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and have a
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EDITORIAL

This is my first issue as the editor of Canadian Bridge Canadien. I have thoroughly enjoyed its production and would like to thank my contributors for their help.

FRENCH

This issue has no French articles which is unfortunate. We strongly encourage Canadian members to send articles or items written in French.

READERS

I agree with the CBF's official position that a basic purpose of our little magazine is "...to act as a vehicle for communication between Canadian players, club managers and administrators, and to provide the means of developing a uniquely Canadian bridge identity." To achieve this aim we need your help. Please send us your stories, tales, items, newsy bits, and whatever fits the above mandate.

UNITS

I ask that unit boards consider sending me copies of their unit newsletters from which I would have the right to reprint selected articles. If you have no newsletter, perhaps you could appoint a person on your unit board who would act as a reporter.



ODDs and BITS

OOPS

In the June 1993 issue's article titled **Top Masterpoint Holders in Canada**, two names were unfortunately omitted.

Robert D. Hutchinson of Lethbridge, Alberta had 5560 masterpoints and ranks **#15** in Canada. He is also the Provincial Leader for Alberta.

Mary L. Hutchinson of Lethbridge, Alberta had 4846 masterpoints and ranks **#24**.

NEW PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Only five units in Canada applied for the \$50 CBF grant offered for the purpose of holding free Newcomer Games. Apparently, interest was low because \$50 is not enough to cover costs. The CBF Board has therefore decided to discontinue the grants.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Holland



There are several important factors that continue to impede the progress of duplicate bridge in Canada. If we are to build a better bridge community, we will have to accept these issues as fact and correct them in short order.

The first problem is the ongoing dichotomy between the very good players and the rest of the membership. It has become increasingly evident that the expert community has formed an 'old boys' network which, because of its very nature, has the negative effect of preventing 'emerging' players from improving at as rapid a rate as they could or should. If bridge in Canada is to flourish, the current generation of better players should be responsible for the development of those players who want to improve their ability to play the game. In my zone (Maritimes), several established bridge players have made a special effort to play with as many keen members as they can accommodate. The overall improvement and the added confidence of the recipients have significantly enhanced the competition within our zone and have provided us with a noticeable positive change in our social atmosphere now that people know each other much better. I feel that if the clubs have quarterly pro-am games to afford newer players an opportunity to compete at a different level, this will also have a similar effect on the membership at large. The game of bridge has taken baby steps along these lines and we need to develop energized programs to promote bridge's diversity and genuine sociability.

Another important problem is the subject of voluntary participation in club and unit activities. In the majority of clubs in Canada we find the same volunteers doing the same tasks year after year. These members often produce outstanding results but are mostly hindered by lack of help. Given that we are a patchwork of provincial, regional and local entities it is critical that

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we develop principles for members to follow if they are to become involved in volunteer work within the club or unit. Voluntary assistance can create a form of networking that would stimulate greater attendance due to new friendships. It can also produce new and improved ideas on events such as tournaments, club championships, anniversary weeks, pro-am events and general club activities.

The final issue of importance is that of maintaining current membership levels and generating new memberships in general. A generation ago most high schools and universities had bridge 'clubs' and were fertile grounds for many of today's players. At present there is a paucity of these facilities due in large part to the lack of organized teaching and the evolution of the household enterprise. Once families did such things as play games together. Now there are so many other things to entertain them outside of the home that younger family members do not have the time to learn these types of activities. I feel that existing bridge players should commit themselves to the development of new members, either by their own means or by contributing to the cultivation of newer player introduced to the game by others. Friendliness, helpfulness and enthusiasm are just a few ways to make a novice feel better and want to return. Unit boards could also give serious consideration to creating a board position that has as its main function coordinating the teaching of the game of bridge in high schools and universities. This would include assisting graduates of these programs in the transition from student to duplicate player. Our own legacy is fresh enough to understand the methods necessary to accomplish these goals. I hope that we can be persuaded to take an interest.

Any comments on these issues would be greatly appreciated. May all your slams be grand.

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Membership Fees

In light of the ACBL proposed changes to their membership and service fees, it was decided this would be the time to make any changes in the CBF Fee. Effective January 1, 1994, the Canadian Membership Fee will be raised to \$4.50 Canadian. Our next issue of Canadian Bridge Canadien will include a letter explaining budgetary plans and concerns for the next four years and a rationale for the fee increase.

Dynamic Sponsorship

All the Dynamic money was used to send our two teams to the World Team Olympiad. As it was very hard to track the results and benefits of this type of sponsorship, Dynamic Fund could not justify this kind and size of funding again and has decided to terminate their sponsor association with the CBF.

Probation

At present, ACBL probation comes into effect if a member is disciplined twice in a two-year period. ACBL probation prohibits the person from representing the ACBL but not necessarily his or her country in international competition. The CBF Board moved to adopt ACBL policy. Thus, any Canadian player on ACBL

Zone Seven?

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of creating another Zone in Canada. This would come about by splitting the current Zone III into two Zones. The advantages would be: there would be two Zones of about equal population; it would add new stimulus to the area since the interests and turnouts vary greatly in the two distinct areas; and this would bring about an equity in the size of the Zones in Canada. The CBF Board agreed to consider this matter once it has heard formal presentations from the units involved.

Defences to Pre-alerts

After much discussion, the Board decided to make no changes in the current policy. It was noted that the current rules are in line with what these teams would experience should they represent Canada internationally.

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The CBF Board of directors meets annually, usually in spring. The Board includes the Director from each of the six CBF Zones plus ex-officio Canadian Directors of ACBL districts. Some of the items discussed at the May 1993 meetings in Ottawa, Ontario are summarized here. Other topics are discussed under appropriate headings elsewhere in this magazine.

Late Game Fees

The ACBL Board has passed a ruling that provides for a \$25 US penalty for clubs that are late in reporting games. Clubs can also be suspended and put on an Unresolved List. The ACBL motion covers CNTC, COPC, CWTC, Rookie-master, Olympiad Fund, and Charity Fund games, all of which are ACBL sanctioned and award masterpoints.

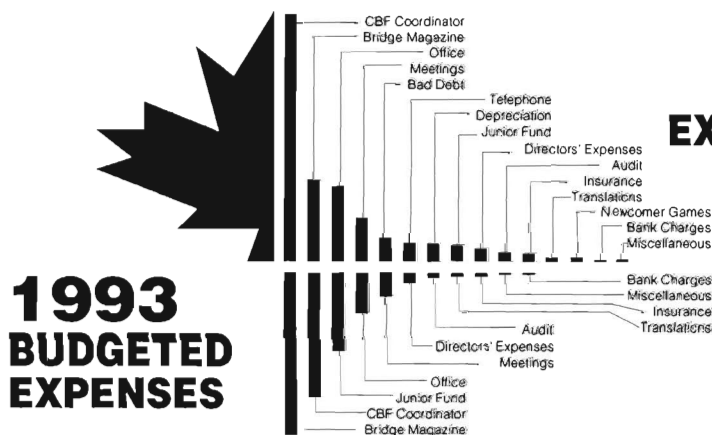
Bilingualism

The Conditions of Contest and club game letter and sanction application for the 1993 CNTC and COPC were translated into French by Bernard Marcoux. As well, the ACBL has agreed to pay for the translation of teaching material. The Board moved that the CBF will continue to provide funds for translating material into French.

Budget

The figures below represent General Fund activities and demonstrate where your membership fees are being spent...

