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Last November I attended a portion of the CBF meeting in Winnipeg and would like members to know that the executive secretary, and zone representatives put a great deal of effort into the meeting. It is difficult to report on the intricate details which were discussed but I was impressed by the efforts and reports of all present.

Richard Brown was representing Zone 1 and Treasurer Aaron Goodman represented Zone 2 in place of Karl Hicks and Sam Maltin respectively. We wish Sam and Karl's wife, Lee, a speedy recovery.

My Nationalism intensifies as I have now become a Canadian Citizen (retaining a Limey accent) so keep those articles coming so that I don't have to look elsewhere. Short contributions, ideas, complaints, letters, jokes, statistics, local humour, facts, and reports on accomplishments are all wanted in addition to the major articles we are receiving. No contribution is too small.

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speaking?" "The cleaning woman", was the response.

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ACBL Canadian Charitable Fund

by trustee Maurice Gauthier, Montreal

Since the creation of this fund in November 1966, grants totalling \$116,700 (excluding 1974) have been made to the following charity organizations.

1967 Canadian Cancer Society	\$20,000
1968 Canadian Association	\$14,000
for the Mentally Retarded	
1969 Canadian Heart Founda-	\$14,000
tion	
1970 Canadian Cystic	\$16,500
Fibrosis Foundation	
1971 Multiple Sclerosis	\$15,000
Society of Canada	
1972 Canadian Arthritís	\$17,000
and Rheumatism Society	
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Palsy Association	

The 1974 Charity of the Year was the Canadian Mental Health Association and although final results are not yet available the money raised may exceed \$22,300.

The duplicate bridge world of Canada should be mighty proud of its wonderful contribution to these organizations.

The charity for 1975 will be the Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Kidney Research Foundation of Saskatchewan. The Kidney Foundation of Canada has offered to help (through its Provincial Chairmen) promote events run for their benefit in any Unit.

The first Continent Wide Charity game of 1975 will be on Friday March 14th.

There was a marked increase in publicity and interest in organized bridge's participation in Charity events during 1974, and properly so. When one thinks of all the reasons and excuses people can find to not play Duplicate, we need something to improve our image, and Charitable events is the one thing that others cannot criticize.

There are inbred benefits too. The December bulletin (ACBL) contained graphs which compared the rating point awards between club games and the Club Charity events each is permitted. No non-profit club can afford to overlook any part of their quota, if the advancement of their players is their principal objective. And no community whose news media resists publicity on regular Bridge programs can ignore a Charitable effort.

These side benefits to bridge growth should not detract from the prime purpose of Charity games, however, and here's a challenge to other Units, particularly Canadians, who are ready to accept it.

The Sault International Unit (No. 212) has a membership of 5 clubs, all of which are non-profit groups serviced by a mobile group of 15 non-paid certified directors. The unit has a membership of 210. In 1974 these members contributed through regular games, Club and Unit Charity events and the three ACBL-wide Charity events the following:

Canadian Mental Health Association	\$1,141.00
American Cancer Society	204.50
Sault Ste. Marie Family YMCA	360.00
Salvation Army	75.00
Sault Shelter Workshop	75.00
Superior DBC's Indian Education Fund	400.00
Total	\$2,255.50

Average Contribution per Unit Member \$10.74. Would anyone like to try and top this?

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THE WASHINGTON COVER-UP

by Sharyn Kokish

The Supreme Court of Canada has not yet subpoenaed the hand records, and perhaps it would be indiscreet to confront the nation with such a potentially divisive issue, but devotion to truth will not allow me to remain silent any longer. This is what really happened in the home of Watergate over labour day weekend in the Vanderbilt-Reisinger semi-final of the North American Team Trials.

With my pom poms and megaphone I had come to cheer for the Kaplan team-Bob and Dave Crossley, Bobby Goldman and Mike Lawrence, Joey Silver and my hero and husband Eric. The bad guys were Dick Katz, Larry Cohen, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel Bobby Wolff, and Bud Reinhold — all captained by Ira Corn. I was going to discover that this was not an ideal way to spend a weekend.

My Montreal men were really up for this one. They have been practicing five times a week and were beginning to play reasonably well again for a change. We flew into Washington a few hours before game time ready to conquer the world. Optimism raged rampant. I was strangely nervous.

Edgar Kaplan elected to start the original Vanderbilt cast while Corn threw in everyone but Reinhold-Wolff. Suddenly I remembered why I was nervous. Having been fortunate enough to play many a sectional Swiss game with Joey and Eric in the past, I couldn't recall winning too many first matches. But surely this was different. My God, this was even more important than a sectional. This was what they'd been looking forward to for years and months. Surely my girlish fears had no justification. Not much.

