC as well. Provision for drop-ins from the CNTC and CWTC to the COPC will be the same as the last two years.

Tentatively the first Canadian Bridge Week is being planned for Montreal in July, 1998. Dates will be finalized when hotel arrangements can be made (Montreal is a very busy city in July). We are hoping to book the week of July 12-18, 1998.

Other plans are to impose a special surtax on all entry fees for the CNTC and CWTC round-robins as well as the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals. The purpose of this surtax is to fund the eventual winners to international competition.

Sunday

CNTC Rounds 1-6
Round Robin

Monday

CNTC Rounds 7-13
Round Robin
CWTC 1st Day
Round Robin

Tuesday

CNTC Rounds 14-20
Round Robin
CWTC 2nd Day
Round Robin

Wednesday

CNTC Rounds 21-27
Round Robin
CWTC 3rd Day
Round Robin

Thursday

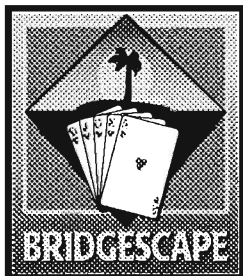
CNTC Quarter Final
CWTC Quarter Final
COPC Qualifying
Sessions 1 & 2

Friday

CNTC Semi-Final
CWTC Semi-Final
COPC Qualifying
Sessions 3 & 4

Saturday

CNTC Final
CWTC Final
COPC Final



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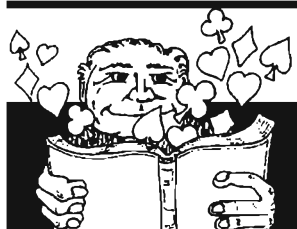
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LA MEILLEURE REVUE DE BRIDGE AU MONDE

Par Bernard Marcoux, Montréal

Voilà certainement un titre qui devrait attirer votre regard. La meilleure au monde? Oui, je le crois sincèrement. Et en français, s'il vous plaît. Je parle de la revue *Le Bridgeur*, évidemment, publiée onze (11) fois l'an, en couleurs, papier glacé, 8,5 sur 11, claire, bien disposée et qui regorge d'enseignements. Revue de 90 pages (!), dont la moitié technique (donc 40-45 pages de pédagogie, pas mal, non?). Voyez les titres : Courrier des lecteurs (réponses à des problèmes rencontrés par des bridgeurs), Maniement de couleurs, Concours d'enchères (à faire avec votre partenaire, et à comparer ensuite avec les champions), Les entames, Pas à pas (explications du jeu de la carte), Enseignements d'un championnat du monde (retour sur les Olympiades de Rhodes, remportées par la France, par Alain Levy, absolument superbe, brillant!), La donne du mois, Questions pour un champion, etc.

De plus, des annonces de tournois, de croisières de bridge à vous rendre malade, partout en Europe, en Méditerranée et ailleurs. Vous aurez les détails des tournois d'été, qui commencent avec Juan-les-Pins (mai), puis Biarritz et Deauville (juillet), La Baule (août), La Grande Motte (septembre), et ainsi de suite.

Superbe, je vous dis. Chère? Oui, un peu plus de cent dollars par année, mais vous en avez pour votre argent. Ce n'est pas le Bulletin de l'ACBL, si pauvre et si mal présenté. C'est vraiment une revue que l'on peut conserver, facile à lire et à consulter.

Pour les bridgeurs qui ne lisent pas l'anglais, c'est idéal. Vous pourrez apprendre dans votre langue et vraiment vous perfectionner. Pour les autres, qui lisent aussi bien l'anglais que le français, vous ferez connaissance avec une vraie revue de bridge.

Le Bridgeur, c'est comme un cours de bridge que vous suivez, une fois par mois, chez vous; les professeurs, presque tous champions du monde, viennent dans votre salon et vous expliquent pas à pas les enchères, les entames, le maniement des couleurs, la défense, etc. Indispensable à mon avis pour tout bridgeur sérieux.