	Budget 1993	Budget 1992	Actual 1992	Actual 1991
REVENUE				
COPC net	500	1 500	2 048	2 647
CWTC net	500	500	546	187
Membership (Unit donations)	-	5 000	7 170	2 235
CNTC net	5 000	500	2 660	2 438
Silver Anniversary	-	-	32	1 002
Rookie Master Game	1 500	1 500	1 817	1 474
Interest	4 000	2 000	3 657	1 825
CBF/ACBL Memberships	47 000	45 000	46 811	42 624
Miscellaneous	-	-	45	191
US Exchange	-	-	8 036	-
EXPENSES				
Audit	600	700	550	655
Bad Debts	-	-	1 500	-
Bank Charges	200	100	170	148
Canadian Bridge Canadian	20 000	16 000	5 098	-
Directors' Expenses	1 000	900	824	573
Annual Board Meeting	3 000	2 600	2 692	2 840
Honoraria	-	-	-	750
CBF Coordinator	15 200	15 200	15 200	11 200
Insurance	480	500	520	480
Miscellaneous	150	600	150	-
Depreciation	1 200	-	1 108	644
Office Expenses (incl Rent/travel)	5 000	3 000	4 709	4 441
Telephone	1 200	1 200	1 151	1 235
Newcomer Game	-	-	250	-
Junior Development Fund	9400	1000	1000	-
Translations	500	500	300	-
CBF Posters	-	1 200	-	-
New Player Development	-	5 000	-	-
Bidding Screens	-	2 000	-	-
GST	-	2 500	-	-



Financial Pages

GENERAL FUND

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EXPENSES

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Bad Debts	1 500	-
Bank Charges	170	148
Magazine	5 098	-
Directors' Expenses	824	573
Meeting	2 692	2 840
Honorarium	-	750
CBF Coordinator	15 200	11 200
Insurance	520	480
Miscellaneous	150	-
Depreciation	1 108	644
Office Expenses	4 709	4 441
Telephone	1 151	1 235
Newcomer Game	250	-
Translation	300	-
	34 222	22 966

EXCESS OF REVENUE 38 600 31 657

FUND EQUITY start of year	36 492	5 850
Change in Accounting policy	2 989	1 974
As restated	39 418	7 824
	78 081	39 481
TRANSFER TO JUNIOR FUND	1 000	-
FUND EQUITY end of year	77 081	39 481



Canadian Bridge Federation Inc.
Statement of Revenue, Expense and Equity
For the year ended December 31, 1992

INTERNATIONAL FUND

	1992	1991
REVENUE		
Games	16 628	26 753
Memberships (units)	-	1 073
Interest	1 603	1 355
	18 231	29 181

EXPENSES

PAN-AM Games	654	-
World Teams Olympiad	5 665	-
Junior Team	-	1 585
Tri-Country	-	7 000
Bermuda Bowl	-	12 700
Venice Cup	-	12 700
Receipts	84	63
Dynamic Fund	2 323	-
	8 726	34 048

EXCESS OF REVENUE (EXPENSE) 9 505 (4 867)

FUND EQUITY beginning of year	23 470	28 337
FUND EQUITY end of year	32 975	23 470

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT FUND

	1992	1991
REVENUE		
Donations	100	-
Interest	50	-
	150	-

EXPENSES

Junior Team Trials	50	-
	50	-

EXCESS OF REVENUE 100 -

Transfer from General Fund	1 000	
FUND EQUITY end of year	1 100	

Charity FOUNDATION

by Katie Thorpe

Chairperson, Zone III Trustee

Each year Canadian bridge players raise approximately \$45,000 for the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund (CBFCF). The CBFCF has six trustees (the six CBF directors) who meet annually to consider requests for grants and determine the distribution of the funds. The CBFCF prefers wherever possible to fund specific projects. For example, we have funded a training film for the Arthritis Foundation, an information booklet for the Alzheimers Society and the training of guide dogs for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. We do not consider requests from organizations with a religious or political affiliation.

In addition to grants determined by the CBFCF board as a whole, each trustee has a discretionary amount (\$1250 in 1993) for 'local' donations (see sidebar at right for 1992 Discretionary Fund disbursements). These grants follow the same guidelines.

In 1993, the following grants are being made in addition to the trustees' discretionary amount:

Kids Help Line	13,500.00
REACH	10,000.00
Parkinsons Foundation	5,000.00
Friends of Schizophrenia	5,000.00
Alzheimers Society	5,000.00
Guide Dogs	5,000.00
Central Volunteer Bureau	5,000.00

In 1994 the primary charity will be Kids Help Line and the minor ones will be Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Parkinson's Foundation.

If you are active in a worthwhile charity and would like more information on approaching the CBFCF for a grant on their behalf, please contact your zonal CBF director or Katie Thorpe.

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1992 Charity Fund Disbursements

Arthritis Society	10,000
FOS Housing Society	9,000
Reach	5,000
Parkinson Foundation	5,000
Alzheimer's Society	5,000
Guide Dogs	5,000

1992 Discretionary Fund Disbursements

Central Volunteer Bureau	5,000
Metro Halifax Food Bank	2,000
STARS	2,000
Phoenix House	1,000
The Salvation Army	1,000
Health Services Centre	1,000
North End Community	
Ministry	1,000
Manitoba Interfaith	
Immigration	1,000
Progress Centre Early	
Intervention	1,000
University of Winnipeg	850
VON Palliative Care Unit	500
Halifax Adult Services	
Society	500
Family Service	
Support Assoc.	500
Miscellaneous	550

NATIONAL COACH

The CBF is accepting applications for the position of National Coach. The mandate of the National Coach will be to have total responsibility for the development, training and preparation of our Canadian Open, Women's and Junior teams for international competition. Applicants must be Canadian citizens and should have significant previous experience in coaching national teams. The CBF would be willing to consider applications from persons interested in coaching only one of the three teams. However, should a National Coach be found, it would be at their discretion to give consideration to permitting another person to coach one of the teams.

Interested parties should submit a background of related experience (including results), a projected training program, and a suggested remuneration package.

Please reply in confidence to CBF President George Holland (see page 4) before the beginning of April, 1994.

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND Future International Fund Needs

1994- In 1994 we are looking at trying to subsidize four pairs for the NEC World Pairs, one team for the Rosenblum Cup and one team for the McConnell Cup (Women's Teams) which are being held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1995- We must plan to subsidize our NEC Bermuda Bowl and NEC Venice Cup entries in the World Championships which will be held in Beijing China. For this there will be two Tri-Country playoffs which should be hosted by Bermuda. As well the NEC Junior Championships will be held this year.

1996 - The World Championships will be in Greece and we will be sending an Open team and a Women's Team.

international bridge

by George Retek

The World Championships are held every eight years in North America. Albuquerque, New Mexico will host the 1994 event from Sept 17th to Oct 1st.

The Schedule

The extended format will ensure that there will be events to play at all times. The Tournament will include:

- The Rosenblum Teams, an Open Team Championship
- The McConnell Teams, a Women's Team Championship
- The Mixed Pairs Championship
- Senior Swiss Teams for players born 1939 or earlier
- Zonal Teams Championships - available only to teams eliminated after the first two or three days from the Rosenblum and McConnell Team competitions.
- America Cup Swiss Teams - a five session event, open to all
- The Continuous Pairs - offered in three five day segments. The best two scores of ten (nine in the last segment) sessions will determine each winner.
- The Par contest will be held on September 20 and 21st. The teams of the participants of this event will receive a bye.

As there is an overlap between the KO teams and the Pair Championships, appropriate carryover will be provided for team members participating in the late stages of KO who will enter the semi-finals and finals of the pairs competition.

Participants are guaranteed to play six sessions in Mixed Pairs, at least eight sessions in Open Women Pairs and ten sessions in Rosenblum & McConnell Team competitions (with exception of teams eliminated on the fourth playing day).

In the Senior and Mixed Pair events, pair and team participants need not represent the same country.

Besides the events outlined above there will be a very attractive Regional Championship program under the Chairmanship of Gloria Krieghauser, where WBF & ACBL master points are being awarded.



ALBUQUERQUE '94

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**HOW TO ENTER
THE 1994 NEC
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS?**

Participation in these championships is strictly by invitation of the World Bridge Federation. In order to receive the invitation one has to apply in writing, no later than April 30, 1994, to one of the following:

Aidan Ballantyne 3549 East 22nd Ave
Vancouver BC V5M 2Z5

George Retek 1650 DeMaisonneuve Blvd.,
West Suite 202
Montreal PQ H3H 2P3

Please provide the following information:
Name, address phone number, ACBL number, and approximate masterpoints holding, together with events to play.