I was recording in the view graph room and kept a close watch on the results emerging from the other match - ours - which was using the same set of boards. This was

Board 2:

N-S Vulnerable Dealer: East

	AJ74	
	Q72	
	J10986	
	J	
9		10853
J10		AK864
Q742		3
Q76532		AK10
	KQ62	
	953	
	AK5	
	984	

OPEN ROOM

N (PW)	$\underline{E}(DC)$	<u>s</u> (AS)	$\underline{W}(BC)$
	2D*	P	2H
P	p	P	

*Flannery

CLOSED	ROOM		
N(JS)	E(LC)	<u>s</u> (ek)	$\frac{\text{W}}{3\text{C}}$
_	1H	DBL	3c
3S	5 C	P	P
5D	P	5s	P
P	DBL	P	P
P			

The Crossleys came home with eleven (count 'em) tricks in 2H but all the action was in the other room. Katz, undoubtedly terrified by Silver's worldwide reputation for flawless high-level decisions, created some violence with his genuinely weak jump to 3C. Cohen bid what he hoped to make and lured his opponents into an 800 point penalty. Well maybe he would have made 5C, but that would've been only 400.

Katz-Cohen then briskly rolled into a pushy vulnerable game missed at the other table and cleverly avoided their 6-0 club fit to play a part-score in their 9-card spade fit. It was 30 to 3 quickly.

Grimly, Kaplan came back with three consecutive part-score pick-ups, all of which featured strange actions. First, Silver had: Q42 K85 Q10762 A5. Partner opened 1D, vulnerable. He found the massive

overbid of 1NT (3D would have been forcing) and played it there, making 8 tricks. Sontag-Weichsel reached game and went down one, the opposite hand being AK85 J96 J543 K3. Game was no bargain, but 1NT appears a bit inadequate. This was Board 8:

None Vulnerable Dealer: West

	J53	
	4	
	A10762	
	K1075	
KQ1097		862
1092		AK65
J95		4
Q4		AJ962
•	A4	
	QJ873	
	KQ83	
	83	

OPEN ROOM

$\underline{\mathtt{N}}(\mathtt{PW})$	E(DC)	<u>s</u> (AS)	$\frac{W}{P}(BC)$
P	10	1H	1s
P	2S	P	P
P			

CLOSED ROOM

<u>N</u> (JS)	$\underline{E}(LC)$	<u>s</u> (ek)	$\frac{W}{P}$ (DK)
P	1H	P	18
DBL	2C	3D	P
P	P		

2S made an overtrick. In the closed room, Cohen couldn't open 1C due to system restrictions, so he started with his good 4-card major. Carefully noting that he was a passed hand, Silver entered with a takeout double for the - um, minors. got greedy and hoped to show his whole pattern by first bidding a suit he knew was held on his right, intending to bid 2S over the anticipated 2D competition. South, however, was looking at a lot of cards, so he leaped to 3D and bought it. He also made it when Katz and Cohen played 3 rounds of clubs in the middle game, by ruffing high and finessing against West's trump Jack. Yipee, I uttered inwardly.

Then observe this thing: Both Cohen and Dave Crossley Astro'd over 1NT with A5 KQ985 52 KJ75. Bob Crossley bid 2H over this 2C bid on a doubleton Jack, holding KQxx of diamonds. The normal action would be 2D, which would be fine if partner's minor was diamonds. This Katz duly did, but for reasons that escape me, Cohen passed 2D. The 4-2 fit went down one, but the 5-2 made an overtrick. Justice triumphs...or something like that.

But on Board 10, with both vulnerable, Eric was dealt KJ10875 10864 43 2, and I felt frightening vibrations. Why? Because of the company my husband has been keeping recently. An explanation is probably in order, but wait a minute. Cohen opened a 14-16 HCP notrump on his right. In his naive youth, he used to pass in these situations unthinkingly and unconcerned. Now, at 27, mature and experienced, he's been convinced to bid boldly and without a quiver of fear. This is the result of his bi-weekly lunch dates with one Edward Marsh, mistakenly known as "Buddy". Some buddy. It is a favourite Marsh theory that it is essential to bid on hands like this because it keeps the opposition guessing and stands to get them aggravated if it should work out. So he bid 2S, Katz jumped to 4H, and Silver continued to 4S, which Cohen doubled contentedly. Just looking at this hand, how bad could it be? Partner was short in hearts, long in spades, and probably couldn't beat 4H. Maybe 4S was going to make? However, I was looking at the hand record and could see that this was not going to be a good example hand for aggressive tactics. Dummy was not very suitable and he was going for 800 and a 4-imp loss. Unfortunately, I forgot that he hates to concede anything. He tried to work out some obscure endplay that would allow him to escape for 500 and a 4-imp gain, but finally finished 1100 in the soup and a 10-imp deficit. At that point I wanted to cry, but I pulled myself together. This was the first of five consecutive unfortunate results that ran out the session. Bad guys 70, Heroes 24.