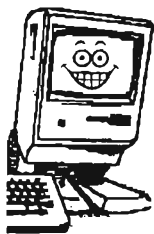
Un point noir au milieu de ce beau ciel bleu? Non, pas vraiment. Oh, il faudra bien vous habituer à cette langue un peu ampoulée, alambiquée, qui sonne un peu prétentieuse à notre oreille (exemple : "Quel est le retour indiqué alors que je subodore un singleton chez mon partenaire?"), mais ce n'est pas si grave. On finit par s'habituer.

Il y a aussi tous ces mots anglais que les Français adorent employer (en France, on ne saute pas, on "jump"), mais on esquisse un sourire et on continue.

Au total donc, une revue magnifique, autant par la présentation que par le contenu.

Blâmez l'ordinateur!

par Bernard Marcoux, Montréal



Les joueurs de bridge moyens n'aiment pas les mains faites par ordinateur; ils ont l'impression que ces mains sont "préparées" par l'ordinateur, c'est-à-dire qu'elles contiennent des pièges et des entourloupes qu'on ne trouve pas dans les mains "brassées naturellement".

Nous sommes tellement habitués à jouer des mains brassées "naturellement" que nous avons tendance à penser que ce sont là de "vraies" mains de bridge. Lorsque nous jouons des mains d'ordinateur avec des distributions apparemment excentriques, nous croyons que l'ordinateur nous joue des tours.

La vraie différence entre les mains d'ordinateurs et les mains "naturelles" est celle-ci : ces dernières ne sont pas vraiment bien brassées par les joueurs et les distributions ne sont pas en accord avec les vraies probabilités; par contre, les mains d'ordinateurs sont vraiment bien brassées et respectent les probabilités. Ces mains ne sont donc pas "préparées" par ordinateur, elles sont seulement brassées, imprimées et répétées par l'ordinateur.

Armé de ce savoir, vous jouez dans les Paires stratifiées, au Can-Am de Montréal. Vous recevez :

♠ 76
♥ V85
♦ DV3
♣ ARV42

ADG	PART.	ADD	VOUS
1♠	P	P	2♣
2♠	3♠	4♠	P
P	5♠	passent	

L'entame est l'As de pique et vous apercevez ce mort.

MORT

♠ 9
♥ A4
♦ AR1042
♣ 109753

VOUS

♠ 76
♥ V85
♦ DV3
♣ ARV42

C'est la première mains du tournoi et vous n'êtes pas heureux : encore un chelem raté. Pendant que vous jetez un regard autour, à la recherche d'un partenaire qui saurait bien enchérir (vos enchères vous paraissent parfaites), Adg rejoue coeur. Vous jouez l'As de coeur, puis l'As de trèfle, vous préparant à réclamer 12 levées: Add ne fournit pas.

Le bris 3-0 ne vous a même pas traversé l'esprit; les 3 atouts se trouvent à votre gauche et vous chutez un contrat qui vous semblait pessimiste. Vous souriez quand même intérieurement à la pensée que plusieurs seront au chelem et que vous obtiendrez probablement un bon score.

Le lendemain, vous avez cette main :

VOUS

♠ A643
♥ AR2
♦ A
♣ 98765

PART.

♠ R8
♥ D64
♦ 107532
♣ AR10

1♣
1♠
3♥
4♦
6♣

1♦
2♥
4♣
4SA

4♦ est Kickback Keycard Blackwood. Vous réussissez 12 levées avec 3 coeurs, AR d'atout, 3 carreaux coupés et 1 pique coupé. Pas de problème - après tout, vous aviez 8 atouts!!! À la session suivante, vous arrivez encore au

chelem avec 10 atouts - qui divisent 3-0 encore et vous chutez encore avec Adg qui avait encore les 3 atouts manquants.

Alors arrivent le samedi et cette main :

VOUS

♠ RV4
♥ RV8
♦ AD
♣ AV984

PART.