Due to the generous quota regulations, Canadian participation will not be restricted and there will be no need for any qualification tournament. I strongly urge you to send your application immediately to either of the two officials mentioned above and mail or fax your housing request now to the Albuquerque Housing Bureau to ensure your priority for good accommodations.

The 1994 NEC World Championship is shaping up as the biggest ever and the best hotel accommodations are expected to run out soon.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The World Bridge Federation has secured exceptionally good hotel rates, making this event quite affordable. My personal favorite hotel is the Hyatt, which is the headquarter hotel (Doubles \$94 including 10% hotel tax).

For the budget conscious there is the Plaza Inn offering doubles at \$55 (includes complimentary busing over the 1.5 mile distance) and the Friendship Inn (\$30) where you are well advised to request a room with a king size bed.

Besides these hotels, the WBF reserved a block of rooms at the Doubletree Hotel (Doubles \$87) and at La Posada (\$94). I suggest that due to the expected demand, one would make reservations early, by writing to:

Albuquerque Housing Bureau
Attn: Valerie Anzalone, WBF
Box 26866
Albuquerque, NM 87125

Reservation request has to be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 US that will become non-refundable after August 15, 1994. Add \$10 US if using a cheque not drawn on a US bank. Alternatively, one may fax reservation request to (505) 243-3934 and provide Visa or Master Card information.

The temperature is expected to be between F 55-83 (C 13-28). The Championship will take place in the state-of-the-art Convention Centre. Organizers, led by the incomparable Becky Rogers, are planning to have an opening reception and closing party together with other great entertainment and fabulous vignette presentations featuring Edgar Kaplan, Eric Kokish, Ron Anderson and others.

HELEN SHIELDS OVERALL WINNERS EACH ZONE
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ZONE IV (133 Pairs)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. P.E. Matheson - Alice Storey | Thunder Bay DBC |
| 2. Lois Lagadin - Paul Dunford | Thunder Bay DBC |
| 3. R. Sharples - Roland Turcotte | Kenora DBC |
| 4. Dorothy Spencer - Anita Rasmussen | Kenora DBC |
| 5. E. Warren - G. Grossett | Algoma Cambrian DBC |

ZONE V (255 Pairs)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jun Yang - Chris Liu | Regina DBC |
| 2. Barb Velestuk - Mary Belbin | Moose Jaw DBC |
| 3. Peter Weckl - Rob Dick | Martinique Br. Studio |
| 4. Evelyn Black - H. Sutherland | Flin Flon DBC |
| 5. Dick Anderson - Doreen Grainger | Regina DBC |
- ZONE VI (162 Pairs)**
- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Iras Gartrell - Dr. Ted Rich | Penticton DBC |
| 2. Mark Beduz - K. Heffner | Creston DBC |
| 3. Zena Seldon - Ian Glover | Kamloops DBC |
| 4. R. Gagne - P. Manhas | Terrace DBC |
| 5. Ken Bibby - Ron Blank | Nanaimo DBC |

**1993 CANADIAN
ROOKIE-MASTER
NATIONAL STANDINGS**

1. Iras Gartrell - Ted Rich
Penticton DBC 71.92
2. Jun Yang - Chris Liu
Regina DBC 71.43
3. Fran Aboud - Phyllis King
Welland DBC 71.33
4. Audrey Hart - Allison Bush
Lakeshore DBC 69.94
5. M. Beduz - K. Heffner
Creston DBC 69.58
6. P. Matheson - Alice Storey
Thunder Bay DBC 69.51
7. Barb Velesluk - Mary Belbin
Moose Jaw DBC 68.92
8. J. Baker - Paul Campbell
Ray's DBC 68.59
9. Zena Seldon - Ian Glover
Kamloops DBC 68.21
10. Joan MacLeod -
Red Petzold
Peterborough BC 68.15



Helen Shields of Thunder Bay, Ontario, died on May 8, 1987. She was one of the finest bridge players at the Lakehead as well as a very pleasant and easy person to play with. Her talents led her to the positions of President of the Thunder Bay District Bridge Club, President of Unit 228, and eventually, Director and President of the Canadian Bridge Federation. She was also instrumental in forming and developing the Heritage Seniors' Bridge Club.

Helen Shields

1993

ROOKIE-MASTER TROPHY

Winners of the 1993 Canadian Rookie-Master Game were Master Iras Gartrell and Rookie Dr. Ted Rich, from Penticton, B.C. They will have their names inscribed on the Helen Shields Memorial Trophy and receive replica keeper trophies provided by the Helen Shields Memorial Fund.

Winning Life Master Iras Gartrell explains that she started bridge at 13 but is still learning. It took her 10 years and considerable travelling to tournaments to become a Life Master. She estimates there are about 20 Life Masters living in the Penticton area. Gartrell contends that playing bridge keeps people sharp and notes that "the whole point of the rookie-master games is to bring newcomers into duplicate bridge and to encourage beginners to advance to the master level."

Dr. Ted Rich used to play more bridge when he was young but hadn't played for about a year before sitting down with Gartrell April 1st. He noted that he knew he and Iras had played well that night - perhaps good enough to place in the competition. But he says it was a real surprise to win. Rich hopes to find more time to play bridge as he gets older.

OVERALL WINNERS IN EACH ZONE

ZONE 1 (98 Pairs)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Del Knox - Liz McDonald | Halifax Bridge World |
| 2. Mrs. D. Shirley - Arnel Brideau | Nepisiquit DBC |
| 3. L.J. Gillam - Robert Gillam | Corner Brook DBC |
| 4. M. Whelton - Clara Daley | Nepisiquit DBC |
| 5. Gerald Soucy - Marshall Gerrior | Halifax Bridge World |

ZONE II (274 Pairs)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Audrey Hart - Allison Bush | Lakeshore DBC |
| 2. Roy Bouchard - J.P. Bilodeau | C. de Br. Chicoutimi-Nord |
| 3. Jean Lavoie - Georges Girard | C. de Br. Roberval |
| 4. P. Mitchell - M. Petras | R.A. DBC |
| 5. Pat Verrault - J.E. Bilodeau | C. de Br. Chicoutimi - Nord |

ZONE III (319 Pairs)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Fran Aboud - Phyllis King | Welland DBC |
| 2. J. Baker - Paul Campbell | Ray's DBC |
| 3. Joan MacLeod - Red Petzold | Peterborough BC |
| 4. S. Stokes - G. Stokes | Midland BC |
| 5. E. Hines - R. Caswell | Ray's DBC |

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APRIL 4-10, 1994

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 pm DINO Charity Pairs
See below for Knockout information

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

1:00 & 7:30 Open Swiss Teams Two Sessions
Senior Swiss Teams (55+) Two Sessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

1:00 Women's Pairs
(2nd Session Thursday, 1:00) 1st Session
Afternoon Open Pairs (Playthrough) 1st Session
(2nd Session Thursday, 1:00)
7:30 Senior Pairs (55+) 1st Session
(2nd Session Thursday, 7:30) 1st Session
Evening Open Pairs (Qualifying)
(2nd Session Thursday, 7:30)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

1:00 Women's Pairs 2nd Session
Afternoon Open Pairs (Playthrough) 2nd Session
Thursday Open Pairs (Playthrough) 1st Session
7:30 Senior Pairs (55+) 2nd Session
Evening Open Pairs Finals &
Consolation (closed) 2nd Session
Thursday Open Pairs (Playthrough) 2nd Session
CBF Junior Development Fund
Side Game One Session

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

1:00 & 7:30 Stratified Pairs Two Sessions
A: 1500+ B: 300-1500 C: 0-300
11:30 pm Charity Speedball Swiss One Session

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

1:00 & 7:30 Super Open Pairs Two Sessions
Flt A: Unlimited Flt B: 0-1500 Flt C: 0-300

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

10:30 am Super Open Swiss Teams Two Sessions
& 4:00 pm Flt A: Unlimited Flt B: 0-1500 Flt C: 0-300