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The Canadians sat out the next sixteen while the opposition gained 7 more imps. Down 53 at the clubhouse turn did not appear to be a score that was conducive to a night of matrimonial bliss.

"So," I said to him.
"So we stank up the joint," he said to me.
"You weren't very lucky," I tried.
"We were hopeless, awful, terrible, bad. We were not unlucky."
"Oh."

"Wait until I get my hands on Marsh. He guaranteed success. I guess I could've saved a trick, huh?"
"So what, you'll kill them tomorrow," I shrieked.
"I know," he capitulated. I turned out the lights.

The next day.....

"Hey, Shar, we're gonna be on viewgraph!"

"That's great," I lied, fearing for Silver's New York Times syndrome, otherwise known as the Messiah complex, swinging for home runs, winning one for the Gipper, etc. ad nauseum. Since Eric had never been on viewgraph before, I worried for him. But in the meantime I was relegated to recording the other semi-final match so I could only surmise what was happening out there.

My fears were laid to rest when the boys played flawlessly, having much the better of a pretty dull set of boards. However there wasn't much to pick up, and the gain was only equal to the loss in last night's second set of sixteen. There was one interesting hand to bid. Eric had: KQxx AQxx Jx Axx. He opened 1NT, heard partner transfer to diamonds, and follow that up with 3NT. This auction showed a long diamond suit and mild slam interest. What do you do? Although the trumps are unappealing, the controls should encourage you to make a move. In addition, 3NT might be the wrong contract if there is only one club stopper. He tried 4C, heard 4D

(encouraging), bid 4H, heard 4S (cuebid), tried 4NT (relay), and passed 5D. Partner had: Axx Kx Al087xx xx. The K,Q of diamonds were onside doubleton so the slam might well have come home. 3NT is in jeopardy. Since the bidding went: 1NT-3NT at the other table and since there was no club lead, 2 imps passed to the other side.

However, it seems the team had regained its poise, and things were looking much brighter. Joey and Eric were out again as Wolff-Reinhold came into play with Katz-Cohen. The Corn team somehow always played exceptionally well with Reinhold in the lineup, and this session was typical. They gained considerably and their luck was running too, which tends to happen when you're playing well. The only thing they did wrong was play too slowly and they were penalized 3 imps. This was the first of three such penalties they were to receive during the course of the weekend. Personally I think slow play is more of a personal crime than a team offense. Guilty players are essentially being discourteous and should be punished as individuals. Certainly no team would have been happy winning by the grace of a penalty inflicted on their opponents, regardless of personal feelings.

The halfway mark had been reached and my heroes were several imps behind. No one was saying very much, but I think everyone still felt pretty optimistic, the score withstanding.

"Do you think you should have played the last set?" I asked Eric.

"I was really in the mood, but it's a little too early to throw away the game plan. Who knows what we would've done?"

"I'm glad you're not bitter," I said, not really believing it. Everyone hates to sit out. Only the liars enjoy it.

....TO BE CONTINUED

Bird Droppings

Roger A. Solomon, Sudbury, Ont.

After reading the article "Cheep Cheep Cheap" by Eric Kokish I decided to acknowledge his plea for responses to his account.

Since I am a bit of a hot head myself I well understand his feelings and frustrations and conclude that I probably would not have acted differently in his situation. I respect him for his article since it was high time that we understood what happens at all levels of play.

Let me describe two typical types of player:

Mr. X, a relatively new member to the club, is young, brash, impulsive and ignorant of the laws applicable to the bridge society. He is a thorn in the side because his ignorance of the laws causes him to cry wolf many times. Mr. Y is an older player of some esteem who through hard work on executive committees has made a great number of friends who now organize bridge in his area.

The quiet Mr. Y wins tournaments with increasing frequency because of Mr. X's attendance.

One day Mr. Y is guilty of an infraction and his opponent Mr. X screams for the director because he is annoyed.

Since everybody recognizes Mr. X and values Mr. Y the easiest line is to pull our valued member inside our shell and protect him so that sometimes justice is not done.

This is not meant to be a reflection on any particular director or committee but if we don't recognize the problem and try our best to put up with Mr. X the problem will never be cured, and it is common knowledge that a lot of X's develop into some of our more outstanding Y's.