♠ D7
♥ A1097643
♦ V4
♣ RD

Vous ouvrez 2SA (vous promettez 20-21, mais vos beaux trèfles et vos fourchettes à pique et carreau font pencher la balance) et vous aboutissez à 6♥, après un transfert. L'entame, par un expert, est l'As de pique. À la vue du mort et en comptant vos atouts, vous vous dites: "Ordinateur, mon ami, je vois clair dans ton jeu maintenant!" Vous savez que les atouts divisent 3-0; voilà la 3e fois en 4 jours que vous jouez dans un fit dixième, vous commencez à reconnaître les idiosyncrasies de l'ordinateur.

Mais une fois que vous avez deviné le bris 3-0, vous avez fait seulement la moitié du travail; comment jouer les atouts? Vous n'avez aucun

indice, sauf l'entame. Pourquoi un expert (Qu'est-ce qu'un expert? Quelqu'un qui ne joue pas ses As!) joue-t-il un As sur l'entame, au risqué d'établir votre 12e levée? Peut-être voit-il dans sa main une autre levée possible. En examinant votre jeu, vous vous apercevez que la seule levée possible est la Dame d'atout. Vous jouez donc le R de coeur, Add défause, BINGO!!!

Après le Can-Am, j'ai découvert un nouveau principe:

NOUVEAU PRINCIPE:

- avec 10 atouts, évitez le chelem.

Trousse de survie:

- si vous arrivez au chelem quand même, et que vous avez 10 atouts, ils divisent toujours 3-0 et Adg possède ces 3 atouts. Les mains d'ordinateurs respectent strictement les probabilités (Beurk!!)

Technique de réanimation:

- si vous arrivez au chelem avec 10 atouts, et que les 3 atouts manquants se trouvent à votre droite, blâmez l'ordinateur, pas moi.

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Comment savoir si l'on s'améliore?

par Bernard Marcoux, Montréal

Vous avez:

♠ DVxx

♥ Dxx

♦ Rxxx

♣ Rx

PART.

1♦

2♦

3SA

VOUS

1♠

2SA

Les enchères sont normales, votre main se prêtant à une invitation, surtout avec ce beau Roi de carreau qui vient solidifier la couleur probablement oé de votre partenaire. Ouest entame petit coeur et vous essayez de ne pas faire de saut en voyant ce mort:

MORT

♠ x

♥ Rxx

♦ ADVxxx

♣ Vxx

VOUS

♠ DVxx

♥ Dxx

♦ Rxxx

♣ Rx

Votre partenaire, habituellement conservateur, semble avoir suivi vos conseils à la lettre (vous lui avez dit qu'en équipe, il faut être plus audacieux qu'en duplicata). Il a compris, pouvez-vous juger en avalant difficilement. C'est le deuxième étui d'un match contre une bonne équipe, et votre Adg est justement l'un des meilleurs joueurs de Montréal, du type qui ne vous donnera pas 1 Imp de la soirée. Ouf!

Une analyse rapide (et complète) vous permet de compter 7 levées, c'est peu. Vous avez 6 levées de carreau, une à coeur et puis ... plus rien. Avec la vitesse de l'éclair, vous vous rappelez ce que vous enseignez: dan un contrat apparemment impossible, il faut être très optimiste, il faut placer les cartes là où elles doivent être pour réussir votre contrat. Si les cartes ne sont pas placées comme il faut, vous chuterez et c'est tout. Dan ce contrat-ci vous voyez immédiatement que l'As de coeur doit se trouver chez l'entameur (ce qui vous permettra de faire une levée avec le Roi de coeur du mort), et l'As de trèfle chez Add; c'est tout!! De plus, Add est un joueur nettement plus faible que l'expert à votre gauche. Une fois que le Roi de coeur de mort aura gagné, vous jouerez immédiatement trèfle vers votre Roi. Si Add duque, comme vous êtes à peu près certain qu'il fera, vous aurez les levées qui vous manquaient: 1 trèfle, 2 coeurs et 6 carreaux.