KNOCKOUT TEAM EVENTS

FLIGHTED KOS A: Unlimited B: 0-1500 C: 0-300

1st round Monday 8:00 pm • 2nd to Final Rounds Tues.-Sat. 8:45 am

BRACKETED KOS 1st round Wednesday 8:45 am

2nd-Final Rounds Thurs - Sat 8:45 am

30-HOUR KNOCKOUTS (BRACKETED)

1st round Friday 8:45 am • 2nd round Friday 1:00

3rd round Friday 7:30 • Final Round Saturday 8:45 am

UNDER 100 STRATIFIED EVENTS

Monday - Saturday



1994 COPC NATIONAL FINALS

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

1st qualifying Session 1:00
2nd Qualifying Session 7:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

1st Final Session 1:00
2nd Final Session 7:30

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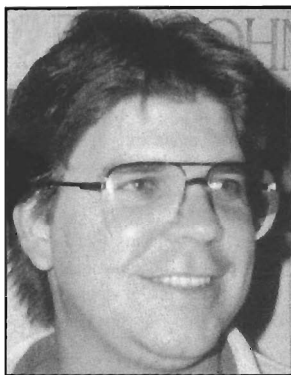
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1993 COPC

Congratulations to the 1993 COPC Champions John Zaluski and Pierre Treuil. If their pictures look familiar, it's because this is their second COPC win in a row! John is a Systems Analyst with Environment Canada and Pierre is a retired Actuary.

COPC OVERALL WINNERS

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| 1. John Zaluski - Pierre Treuil, Ottawa, ON | Zone II |
| 2. Doug and Sandra Fraser, Mont Royal, PQ | Zone II |
| 3. Doug Heron - Ed Zaluski, Ottawa, ON | Zone II |
| 4. Bruce Norman, Ajax, ON - Debbie Bennett, Scarborough ON | Zone III |
| 5. Jeff Blond - Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal, PQ | Zone II |
| 6. Carole Klein, Mont Royal PQ - Michael Schleifer, Montreal, PQ | Zone II |
| 7. Ken Gee - Doug Rankin, Regina, SK | Zone V |
| 8. Wayner Weaver, Genelle BC - Dave Thiel, Trail BC | Zone VI |
| 9. Fidel Ngoh, Gloucester ON - Richard Gamble, Ottawa ON | Zone II |
| 10. Rizwan Ul Haq - Brij Garg, Sudbury, ON | Zone IV |

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONS

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| 1985 | Boris Baran - Mark Molson |
| 1986 | Gary Whiteman - Ken Warren |
| 1987 | Maurice de la Salle - Mark Chalkin |
| 1988 | John Valliant - David Willis |
| 1989 | Ron Borg - Michael Streibinger |
| 1990 | Katie Thorpe - John Carruthers |
| 1991 | Michael Caferata - Ken Warren |
| 1992 | Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski |
| 1993 | Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski |

SESSION PLACINGS

1ST QUALIFYING SESSION N/S

1. Fidel Ngoh - Richard Gamble
2. Ken Gee - Doug Rankin
3. Bruce Norman - Debbie Bennett
4. Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski

1ST QUALIFYING SESSION E/W

1. Doug & Sandra Fraser
2. Jeff Blond - Nicolas L'Ecuyer
3. Doug Heron - Edward Zaluski
4. Gerry Soucy, Halifax - Bryan Rapson, Dartmouth

2ND QUALIFYING SESSION N/S

1. Doug & Sandra Fraser
2. Jeff Blond - Nicolas L'Ecuyer
3. Boyd Wells, Truro - D. Scammell
4. Jai Hakim, Kanata ON - Shubi Nandy, Ottawa ON

2ND QUALIFYING SESSION E/W

1. Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski
2. Rizwan Ul Haq - Brij Garg
3. Carole Klein - Michael Schleifer
4. Wayne Weaver - Dave Thiel

OVERALLS QUALIFYING ROUND

1. Doug & Sandra Fraser
2. Jeff Blond - Nicolas L'Ecuyer
3. Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski
4. Carole Klein - Michael Schleifer
5. Boyd Wells - D. Scammell
6. Jai Hakim - Shubi Nandy
7. Ken Gee - Doug Rankin
8. Rizwan Ul Haq - Brij Garg
9. Fidel Ngoh - Richard Gamble
10. Doug Heron - Edward Zaluski

1ST FINAL SESSION

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|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski | 63.46 |
| 2. Bruce Norman - Debbie Bennett | 58.97 |
| 3. Jeff Blond - Nicolas L'Ecuyer | 55.13 |
| 4. Wayne Weaver - Dave Thiel | 54.17 |
| 5. Sandra & Doug Fraser | 52.88 |

2ND FINAL SESSION

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Doug & Sandra Fraser | 63.46 |
| 2. Carole Klein - Michael Schleifer | 58.65 |
| 3. Doug Heron - Ed Zaluski | 56.09 |
| 4. Pierre Treuil - John Zaluski | 54.81 |
| 5. Ken Gee - Doug Rankin | 51.92 |

John Zaluski relates a tale or two from the COPC National Finals in Ottawa.

DLR: N	♠ -								
VUL: None	♥ KQ63								
	♦ Q542								
	♣ AJ964								
♠ AQ108		<table><tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N		E	W		S	♠ J942
N		E							
W		S							
♥ 94			♥ J1052						
♦ J873			♦ K9						
♣ 873			♣ KQ5						
	♠ K7653								
	♥ A87								
	♦ A106								
	♣ 102								

Bruce Norman	Pierre Treuil	Debbie Bennett	John Zaluski
N	E	S	W
1♦	P	1♠	P
2♣	P	2NT	All pass

On the hand above, I led an unusual second best diamond (the 8), hoping partner would not get confused. Pierre must have read my opening lead, as he made the key play of the 9 to declarer's 10. Trying to set up the club suit, declarer ran the ♠10 to partner's queen. My reverse Smith signal of the ♠8 asked partner to lead something other than diamonds. Pierre made the excellent return of the ♠9 and then the ♠J after the 9 held, declarer discarding a heart and a diamond. The third spade began to squeeze the dummy. Still hoping the club suit would run declarer discarded a second diamond from dummy. Counting declarer's points to be the ace of diamonds) partner might have played it at trick one), the ace of hearts (for declarer's 2NT bid) and the king of spades, it seemed my partner still had a club stopper and the ♦K. I returned a diamond to the queen, king and ace. We claimed three down after partner won the king of clubs and returned the fourth spade for 5.5 matchpoints out of 6. We tied the pair who had beaten a 3NT contract by 3 tricks.

The winners of the 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994 COPC National finals will be the four pairs that we try and provide some subsidy to for Albuquerque. In the event that any winning pair becomes ineligible, the 2nd place pair that year will become the subsidized rep.

Here is a bidding problem for you at matchpoints (probably a better problem at IMP's). This was our second last hand of the COPC National finals. The opponents are vulnerable and you are not. Sitting south as dealer you pass holding xxx, Kxxx, xx, xxx, your LHO opens 3 diamonds, (playing weak two's in three suits), partner jumps to 4 hearts, and RHO bids 5 diamonds. What is your call?

Hint: Partner rates to have 6 or 7 hearts, 0 or 1 diamond and between 2 and 4 high honour cards (A, K, or Q) in the black suits. Remember, jump bids over preempts show GOOD hands.

The factors to consider are: a) one of the opponents rate to be void in hearts; b) unless partner's black honour's are A, K, A we do not rate to take three tricks against 5 Diamonds; and, c) if partner has two suits (i.e. 6-4, 7-4, or 6-5) five hearts may make. Base III's hand generator confirms this analysis, making a bid of 5 hearts successful about 70% of the time, primarily as a save against 5 diamonds and occasionally making 5 hearts. Partner's actual hand was Kxx, AQJ10xx, K, AKx. If a singleton king was a small diamond, would you still like to defend 5 diamonds? The bid of 5 hearts got doubled and two down gave us a cold zero. It turned out that the opponents were just fooling around, the 3 diamond preemptor had AJx, x, QJ10xx, 10xxx., and his partner had Qxxx, x, Axxxx, QJx. Normally diamonds would break 7-3 or 7-4 and the ace of spades would be over the king. Five diamonds could have been defeated two tricks but it takes nothing away from the good bidding problem if the opponents were on the up and up.