As for Mr. Kokish, I ask only 3 questions:

- 1) Were you not representing Canada and therefore answerable to the Canadian bridge players, like myself, for your conduct?
- 11) Is it all so important that we win immediately or is the idea of WBF not goodwill? If so maybe we should set the example and try to correct our faults to pave the way for future contestants.
- 111) Was it strange Mr. Kokish for you to suddenly become Mr. X when in the CBF and ACBL you have been Mr. Y and probably as guilty as WBF members but on a small scale?

Finally, if your account is complete and the WBF was biased towards their members then I must conclude your account to be equally biased in your favour.

World Bridge Federation

There are 32 Grand Masters followed by 126 World Masters. Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela are the leading World Masters and are among six players that are denied Grand Master status since they have not yet won a major WBF event (Olympiad Open Teams, Open Pairs or Bermuda Bowl or four other WBF events). Other Canadian World Masters are Gerry Charney — William Crissey, ranked 25th thru 29th, and Bruce Elliot — Percy Sheardown ranked 68th thru 71st.

Dear Editor,

I just received the January issue of the Canadian Bridge Digest and am proud that the magazine has such Canadian content and that we do not have to look to 'outsiders' in order to produce a magazine of our own.

Keep up the good work and make the Bridge Digest a truly Canadian effort with news and views from across the country.

> Yours sincerely, Jackie Bee, Winnipeg.

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CANADA AT THE 1972 OLYMPIAD

by Richard Brown

Representatives of 39 countries assembled in Miami Beach from June 9-24 to compete in the 4th World Bridge Team Olympiad. Each team was to play a 20-board match against every other team, scored at IMP's and converted to Victory Points. 20 VP's were at stake in each match although a team could score as low as minus five if it lost badly enough. At the end of this 41-day roundrobin, the four teams with the highest total of VP's would qualify for the semi-finals, with the top team selecting its opponent.

Italy and the United States were considered heavy favourites for the two top spots. Ironically, two pairs on the Aces were playing Blue Team Club while the Italian Blue Team was being sponsored to play an American System, Precision. Six teams were considered in the running for the other two positions: Australia, Canada, China, France, Great Britain, and Switzerland.

Gerry Charney, Bill Crissey, Bruce Gowdy and Duncan Phillips had survived a rigorous week of team trials in Ste. Agathe in order to join the iron men of bridge, Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela, on the Canadian team, captained by Al Lando. Their style of bidding, based on the Acol System, is generally a 'bid what you think you can make' approach -- a rather prehistoric method which prompted the noted bidding theorist, Benito Garozzo, to ask how they could perform so well with one of the world's worst IMP systems. Murray, sensing professional sincerity in the colourful Italian's remark, cunningly avoided an analysis of their auctions by saying, "Don't check our bidding, just our results". This theme would certainly not suffer from under-use as the tournament progressed and a record of any interesting Canadian bidding sequence was rare indeed.

The Canadian cause was made more difficult as a result of the team's draw. It would have to conserve its energy for the later goings as eight of its last twelve matches were against formidable teams, including France, the U.S., and Italy. Furthermore, Canada's opponents would typically be well rested and in good spirits having just come off a bye round and matches against Panama, Peru, Netherlands Antilles, and Colombia, aptly termed 'the Carribean Cruise'.

The Canadians jumped off to a superlative start beating Bahamas (20-5), Denmark (20-0), and Austria (15-5) to hold down first place. But the second day went badly as they lost to a hot Indian team (17-3), beat Sweden (13-7), and succumbed to China (2-18) to fall to 13th. Then a strong rally produced an unbeaten streak of sixteen matches, including wins over Australia (11-9), Great Britain (14-6), and Switzerland (15-5) and the Canadians were back to a solid second place behind Italy, with the tournament a little over half finished.

WEST	EAST
S: AKJ8	S: 54
H: AJ952	H: K8743
D:	D: Q863
C: KJ92	C: A10
Kehela	Murray
1H	2NT
4D	5C
5NT	6H (End)

Two notrump was Murray's version of a forcing heart raise so after he showed the club ace, Kehela quickly applied the Grand Slam Force. Kehela

thought six hearts was a sign-off, forgetting that it had been changed recently to show ace-fifth or king-fifth; otherwise, he would have bid the good grand slam. Luckily, six hearts was all that could be made as trumps broke 3-0 offside.

Murray's ability to transcend mere mortal methods of hand valuation usually finds its best application when he holds the worst hand at the table. Witness the next hand against Great Britain.