Tout ça évidemment se passe dans votre tête beaucoup plus rapidement qu'il ne faut pour l'écrire. Add fournit le 10 de coeur sur l'entame, vous gagnez de la Dame et présentez immédiatement un petit coeur à l'expert de gauche.

Surpris, il réfléchit quand même quelques instant, joue l'As (!), réfléchit encore un bon moment, et revient ... pique!! Vous n'osez pas encore vous réjouir trop fort, mais l'expert vous donne une chance: il permet à son partenaire de prendre la main! Add gagne de l'As et revient ... pique. Je vous l'avais dit qu'il était moins fort. Vous gagnez le retour (n'importe quoi) et réussissez 9 levées pour un gain de 12 Imps, justement contre l'expert que vous pensiez infaillible. Que s'est-il passé? Examinons les 4 mains (page suiv.).

En défense, on doit faire exactement comme le déclarant: ON DOIT COMPTER LES LEVÉES. Les défenseurs savent que le déclarant a le Roi de carreau. Pourquoi? Lorsque vous défendez

MORT

♠ x
♥ Rxx
♦ ADVxxx
♣ Vxx

OUEST

♠ R10xx
♥ AVxx
♦ xx
♣ 10xx

EST

♠ Axxx
♥ Vxx
♦ xx
♣ ADxxx

VOUS

♠ DVxx
♥ Dxx
♦ Rxxx
♣ Rx

une main, que vous voyez une longue au mort, et que le déclarant se met à jouer une autre couleur, soyez assuré que sa longue est solide et qu'il est à la recherche d'autres levées. Dans le cas ici, les défenseurs voient ADVxxx de carreau au mort, et le déclarant rejoue coeur, il est évident qu'il a le Roi de carreau. Les défenseurs peuvent donc compter 6 levées de carreau, la Dame de coeur et le Roi de coeur, ce qui fait 8 levées. Les défenseurs doivent donc réfléchir et compter les levées qui restent. Quelle est la main du déclarant? S'il a un As, fera-t-il son contrat? Oui: 6 carreaux, 2 coeurs plus un As = 9 levées. Lorsque Ouest voit ce coeur sur la table à la deuxième levée, il doit donc présumer que son partenaire a l'As de trèfle et l'As de pique: c'est la seule possibilité qui lui permet de faire chuter le contrat. Regardons la position:

MORT

♠ x
♥ R
♦ ADVxxx
♣ Vxx

OUEST

♠ R10xx
♥ Vx
♦ xx
♣ 10xx

EST

♠ Axxx
♥ x
♦ x
♣ ADxxx

VOUS

♠ DVxx
♥ x
♦ Rxxx
♣ Rx

En main avec l'As de coeur, Ouest n'a qu'à rejouer coeur (afin d'éviter, en jouant pique, que son partenaire se trompe) et, en prenant soin de bien défausser, Est-Ouest feront chuter ce contrat avec 2 piques, 2 coeurs et un trèfle.

Le joueur en Est n'a pas vraiment fait son travail ni plus lorsque son partenaire est revenue pique. Lorsqu'il gagne de l'As, Est doit présumer, toujours afin de faire chuter le contrat, que son partenaire a le Roi, et il devrait donc compter lui aussi les levées pour la défense. En main avec le Roi de pique, Est devrait donc revenir coeur, établissant 2 levées de coeur qui, additionnées aux 2 levées de pique et à l'As de trèfle, feront chuter le contrat.

En défense, comptez donc des levées. Additionnez les levées sûres du déclarant, essayez d'imaginer où sont les autres levées du déclarant et jouez vos cartes en accord avec ce plan.