Pierre and I found our last round quite unsettling. Our opponents, after reviewing the leader board and congratulating us on our win, proceeded to psyche on the last two boards of the event. If you are out of the running of an event, it is considered proper and good sportsmanship for you to play down the middle. The field in general and the players who are still in contention will greatly appreciate it.

The race ended very closely with Sandra and Doug Fraser of Montreal finishing just a hair behind. Finishing third were Doug Heron and Edward Zaluski. Pierre and I enjoyed this event very much and are looking forward to next year's contest and maybe, hard to imagine, a three-peat!



Canadian National Team Championships

THE QUALIFIERS FOR THE 1993 NATIONAL FINAL

(*augmentees)

ZONE 1

- John Stewart-George Holland, Eric Balkam-Mike Betts, Victor Goldberg-Don Presse
- Bill Camp-Bill Presse, Ian Crowe-Bruce Armstrong, Gord Chippin-Brian Alexander

ZONE 2

- Marc Stein-Eric Murray*, Boris Baran-Mark Molson*, Geoff Hampson-Fred Gitelman
- Andre Laliberte-Richard Wildt, Clement Groleau-Kevin Paul Gregoire, Michel Lorber*-Eric Kokish*
- Alan H Lee, npc: Tony Reus-Larry Crevier, Guy Belisle-Sylvain Descoteaux, Jacques Giroux-Nick Krnjevic*
- Doug Heron-Ed Zaluski, Pierre Treuil-John Zaluski, Jim Riegle-Haig Tchamitch*
- Denis and Richard Lesage, Dave Willis-John Valliant Kamel Fergani*-Raymond Fortin*
- Bert Habert-Murray Goldenblatt, George Retek-Brian Fraser, Doug and Sandra Fraser*.

ZONE III

- Irving Litvack-Jim Green, John Sabino-Gord Chapman, George Mittelman*-Joey Silver*
- Keith Balcombe-Brian Duquette, Doug Baxter-Ken Warren, Paul Thurston*-Rick Delogu*
- Dudley Camacho-Mark Liberman, Colin Revill-Atlan Lee, Fred Lerner*-Ron Bishop*
- Andy Altay-Ian McKinnon, Ed Bridson-David Lindop, Zygmunt Marcinski*-Gord Crispin*
- Mike Cafferatta-Mike Kenny, Mary Paul-Dave Colbert, Michael Roche*-Chris Hough*

ZONE IV

- Michael Yuen-Ken Sired, David Sired-Bob Todd, Bob Kuz
- Brij Garg-Jerry Aceti, Brian Thomas-Marc Langevin, Colin van Wallegham-Kevin Conway
- Roland Laframboise-Bill Anderson, Cary Salmi-Dave McLellan, Bill Treble*-Doug Fisher*

ZONE V

- Judy and Nick Gartaganis, Bob Crosby-Dave Smith
- Doug Deschner-Gordon Campbell, Allan Simon-Bob Santa
- Peter Jones-Vince Lambert, Karen Kilworth-Jym Galand, Ron Gardiner - Mike Hargreaves

ZONE VI

- Aidan Ballantyne-Cameron Doner, Rob Crawford-Larry Hicks, Dan Jacob-Ron Borg
- Mike Roberts-Eric Sutherland, Glen Thornborough-Ron Smith, Scott Morrison-John Osborne
- Jim McAvoy-Duncan Smith, Peter Herold-Jim Dickie, John Carruthers*-Ted Horning*.

1993 CNTC CHAMPIONS

1. Mike Cafferatta - Mike Kenny - Mary Paul Dave Colbert - Michael Roche - Chris Hough
2. Andy Altay - Ian McKinnon - Ed Bridson - David Lindop - Zygmunt Marcinski - Gord Crispin
- 3/4. Dudley Camacho - Mark Liberman - Colin Revill - Allan Lee - Fred Lerner - Ron Bishop
- 3/4. Denis Lesage - Richard Lesage - Dave Willis - John Valliant - Kamel Fergani - Raymond Fortin

CNTC NATIONAL FINAL

MONTREAL, JUNE 5-8, 1993

by Eric Kokish

The Final stage of the Canadian Bridge Federation's 1993 National Team Championships was played in Montreal, at the Maritime Hotel. The 22 teams played a complete round robin of nine-board matches (80 VP maximum on a 1 imp:1 VP scale through 40 imps), with the top four teams going on to 64-board semifinals.

CNTC CHAMPIONS

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|------|--|
| 1993 | Mike Cafferatta - Mike Kenny - Mary Paul - Dave Colbert - Michael Roche - Chris Hough |
| 1992 | Jim McAvoy - Duncan Smith - Mickael Strebing - 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 Kirr - Billy Cohen |
| 1988 | Maurice Larochelle - Jean Bernier - Andre Laliberte - Jacques Laliberte - Raymond Fortin - Kamel Fergani |

THE ROUND ROBIN

The Round robin was expected to be a genuine struggle, and so it was. With one round remaining in the qualifying stage, two teams had secured semi-final berths - CAF-FERATA and ALTAY. The other two spots were still at issue, with seven teams still breathing. Most of the last-round matchups proved to be head-to-head meetings between contenders.

The two teams that prevailed were CAMACHO and LESAGE. Falling inches short were the BALLANTYNE, LITVACK and STEIN teams. Apart from the CAMACHO team, all of the top finishers were experienced (at this level) squads with lots of expert players.

Many N/S pairs reached 3NT on this deal after West opened the bidding, but not everyone made it. Give it a try, assuming the following scenario.

BD: 8-7 W N E S
DLR: W 1♠ P P 1NT
Vul: N/S P 3NT Dbl Pass..

NORTH

♠ J54
♥ J2
♦ KQ632
♣ AJ6

SOUTH

♠ K87
♥ AQ73
♦ 10
♣ K10752

South's reopening notrump covered a wide range (11-17 HCP) of hands, but North simplified matters by raising directly to game. East, who could not keep 1♠ alive, increased the stakes, and West led the spade six. How should declarer attack this hair-raising contract?

With his spades headed by the ace-ten-nine, West would surely have led the ten this time, so it looks right to put up dummy's jack. That holds. If East has the diamond ace, declarer has no chance, so he credits West with that card. Now it looks as if East must have both the heart king and club queen for his double. Entries are a problem, so declarer leaves the club ace in dummy, calling for the club

BD: 8-7 ♠ J54
DLR: W ♥ J2
VUL: N/S ♦ KQ632
♣ AJ6

♠ AQ963
♥ 105
♦ A8754
♣ 8



♠ K87
♥ AQ73
♦ 10
♣ K10752

♠ 102
♥ K9864
♦ J9
♣ Q943

jack at trick two. Say that East covers. Declarer wins as the eight falls from West. Now a diamond. West cannot win with profit, so he ducks and the queen wins, East playing the jack, a card he was unlikely to hold (with the heart king, that gives him six points for his pass to one spade). This gives declarer plenty of cause for concern, but what can he do, really? A heart to the queen holds and now declarer can return to the club ace to finesse against East's guarded nine of clubs for the contract. 1992 Blue Ribbon Pairs champ Haig Tchamitch was one declarer who played the hand this way.

BD: 14-26 E S W N
DLR: E P 1♣ P 1♥
Vul: Both P 3NT P 4♦
P 4S P 4NT
P 7C P P
Dbl All Pass

NORTH

♠ K6
♥ J109653
♦ AQ963
♣ -

SOUTH

♠ A7
♥ -
♦ 1054
♣ AKQJ9632

Your bidding leaves something to be desired, but you are not down off the top. West leads the heart king against 7♣ doubled. You ruff the heart lead and draw four rounds of trumps, East discarding three spades. Can you find the best line at this point?