Dlr: South NORTH
Vul: None S: A985
H: 83
D: Q54
C: 8632

WEST EAST
S: 432 S: QJ76
H: AKQ6 H: J9742
D: J87 D: 2
C: AQ4 C: 1097

S: K10 H: 105 D: AK10963 C: KJ5

OPEN ROOM:

South	West	North	East
Rodrigue	Kehela	Priday	Murray
1D	Dble	2D	2H(!)
3D	3H	Pass	3s(!)
Pass	ΔH	All Pass	

One wonders if Murray would have gone slam hunting had he held an extra jack! The defense had a number of chances to beat the hand but Murray's bidding made it very difficult to analyze. Rodrigue led the diamond king and shifted to a heart. In again with the king of spades, he exited with a second heart. Murray led another spade from dummy and when Priday played the ace, Murray could count eight tricks. Trick nine materialized when he led the nine of clubs with a sly look and Rodrigue ducked. A subsequent finesse of the queen provided his game-going trick. In the Closed Room, Phillips bought the hand for three diamonds.

Canada's fortunes now took a turn for the worse. They played a Belgium team who seemed determined to take revenge upon the controversial computer-dealt hands by playing against the odds. On one hand they made no move towards a slam which could be beaten only if the trumps were 4-0, offside (they were). Murray was quick to give a strange look. "Computer", was the response with a shrug. The end result was a 20-0 loss.

Then there was this 'hot pepper' from the Mexico match:

EAST
Kehela
S: A
H: A843
D: AQJ7652
C: 3

After Kehela had opened one diamond, Murray could not be kept out of seven except the opponents unkindly sacrificed at seven spades. Murray could count thirteen top tricks: one club, seven diamonds, three hearts, and the ace-king of spades so he bid seven notrump. The jack of hearts was wrong so twelve tricks were the limit and winning the match by one IMP, Canada had to settle for a 10-10 draw.

When Canada's key encounter with the U.S. came on round thirty, further losses to Finland and France had placed them third, yet a blitz would now move them back ahead of the States. Bad luck continued to plague the team as this early deal shows.

Dlr: West NORTH
Vul: None S: AKJ4
H: KQ2
D: QJ
C: A962

WEST EAST S: Q982 S: 1075 H: 6543 H: 10 D: K52 D: 1087643 C: J10 C: Q85

SOUTH
S: 63
H: AJ987
D: A9
C: K743

Crissey and Charney succeeded in arriving in the superb six club slam, but from the North seat, exposing

the hand to a killing diamond lead. Wolff led a diamond and Crissey took his best line of play, drawing two rounds of trumps, ruffing a spade in dummy, and when the queen didn't fall, running hearts in hopes that he could obtain a diamond pitch. Wolff ruffed the second round and the hand was one down. In the Closed Room, Hamman had stopped in four notrump which easily made. The Aces rolled to an 18-2 victory, dropping Canada to fourth place behind China, with France closing fast.

Israel was next on the agenda having just recorded four blitzes on their "Cruise", but they seemed to inherit Canada's misfortunes on the following deal:

WEST		EAS	T
S:	8	s:	Q 954
н:	AJ42	н:	Q 9
D:	763	D:	AK2
C:	AKJ106	C:	Q843

Both teams reached the notrump game and when both Norths led the ten of spades to the queen which won, Murray and Schwartz proceeded to cash their nine tricks. Schwartz though established a revoke when he threw a diamond from dummy on his fourth club, so he now had to take a heart finesse to recover the two lost tricks and when that failed, he was three down, vulnerable.

Going into the last board, Canada was holding a 13 IMP lead but Kehela had to display his flawless technique to save the match.

NORTH

Vul:	Both	S: H: D: C:	75 AK75 1074 KJ63		
WEST S: H: D: C:	AKQ104 J82 AQ1092			EAS S: H: D: C:	T J986 94 986532 7

SOUTH
S: 32
H: Q1063
D: AKQJ
C: 854

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
Kehela	Shauffel	Murray	Frydrich
1C	Pass	Pass	Dble
2S	3H	4 S	All Pass

CLOSED ROOM:

Stampf	Crissey	Schwartz	Charr	ney
18	Dble	3 S	4 H	
48	Pass	Pass	Dble	(End)

Shauffel and Crissey cashed two high hearts but Crissey shifted to a low club in the Closed Room and Stampf had no trouble making his doubled contract on a crossruff. Shauffel made the trump shift and Kehela found himself a trick short. So he won in dummy and finessed the club queen. Back came another trump and Sammy had to figure out the club position after leading ace and another club, Shauffel playing low. Well, if South had four clubs to the jack, the hand could not be made so North must hold four clubs and South three. Therefore, the odds were 4-3in favour of North holding the jack. So Sammy ran the ten of clubs and the contract was duly made for 'only' a nine IMP loss! This provided a four IMP victory or 11-9 in VP's.