Et pourquoi ce titre alors? Parce que, comme déclarant, vous avez immédiatement vu la chute de votre contrat, vous saviez ce contrat impossible, mais vous avez joué quand même pour vous donner la meilleure chance. Les adversaires se sont trompés? Et alors? Cela fait partie du bridge; c'est un jeu d'erreurs, et le gagnant est celui qui en commet les moins.

Vous savez aussi qu'en défense, vous ne vous seriez pas trompé sur cettemain.

Voilà comment on se rend compte qu'on s'améliore, même si parfois nos résultats laissent à désirer.

Good luck to our Canadian teams at the World Championship Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, October 18-Nov 1, in Hammamet, Tunisia. Be sure to track their progress via the CBF Internet Web Site! www.cbf.ca/CBFHome.html

Living in the western boonies of Victoria has its advantage - no traffic noise, deer and rabbit visitors, and air so clean and sweet it makes the eyes tear. One of the disadvantages, however, is that two-legged visitors are few and far between. The boonies seldom do a destination make, after all.

The Shadow therefore took me by more surprise than even he was wont to do.

"Wiss you jerk," the familiar tone retorted to my greeting as I picked up the phone. "Got the coffee on?"

"Alan! I don't believe it. You're on the Island?"

"In the flesh, Mikey. Actually, in the lobby of the Empress. How far away are you?"

"About thirty minutes. But I don't have any transportation. Caroline just took the car over to the mainland."

"I'll cab it. I only have a few hours and I wanted to get a visit in..."

"Helluva surprise, Alan... as usual. I'll get some Kona ready."

Forty minutes later a cab pulled onto the property and chugged up the driveway. My timing was perfect - the last drops of pure Kona were just plinking into the pot. Snowball and I went out to greet the Shadow.

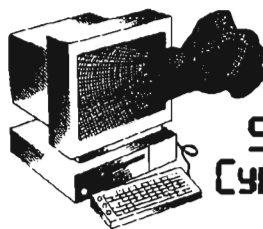
"Hey, Mikey," Alan said, stooping to pet the dog. She had immediately gone to him, without a bark. She stood on her hind legs and fanned the air with her forepaws.

"Furface," he said, remembering. "And were's Troglodog?"

"The great doghouse in the sky," I said, shaking his hand. It had been a long time. Caroline and I had missed going to Maui the previous Hallowe'en. "C'mon inside."

Over coffee and goodies we caught up on the many missing months.

"I missed you in San Francisco," he said. "I was sure that was going to be a Nationals you'd take in."



by Mike
Dorn Wiss

SHADOW IN CYBERSPACE

"I was too; things change."

"So you hardly play anymore?"

"Here and there. A bit on the Net."

"Net?"

"OKBridge."

"Right. Saw their booth in San Fran, but never got to check it out. I was only there a few days, and mostly biz. I've heard of a few Net places you can play. What's it like?"

"Follow me," I dais, crooking a finger and leading him into the study. I pulled up a chair for him, placed it next to mine, and logged in.

"O.Bones" he said, chuckling.

"My handle. And 'O' is for 'Oscar', not 'old'."

"Sez you. It's for both, I think."

I gave Alan a quick lesson in OK mousing, and joined "jollygg's" table, the handle belonging to Bill "Jolly" Tucker, but the player being none other than Irving Litvack, proprietor of the Regal bridge club of Toronto, and a former winner of the Cavendish pairs.

"You can talk to your opponents privately," I explained, "either one or both, and can talk to the kibitzers private or open, and to your pard open only. The program doesn't let the kibitzers talk back."

"Gee what a shame," Alan mused. "Just the way it should be."

I played a couple of quick hands, then let Alan take my chair. Hardly a moment later Cyberspace merged with the Twilight Zone as the Shadow picked up, in third seat with nobody vulnerable:

♠ 9 ♥ AJ943 ♦ A97642 ♣ 7

"A 'gang splinter'" I crowed. "This has to be good."