BD: 14-26	♠ K6		
DLR: E	♥ J109653		
VUL: All	♦ AQ963		
	♣ -		
♠ J985		♠ Q10432	
♥ KQ7		♥ A842	
♦ K8		♦ J72	
♣ 10854		♣ 7	
	♠ A7		
	♥ -		
	♦ 1054		
	♣ AKQJ9632		

There is always the double finesse in diamonds, one chance in four. The straight finesse for the diamond king is twice as good, but that is not where it ends. To get home after the single diamond finesse, one opponent (probably East) will have to have three diamonds and four hearts, not so unlikely once East shows up with just one trump. You can cross to the diamond queen (catering at no cost to the unlikely singleton jack in East), ruff a heart, cash the spade ace, and the penultimate trump. Four cards remain. You have a spade, a club, and two diamonds, North has two hearts, the spade ace, and the blank ace of diamonds. You cross to the ace of spades and East has nothing but heartache. He cannot hold two diamonds and two hearts. If he throws a heart, you ruff out the suit and return to the diamond ace. If he throws a diamond, you cash the ace and ruff

yourself in to cash the long diamond. You have negotiated a trump squeeze.

Unfortunately for his team, the live declarer took the double diamond finesse and swung 25 imps the wrong way. The enemy N/S pair stopped in 3NT.

ROUND ROBIN FINAL STANDINGS

Average 840

1	Cafferata	1069
2	Altay	1063
3	Lesage	943
4	Camacho	936
5	Ballantyne	926
6	Litvack	924
7	Stein	921
8	Camp	897
9	Roberts	865
10	McAvoy	861
11	Heron	832
12	Balcombe	828
13	Gregoire	823
14	Gartaganis	813
15	Holland	798
16	Lee (npc)	777
17	Jones	750
18	Habert	740
19	Laframboise	689
20	Garg	687
21	Yuen	671
22	Deschner	667

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD CUNNINGHAM

It is with regret that we note the passing of Howard Cunningham of Cornwall Ontario (Unit 192) at the age of 80. He had achieved the level of Silver Life Master. Howard was a founding member of the first Cornwall and District Bridge Club in the late 1950's. His interests were in teaching and directing bridge and as such, he operated the Cornwall Community Bridge Club for over 30 years. He served in many capacities on the Executive of Unit 192 during the 20 years he was the Cornwall Area Representative. In 1992 Howard was presented with a plaque in recognition of his years of dedicated service to the Unit.

The ACBL appointed him to its Goodwill Committee, and he was made an Honorary Member of the International Press Association in view of his weekly writing of the Bridge Corner for over 20 years for the Cornwall Standard Freeholder.

THE SEMIFINALS

In the 64-board semifinals, the round robin winners, CAFFERATA, chose to play against CAMACHO, to whom they were down 13 imps in carryover. In the other semifinal, ALTAY started with a 20-imp cushion against LESAGE.

BD: 6	▲ K954		
DLR: E	♥ Q4		
VUL: E/W	♦ AK103		
	♣ A74		
▲ AQJ10872		N	▲ -
♥ K5		W	♥ AJ1098762
♦ 95		E	♦ 64
♣ Q5		S	♣ J103
	▲ 63		
	♥ 3		
	♦ QJ872		
	♣ K9862		

CAFFERTATA v.s. CAMACHO

Paul	Camacho	Colbert	Liberman
E	S	W	N
4♥	P	P	Dbl
P	4NT	5♥	Dbl
All pass			

Bishop	Kenny	Lerner	Cafferata
E	S	W	N
4♥	4NT!	P	5NT
P	6♣	P	6♦
All pass			

It's easy to understand the bidding at the first table on Board 6 from the First Quarter. Everyone seems to have done something intelligent. But intelligent or otherwise, 5♦ was going down and 5♥x cost 500, so Colbert had done the wrong thing.

In the other room, Mike Kenny volunteered one of the bravest bids in recent memory when he committed his Unusual Notrump. Lerner, perhaps taken aback by the strong-sounding enemy bidding (5NT sounded impressive), took no part in the proceedings, and 6♦ went two down undoubled, minus 100. It was good to be plus, however, and CAMACHO gained 12 imps to lead 32-8.

ALTAY v.s. LESAGE

D.Lesage	Bridson	R.Lesage	Lindop
E	S	W	N
4♥	P	P	Dbl
P	4NT	5♥	P
P	5NT	6♥	Dbl
All pass			

McKinnon	Fergani	Altay	Fortin
E	S	W	N
3♥	P	3♠	P
4♥	P	P	Dbl
P	4NT	P	5♦
All pass			

From here it looks as if Richard Lesage misjudged badly, taking a delayed advance save against something or other. But did he?

Ed Bridson led his doubleton spade instead of one of his long suits. Denis Lesage put in the queen and David Lindop did what he had to by playing low. Lesage threw a diamond and was in a position to make all thirteen tricks by continuing with the ♠J, ruffing a third spade safely, and finishing with ♥A, heart to the king, claiming. Instead he cashed the ♥K, then the ♠A. That eliminated his second diamond loser, but he had to lose two clubs and so went minus 200. Ian McKinnon's solo 3♥ opening (his rubber bridge upbringing) spawned a new set of circumstances, and it all ended at 5♦, where Fortin went one down, minus 50. 6 imps to ALTAY who led 28-15.

CAMACHO won the set 44-18 and led CAFFERTATA at the quarter 57-18. LESAGE won the stanza 32-14, cutting their deficit against ALTAY to just 2 imps, 32-34.

CAFFERTATA won the second quarter 49-17, but CAMACHO was still ahead by 7 imps, 74-67. ALTAY won the second quarter 48-40, and led at the half by 10 imps, 82-72.

There were big swings in both matches on deal 41 from the third quarter.

CAFFERTATA v.s. CAMACHO

Colbert	Lee	Paul	Revill
W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	P
Dbl	P	2♦	All Pass

game. Liberman doubled 4♥ on the way out and he started a low club to the jack, queen, and ace. Liberman won the spade continuation and led another club, but Cafferata could ruff his clubs and take his discard on the ♠K, eventually losing two trumps and a diamond for one down, minus 200. At the other table, Bishop was able to double the single raise to 2♠, although it was not clear that this was the percentage choice. In practice, he more or less cajoled himself into raising hearts over the delayed 3♠, perhaps because there might have been some "scramble" or Lebensohl implications in Lerner's 3♥ (vs 2NT) bid. Spade to the ace, ♦Q, ducked, diamond to the ten and ace. Three rounds of clubs, spade king to throw the last diamond, and now ... a trump. No good. Roche played three rounds and Lerner had to lose a trick in the wash. Down 500; 7 imps to CAFFERATA, still ahead 134-110.

In the other match, Richard Lesage's preemptive raise forced a decision on Lindop, who settled for the safer action - a takeout double. Bridson risked a "total tricks" pass, and was duly rewarded when 3♠x had to go one down. A great +200 for Lindop-Bridson. At the other table, Fortin was able to make his main statement with 3♥, and then he resisted the urge to double 3♠ for takeout. - 100. 3 imps to ALTAY, who closed to within 9 imps, 131-140.

With one board remaining, CAFFERATA was home and dry. ALTAY had taken the lead, due mainly to a skinny slam bid and made by Lindop-Bridson, and was now in front by a single imp! The last board was flat so Altay reached the final with a score of 142-141. Whew!

It would be CAFFERATA vs ALTAY over 72 boards, CAFFERATA starting with a 10-imp carryover advantage.

THE FINAL

The answer is balls. The question: what does a Canadian South find in his pocket on Board 1 of the final of his country's most important teams championship (reminder: the ineligible Mary Paul was seated East)?