Eric Murray was once more in the spotlight in the next two rounds. Against Jamaica, he picked up the following collection sitting North:

MARMII

Dlr:	East	NOR	TH
Vul:		S: H:	 KQJ10864 A10854
		C:	Q

East	South	West	North
1D	Pass	1H	Pass(!)
18	Pass	48	5H
Pass	Pass	Dble (End)	

Murray's original pass was an unbelievable demonstration of restraint. When the auction got back to him it had already reached an uncomfortable level. Yet at this vulnerability, five hearts could hardly be wrong. Well, it cost 700

Dlr: West

and when Kehela turned up with K-Q fifth in spades there was little joy in the Canadian camp. This disaster caused experts to predict that never again would Murray pass when it was his turn to bid. Canada eventually had to settle for a 14-6 win.

In preparation for the match against Japan, Eric took his seat at the table and introduced himself as the man for whom the Drury convention was devised. As he put it, when he used to open one spade, partner would invariably raise to three and the opponents would double for 1100 points. Now the auction proceeds one spade, two clubs, two diamonds, two spades, and the opponents double for only 800 points so the convention has saved the partnership 300 points. He then humbly announced that HE was the Murray of the Murray Two Diamond convention. Furthermore, he and Kehela played all artificial bids except six notrump! When asked to display his convention card, he flashed a pair at his opponents and quickly returned them to his valise. As a crowning touch, Murray intimated that he would have to sell his Toyota Land Cruiser if things didn't go well.

The final score, 101-0 was the only shut-out of the tournament. It was difficult to determine whether the victory had been caused by Murray's gamesmanship or because Kehela had played thirteen hands, making all thirteen, while Murray had played three, making only one.

With six matches left in the round-robin, Canada was now tied with China for 3rd place. But the team had its roughest day coming up as they had to face 9th place Poland, the red-hot Irish, and 1st place Italy. Against the Poles, Crissey and Charney were especially effective and Canada produced a gratifying blitz. The Irish could not be denied, however, and they came through with their thirteenth straight unbeaten match, winning 17-3. In one run, they had collected an amazing 175 out of 180 VP's.

The Blue Team, cooling its heels from a loss to lowly Peru, threw in their toughest line-up: Garozzo-Forquet and Belladonna-Avarelli. After ten boards, Italy led 8-6 and Kehela's play on this next hand attested to the magnificent quality of bridge that the audience was witnessing.

Dlr: Vul:					
		NOR'	гн		
		S: H: D: C:	•		
WEST	ſ			EAS'	r
S: H: D: C:	A865 653 K742 Q10	SOU	гн	S: H: D: C:	J6
		S: H: D: C:	J974 Q7 A1095 876		

Avarelli, playing South in the Closed Room, had already bid and made two-notrump when Kehela in the Open Room found himself in a touchy two-spade contract. Forquet led the five of hearts which Kehela won with the queen and led a spade to the king which held. The queen of diamonds was now run around to Forquet's king and he exited with a heart. Garozzo cashed the jack and ace of hearts and to avoid the force, Kehela threw a losing club from his hand. Garozzo then shifted to a club, the queen losing to dummy's ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by a low spade which Forquet wisely allowed Kehela to win in dummy. Now Sammy had a real problem. If spades were 4-2, he must run the diamonds before touching trumps again. After long thought, Kehela worked out the hand and cashed his diamonds to make his eight tricks and avoid a loss.

Both teams thought that they had picked up a sizable gain three boards later.

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Dlr: West Vul: N-S NORTH S: Q754 H: A82 D: AJ9864 C: WEST EAST S: -s: K108 H: KJ9543 **H**: 0106 D: KQJ1052 D: A8 C: 7 C: KQ1032 SOUTH S: AJ9632 H: D: 97643 C: 5

A very contested auction was conducted in the Closed Room after Crissey had opened one heart. When the Canadians rolled into six hearts, Avarelli bid six spades, not really knowing who was sacrificing against whom. Charney was pleased to defend and collect a 500 set. Meanwhile, Forquet in the other room decided to open four hearts. Neither Murray nor Kehela could come in at this vulnerability so there he played, making five for a two IMP gain to Canada.