After a pass by Alan's partner, Irving opened 2♠, effectively pre-empting any thoughts of a 'Mikey's' all. Alan passed and Irving's partner forced with 2NT, responded to by Irving with 3♣.

"What's 3♣?" Alan asked me. "Feature?"

"One of the beauties of OK," I said, reaching over his shoulder and tapping a few keys, "is that you can ask them privately, right? Kinda like asking your screenmate for an explanation and then getting to stick your head around the other side of the screen and ask his partner as well, just to see if they're in the same ballpark..."

"3♣?" I typed to Irving along.

"Feature" he answered.

"3♣?" I then asked his partner.

"I haven't the slightest idea," he responded. The Shadow laughed out loud. I began to giggle.

"See what I mean?: I said. "Here when the left hand doesn't know what the right is doing you're at least privy to the information. At the table you have to guess whether or not they've had a misunderstanding!"

"Pass" Alan moused. "For now..." he said aloud. And it went 3S, pass, pass to him.

"Hmmm ..." he muttered. "I suppose 3NT can't be misconstrued. If he bids clubs he should work out a red two-suiter when I run to diamonds."

"Yeh. Probably not the time to trot out the blue card (redouble)." I poked.

"3NT," Alan typed in. It went pass, pass, pass! His lefty led the ♠A. Not a good sign.

"You only have three of the curses," I said.

"Yeh," said Alan, "but look" my dumb dummy has the other!"

And this was the dummy that appeared:

DUMMY

♠ KQ
♥ K1062
♦ K3
♣ 98654

SHADOW

♠ 9
♥ AJ943
♦ A97642
♣ 7

"So much for 4♥", I said.

Under the ♠A Irving dropped the ♠10. Lefty shifted to a spade, which Irving, after a little thought, ducked.

"Looks like one in the glue if I find the heart lady," Alan said. Playing Irving for shortness he led the ♥3 to the ♥A, and on the way back the ♥Q popped up doubleton. When he led a third heart Irving pitched a diamond, then a spade on the fourth heart,, and finally the ♦T on the last heart. When Alan led the ♦2 to the ♠K the ♦Q plopped from Irving!

"They're all good!" Alan yelled. "How do you claim?"

Laughing, I reached across him. "I'll show you."

"I don't understand. He was 2-3 in the reds. He would have unblocked a doubleton club honour on the Ace lead, no?"

"Of course," I said. When I moused the claim all four hands appeared. Irving's was:

♠ AJ1084 ♥ 85 ♦ Q105 ♣ KQ101

As usual, not only did he "know his customer", an anonymous bunny who had failed to drive directly to game in spades holding ♠ 7 6 5 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 8 ♣ A J 3 2, but he had also gone for what he thought was *my* throat. Had his partner bid a confident game it is not unlikely that is where it would have been played, and after the lead of the stiff club it would have been down only one, as Irving could draw a single round of trumps and ditch a heart on the long club. Not too shabby a result into Alan's heart game that never quite got bid. Apparently Irving had thought Alan's hand to have nine fourth of spades and (lots) shorter diamonds!

I quickly typed in two of my favourite words, those of that glorious invention of the Canadian junior team and now a global tribute to the ♦ 7.

"Beer card!"

"Hit enter," I told the Shadow.

STATS CANADA...

Gavin Wolpert is Canada's youngest Life Master. he made LM at 14 years, 6 months, and 19 days. The previous holder of this record was **Tara Gokavi**, who earned her LM at the age of 14 years, 7 months, and 7 days. An interview with Gavin can be found on page 17.

Zotique Goudreau recently won the 1997 Helen Shields Rookie-Master Trophy partnered by Monique Drouin. This is the 2nd win for Zotique - he won the event in 1994 partnered by Nicole Limoges.

We had no trouble finding photos for the COPC winners. **Mike Betts** and **Randy Bennett** won the CNTC in 1990 (along with Doug Heron, Ed Zaluski, David Willis, and John Valliant).

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