BD: 1	♠ J1076	
DLR: N	♥ AKJ87	
VUL: None	♦ A7	
	♣ Q10	
♠ K		♠ A9542
♥ Q		♥ 932
♦ KQJ10953		♦ 8
♣ AK873		♣ 9654
	♠ Q83	
	♥ 10654	
	♦ 642	
	♣ J32	

Bridson	Cafferata	Lindop	Kenny
W	N	E	S
	2♦*	P	2♥
3♦	P	P	3♥
4♠	P	5♣	P
5♦	All pass		

Colbert	McKinnon	Paul	Altay
W	N	E	S
	1♥	P	1♠
Dbl	RDbl	3♣	P
5♣	Dbl	All Pass	

Michael Kenny's brazen reopening 3♥ was just what Ed Bridson was hoping for. Bridson's 4♠ was just what Kenny was hoping for when he stuck his neck out to protect. Now David Lindop's 5♠ left Kenny with some second thoughts, but it all turned out deliciously for him when 5♦ went one down.

Andy Altay's psychic 1♠ response looks like a pretty good shot to me, but it might have worked badly for him had David Colbert settled for a simple 2♦ rather than a takeout double: 3♠-pass-pass-DBL- pass-pass-???

What actually developed was infinitely more pleasurable for Altay. Mary Paul's "total tricks" leap to 3♣ was taken seriously by Colbert, and Ian McKinnon doubled 5♣ because he thought he was being robbed. As the cards lay, even a forcing defense would not have bruised this contract, but after a ♥ lead and ♠ switch, one down was routine. The double gave ALTAY the first 2 real imps of the match.

A series of small to moderate swings, mostly in ALTAY's favour, had ALTAY ahead 33-25 at the end of the 2nd quarter.

BD: 20	♠ 4		
DLR: W	♥ J952		
VUL: All	♦ K952		
	♣ K875		
♠ 10985		N	♠ J76
♥ Q87		W	♥ A1064
♦ Q1084		E	♦ J
♣ J6		S	♣ Q10943
	♠ AKQ32		
	♥ K3		
	♦ A763		
	♣ A2		

Marcinski	Roche	Crispin	Hough
W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♠
P	1NT*	P	3♦
P	4♦	P	4NT
P	5♦	P	6♦

Cafferata	McKinnon	Kenny	Altay
W	N	E	S
P	P	P	2NT
P	3♣	Dbl	3♠
P	3NT	All pass	

In this deal from the 2nd quarter, Chris Hough's 1♠ looks like a better start than Andy Altay's 2NT with that complex South hand, but when you consider how uncomfortable opener's second and third bids are likely to be (the only good news would be 3♦-♠ preference-3NT, and even that might get the notrump wrong-sided), 2NT looks a whole lot better. Hough had no chance in 6♦, and finished two down, -200.

Meanwhile, Altay's 3NT was not exactly cold either, after the indicated lead of the ♣J (thanks for the hint, Mike). Altay ducked, won the second club, and played the ♦A, felling the ♦J. Cafferata did not split his honours (Altay would have ducked) on the 2nd ♦ play, so Altay covered the 8 with the 9 and won the trick. His communications were delicate indeed, with strandable tricks lurking in both hands, but Altay simplified matters for himself by calling for a ♥, and the ♥K was his 9th winner; +600. 13 imps to ALTAY, who had earned them.

ALTAY won the 2nd Quarter 46-38, and led at the half by 16 imps, 79-63.

CAFFERATA charged in the 3rd quarter. On go-ahead Board 39, the Norths were dealt: (N) ♠10 ♥5 ♦K10852 ♣1097653, at favourable vulnerability. 1♦ (3+♦) from partner. Pass on their right. Lindop elected to raise to 5♦, certainly a reasonable choice. This was doubled by fourth hand, who would have doubled at virtually any level, and passed by West, who held: (W) ♠J6432 ♥K964 ♦97 ♣Q2. Down 300. At the other table, Michael Roche settled for 4♦, which is also a reasonable choice, since it puts you in the running to go plus against a four-level contract. Indeed, Double-Pass-4♥-All pass. The defense lost a trick but Marcinski was still one down, -100, and CAFFERATA gained 9 imps.

This was the start of a run of 38 unanswered imps for CAFFERATA. The quarter ended with another big swing when Hough opened an upgraded 14 HCP strong NT. This ended in a minor slam winning 12 more imps for CAFFERATA.

At the end of the 3rd quarter, with 18 deals remaining CAFFERATA was up 128-83, riding the crests of a thousand waves. The score must have felt a lot worse to ALTAY, who had well and truly been blown out.

CAFFERATA went on to win the fourth quarter 45-28 won the Championships 168-111.

Congratulations to 1993 Canadian National Team Champions Mike Cafferata, Mike Kenny, Dave Colbert, Mary Paul and augmentees Michael Roche and Chris Hough.



1993 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS GERMANY WINS

by Mike Roberts

The 4th World Junior Bridge Championships were held in Aarhus, Denmark, August 1993. It was held at the Idrætshøjskolen, which quickly became known to us as 'the sports place' due to our inability to pronounce it. Other countries competing were Argentina, Columbia, China, Chinese Taipei, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Italy, USA I, USA II and Venezuela. India had qualified but withdrew due to visa difficulties. Another casualty was Pakistan who did not turn in their WBF cards on time and were forced to play WBF standard, akin to the ACBL Yellow Card, throughout the event.

Canada was represented by 3 pairs: Jeff Blond (Montreal) - Nick L'Ecuier (Montreal); Bronia Gmach (London, England) - Geoff Hampson (Toronto); Mike Roberts (Victoria) - Eric Sutherland (Waterloo); and John Carruthers NPC (Toronto). Four of us had been on the Junior Team two years ago, where we won the silver. Although the European teams were sure to be stronger on their home ground, we had great hopes for qualifying.

Play started in the evening after the opening ceremonies. Our first match was against China. We wanted to get off to a good start, but it was not to be. Bad luck, coupled with excellent and consistent play from the Chinese, resulted in a 25-5 loss. Board 6 (bottom left) was typical. 3♦ promised a fit and was lead directing. Perhaps I ought to have bid 4♠ over 3NT. North ducked the first two spades and lost only those and two aces. At the other table, N/S bid their 'cold' game (barring the ♦A lead) but East took a solo sacrifice at unfavorable vulnerability. Right - down 1 only.

We followed this up with two large losses to Chinese Taipei and Pakistan, and were 14th after 3 matches. Our next match was against New Zealand, on VuGraph. We desperately wanted a large win to have any chance of qualifying. Both pairs played well, and with considerable luck. Jeff Blond was playing for the first time on VuGraph and this was his first board:

BD: 20	♠ A43		
DLR: W	♥ Q9		
VUL: All	♦ KJ652		
	♣ J73		
♠ 98		N	♠ KJ652
♥ A1076532		W	♥ 84
♦ AQ7		E	♦ 1084
♣ 10		S	♣ KQ6
	♠ Q107		
	♥ KJ		
	♦ 93		
	♣ A98542		

BD: 6	♠ A98		
DLR: E	♥ 532		
VUL: E/W	♦ 63		
	♣ KQ753		
♠ J72		N	♠ KQ106543
♥ J9		W	♥ 876
♦ A10752		E	♦ 9
♣ A96		S	♣ 84
	♠ -		
	♥ AKQ104		
	♦ KQJ84		
	♣ J106		

CLOSED ROOM

	Sutherland		Roberts
N	E	S	W
-	-	-	1♥
P	1NT*	2♣	2♥
3♣	P	P	3♥

OPEN ROOM

	L'Ecuier	
N	E	S
-	-	-
		3♥

CLOSED ROOM

	Roberts		Sutherland
N	E	S	W
-	2♠	Dbl	3♦*
3NT	P	P	P

OPEN ROOM

	L'Ecuier	
N	E	S
-	P	1♥
2♥	2♠	4♥
P	4♠	Dble
		All Pass

In the closed room the play went club to the Ace, ♦9 to the ♦J, low spade. I misguessed, playing the J, but rose on the 2nd round of ♦s. The 2-2 trump break meant I was down 2, which I thought would be a bad result. In the open room, Jeff found the lead of a low spade. Naturally, declarer misguessed, and Nick was quick to return a ♦ when the Q held. After winning the ♦J, Jeff switched to a club

(not succumbing to the temptation of under-leading the ♠A again!), which Nick won to return his other Diamond. Declarer hooked again, and the defense supplied the coup de grace by ruffing the 3rd round, then crossing back to the ♠A for the upcut with the ♥K, promoting the Q9 to two tricks! Down 4. We won the match 25-5, which lifted the spirits of the team considerably. We had our work cut out for us, but we still felt we could qualify for the semi-finals.