After eighteen boards, Canada was nursing a 15-10 lead, the largest swing thus far being three IMP's, two to Italy and one to Canada. Then Italy had a chance to regain the lead on this deal:

Dlr: South Vul: Both

H: 107652 Α D: C: 9864 WEST EAST S: QJ3 S: 4 H: A93 н: Q8 D: J976 KQ108432 D: C: KJ7 C: AQ5 SOUTH:

NORTH

S: K96

S: A108752 H: KJ4 D: 5 C: 1032

After Kehela overcalled in spades and Murray showed support,

Forquet tried three notrump. Kehela won Murray's lead of the spade six with the ace as he feared that a duck might give Forquet his ninth trick, and the hand could no longer be beaten. Kehela did his best by returning the king of hearts but this brilliant play was to no avail. Meanwhile, Crissey and Charney had bid the diamond game in the Closed Room. When South led the ace of spades, Crissey had no trouble taking a ruffing finesse in spades through North to get rid of his losing heart and five was made — 2 IMP's to Italy.

On the final board, Italy made part scores in both rooms to pick up 7 IMP's and win the lowest scoring and finest played match of the tournament 19-15, or 11-9 in VP's. Going into the final day's play, Canada was in relatively good shape, trailing 3rd place China by 9 VP's and leading 5th place France by 14 VP's.

Canada's first match on the last day of the round-robin was against the Netherlands. The following hand left both Norths shaking their heads over their opening lead.

Dlr: East Vul: Both

NORTH S: K4 H: A0109876 D: Α7 C: 76 WEST EAST S: --S: AJ109753 H: K32 H: D: J4 D: K9863 C: AKQJ10532 C: SOUTH: S: Q862 H: J54 01052 D: C: 84

In the open Room, Kehela, West, with his magnificent club suit, could not be outbid so he ended up at five clubs. A trump lead from North beats the hand, but the heart ace was led and six was easily made when Sammy correctly guessed the diamonds. In the Closed Room, Kreyns received the same opening lead, but

he was in SIX clubs so Canada lost 13 IMPs. The Canadians hung on to post a 13-7 victory but supporters were distraught with the news that Sammy Kehela had collapsed from exhaustion and had been taken to the hospital to determine the seriousness of his condition. Having played every match thus far, he would not be available for the rest of the day.

Brazil had weathered their 'Cruise' with four blitzes and as Lando could hardly bench Murray, he paired him with Duncan Phillips. Result: 17-3 for Brazil. Having started the day as favourites for the semis, the Canadians were now distinct underdogs. In order to qualify, they would have to blitz the Phillipines and hope that Poland would beat France by at least 11-9 or that Switzerland would beat China by at least 15-5.

For the Phillipines match, Lando replaced Phillips with Gowdy opposite Murray and Canada rallied to gain the vital blitz. Meanwhile, the French and Poles were engaged in a real slugging match which was not decided until the final board. The Poles emerged as victors, 37-35, or just enough for an 11-9 win so Canada was in and France was out. However, China was having its problems in their match and the Swiss, who had beaten every top team except Canada and the U.S., recorded an 18-2 win so France edged back into the fourth and final qualifying spot. The standings at the end of the roundrobin were:

1.	Italy631
2.	United States599
3.	Canada535
4.	France534
5.	Republic of China531
6.	Great Britain509

In a diplomatic gesture, the Italians chose not to play the U.S. in the semi-finals so they drew between Canada and France and the French were the unlucky winners. Nevertheless, this guaranteed a North America vs Europe final, to the delight of most of the spectators.

Both semi-final matches would be 64-board affairs. The pairings for the first 16 boards in the Canada - U.S. match provided an interesting lesson in tactics. The Open Room featured the heavy cigar smoking of Murray and Kehela so the Aces countered with Jacoby, their number 1 smoke-blower. This left Bobby Wolff wondering if he would be able to see his own cards amidst the dense clouds of smoke, not to mention the audience watching on closed circuit TV. The Closed Room looked more like a Japanese wrestling match than a bridge game as Crissey and Charney are very heavyset men and rotund is an appropriate description of both Hamman and Soloway.

After the first five boards, the U.S. had jumped to a 21-0 lead, mainly due to a hand they played in three notrump making, while Canada was in four spades, off one. Canada fought back to take a 28-26 lead as Kehela made a notrump game on a favourable lead on one board and Crissey-Charney collected an 800 set from a Soloway overcall on another. On the last board of the session, the U.S. picked up a vulnerable game swing as Hamman received poor defence to make four spades. The first quarter of play found the U.S. leading 36-28.

The second quarter featured a hand which showed that Kehela had not fully recovered from his ailment.