After playing the two South American teams (one small win, one small loss), we were crushed 25-3 by the Norwegian team. This spelled the end to any realistic chance of qualifying. At the other end of the standings, the US1 team was in the lead, chased by Denmark, Germany, and Norway.

The spirits of our team were low, naturally, but we began to find our form somewhat. Nick L'Ecuyer, especially, was instrumental in motivating our team to play to our abilities. We responded by acting as spoilers, defeating many of the teams at the top of the standings. Over the last seven matches, we won 5, tied one (tie in VPs, but we did win by 2 imps) and lost by 5 imps to Denmark. All three pairs began to play better. Against US1, Gmach-Hampson had their best match of the tournament. The Denmark match was also very well played the Danish win due at least in part to an excellent lead. Holding ♠XX ♥AQxx ♦X ♣KJ10xxx the Danish player heard the auction start on his left 1♠-P-1H-2♣ (by him) 3♠-P-3NT. He thought for about a minute, then put his finger on the ♣K. The opposing hands were:

♠ Kxx	♠ QJ
♥ xx	♥ KJxx
♦ AKQ10xxx	♦ xx
♣ Q	♣ A9xxx

US1, meanwhile, had suffered a blitz by the streaking German team. Australia was making a strong run, and both of the Chinese teams were in striking range of the top 4 spots. But Australia stumbled and at the end of the round robin, the four qualifying teams were Norway, Germany, Denmark and US1.

We had played the last two days competently and with feeling. As a result we had climbed from 15th to 8th and it felt good to end on an upswing, defeating the German team on the last round. As we put it, Canada led the also

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1993 Junior Championships Continued

by Mike Roberts

rans. We also noted that we defeated not only both US teams, but every English-speaking country. This may or may not be significant.

In the semi-finals, Norway established a large early lead against US1 and cruised into the finals. The other match was far closer. Germany won the semi-final by 1/2 imp, narrow considering their 10 1/2 imp carryover! It was the first time ever a long match in an international championship had been won by less than one imp.

In the final, Germany established a 40 imp lead after 64 boards, but Norway pulled back to within 10 imps in the 5th set. In the final set, however, Germany pulled away again, winning comfortably. Joest and Reps were spectacular in the final set. US1 easily handled a demoralized Denmark for the Bronze.

There were a number of trends in the event. First was the level of congeniality at the tables. Everyone was serious, but still able to enjoy a joke or a laugh. There was no animosity at any table at which I played. I don't know if this was only because it was a Junior Championship, but it is definitely a good trend to see.

I also noted the connection between team spirit and results. It was not sufficient to send three good pairs to this event. One had to send a good team. Most of the other teams had done much practicing together, especially the Europeans, and as a result they were more congenial among themselves, and more 'up' for the big matches. It was difficult for Canada as we had practiced as independant partnerships, and it showed in the first few matches. Although we didn't qualify, however, we did show resilience in bouncing back from our early losses, and competed well against most of the leading teams. The entire event was magnificently run and clearly showcased the growth of Junior bridge, especially in Europe. My thanks to the CBF, and all other Units and Districts which contributed to our team. I am looking forward to 1995.



COPC

Club Qualifying Rounds were held September and October Unit Final Round

Nov 1, 1993 - Jan 31, 1994

National Final

Apr 8-9, 1994

Richmond, B.C. (See page 12)

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Club Qualifying Round

Sept. 1, 1993 - Jan 15, 1994

Unit Final Round

Completed no later than

Mar 1, 1994

Zone 6 Finals - Easter Weekend, Vancouver, previous to Regional.

Zone Final Round

Completed no later than

May 8, 1994

National Final

June 25-29, 1994

Halifax N.S.

1994 INTERNATIONAL FUND GAMES

Jan 29 Continent Wide Game

Apr 12 Canada Wide Game

May 12 Continent Wide Game

July 22 Continent Wide Game

Oct 19 Canada Wide Game

CHARITY FUND GAMES

Nov 23, 1993

Mar 16, 1994

Nov 18, 1994

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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|-------|-------------------------|-----|
| 5-7 | Banff Classic, Banff AB | V |
| 5-7 | Maple City, Catham ON | III |
| 4-7 | Laval PQ | II |
| 6-7 | Thelford Mines PQ | II |
| 12-14 | Niagara, Hamilton ON | III |
| 11-14 | Ottawa, Ottawa ON | II |
| 11-14 | Round-Up, Vancouver BC | VI |
| 19-21 | Fall, Halifax NS | I |
| 23 | Charity Fund Game | |
| 19-28 | FALL NABC, Seattle WA | |

DECEMBER

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| 6-12 | Unit 192, STAC ON | II |
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JANUARY

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| 7-9 | Calgary AB | V |
| 7-9 | City of Toronto ON | III |
| 13-16 | Winter, Montreal PQ | II |
| 21-23 | Hamilton, Hamilton ON | III |
| 17-22 | Unit 571, STAC BC | VI |
| 29 | Continent-wide Fund Game | |
| 28-30 | Winter, Burnaby BC | VI |



FEBRUARY

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| 4-6 | Winter, Halifax NS | I |
| 4-6 | London ON | III |
| 11-13 | Niagara Falls ON | |
| 18-21 | Winter, Edmonton AB | V |
| 18-20 | Nickel City, Sudbury ON | IV |
| 24-27 | Metropolitain, Montreal PQ | II |
| 26-27 | Swiss Weekend, Oshawa ON | III |
| 25-27 | Windsor, Windsor ON | |
| 28 | ACBL Seniors Game | |

The Sectionals and Regionals listed here were taken from the ACBL lists dated August 1993. Please do not assume that no other tournaments are scheduled in Canada. And confirm dates and sites before making reservations and/or purchasing airline tickets... ed.



MARCH

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| 4-6 | MTBA Spring, Toronto ON | III |
| 4-6 | Victoria, Victoria BC | VI |
| 11-13 | Burnaby, Burnaby BC | VI |
| 11-20 | NABC SPRING, Cincinnati | |
| 12-13 | Okanagan 1999, Vernon BC | VI |
| 16 | Charity Fund Game | |
| 18-20 | Spring, Calgary AB | V |
| 25-27 | Duncan, Duncan BC | VI |

APRIL

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| 29-03 | TORONTO REGIONAL ON | III |
| 4-10 | VANCOUVER REGIONAL Richmond, BC | VI |
| 12 | Canada-Wide Fund Game | |
| 15-17 | Brantford ON | |
| 18 | Helen Shields Rookie-Master | |
| 22-24 | Spring, Kimberley BC | VI |
| 18-24 | Unit 151, STAC PQ | II |
| 22-24 | Don Cox Memorial, Truro NS | I |
| 29-01 | Parksville BC | VI |
| 29-01 | Bluewater, Sarnia ON | III |
| 29-01 | Prince George, BC | VI |



MAY

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| 3-7 | ACBL 2nd Cash Tournament | |
| 6-8 | Brampton, ON | |
| 12 | Continent-Wide Fund Game | |
| 13-15 | North Vancouver BC | VI |
| 18-23 | OTTAWA REGIONAL ON | II |
| 20-23 | Vernon, BC | VI |
| 27-29 | Spring, Edmonton AB | V |
| 27-29 | Woodstock, ON | |

JUNE

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| 3-4 | Epson World Wide Pairs | |
| 10-12 | Kincardine, ON | |
| 17-19 | Lambeth, ON | |
| 13-19 | PEACH CITY REGIONAL Penticton BC | VI |
| 17-19 | 1999, Victoria BC | VI |
| 24-26 | June Festival, Montreal PQ | II |
| 29-04 | CAN AT REGIONAL, Halifax NS | I |