Dlr:	North	NOR	TH		
Vul:	E-W	s:	K2		
		H:	Q97		
		D:	A1086		
		C:	K1097		
WES'	T			EAS	T
S:	QJ754			S:	10986
H :	K10			Η:	J83
D:	92			D:	J754
C:	J865			C:	AQ
		SOU	TH		
		s:	A3		
		H :	A6542		
		D:	KQ3		
		C:	432		

Soloway, West, led the queen of spades against Kehela's four

heart contract. Sammy won and led ace and another heart and Soloway exited with another spade. The last trump was drawn and a diamond to the king followed by a club to the ten put Hamman on lead with the queen. The spade return was ruffed and, rather than guess the clubs, Sammy tried to drop the jack of diamonds by cashing the queen and ace. When that failed, he ruffed a diamond back to his hand. When he led another club, he was out of trump so the defence cashed the ace of clubs and a spade for down one. In the Closed Room, Lawrence made four hearts by simply leading twice towards dummy's clubs and ducking.

Two boards later, Murray took a costly and uncharacteristically pessimistic view of his hand.

WE	ST	EA	ST.
Keh	nela	Mur	ray
S:	AK8	S:	QJ109742
Н:	J107	н:	
D:	AQ1087	D:	K4
C:	J9	C:	KQ76
	1NT		2D
	3D		3 S
	48		5H
	5s		Pass

Murray applied forcing Stayman to Kehela's strong notrump and when eventually supported in spades, he cue-bid five hearts. Kehela's hand didn't improve any so when he bid five spades, Murray decided against the cold slam which had been bid in the Closed Room. Had Murray bid five clubs, the slam would have been found as Kehela would have shown the key ace of diamonds. However, a five club bid could easily have lead to a number of unmakable slams.

To be continued

BIG GUNS OUTGUNNED

by Mrs. Jackie Bee, West Kildonan, Manitoba

Wow! At a Canadian Regional even, at the big time, against the big guns. Us, the West Kildonan team against the world. We could still hear Phil Wood, make the introductions of the big boys - "Mr. Jack Murphy, ... President of the Canadian Bridge Federation, ... King of Calgary, ... and the Treasurer, the one who guards the purse strings, - Mr. Aaron Goodman."

And why are these two gentlemen sitting at our table. This is the first round of the Swiss Teams and we have to kick off with their team! The tall gentleman is sitting on my left and dealing cards without a care in the world, while partner seems to be having difficulty shuffling and breathing at the same time. The rounded gentleman on my right is meticulously counting up the cards, thirteen to each hand and putting them into the slots. Oh well, the luck of the draw. Phil's got our messages crossed, we're supposed to get a soft team. I was cut short from my day-dreaming when the tall one announced with

this curt remark,

"Good luck and all the best."

So, with trembling hands and knees, I looked at these cards:-Both vulnerable, North dealer.

J92 62 AJ64 **AJ74** ME 64 10873 J4 Q9753 853 Q972 Q109865 The Rounded One The Tall One AKQ5 AK108 K10 K32 Partner

Why is everybody looking at me? As if in a dream, this was the auction, which seemed a little odd to me:

N	S
P	2C (1)
3C = suit	3D (2)
4D = I got suppor	t 4NT (3)
5H = I got two	5NT (4)
6C = Sorry, none,	7NT! (5)

(1) = strong, artificial

(2) = suit, presumably

(3) = aces?

(4) = kings?

(5) = Good, partner's playing the hand.

I carefully laid down my hand as the Rounded one led a spade. Partner was not too pleased with the dummy for he could see losers everywhere. Undaunted, he won the spade lead with the King in hand and followed with the club King, on which the tall one discarded a low heart. Time then stood still and I was afraid for my partner as the opponents still exuded the same self-confidence.

Then my partner's eyes light up and when he does that I know the opponents are in trouble. There was nothing to the play as partner proved. The club Jack was successfully finessed as the tall one again discarded another heart. A low diamond from the table saw the ten successfully finessed, and a huge sigh of relief. Then came in quick succession, the diamond King, and the good spades and the club lead to the Ace in dummy squeezed

the Tall one in the red suits, as partner foresaw, in the following 5-card ending:-

62 AJ A

Immaterial

--Q97 Q9

The Tall One

AK108 --2 Partner

Whatever the Tall one discarded the West Kildonan team would end up at the right side of the ledger with the rest of the tricks.

The Rounded one was the first to congratulate partner, "Well done, all it needs is two finesses and a squeeze!" as partner was accepting the kudos from our lone kibitzer. The Tall one had no reply. Inwardly, I was secretly chalking up the .40 red points to add to my lifetime total of 1.23.

WHAT'S TRUMPS?

by Betty Poo, Winnipeg, Canada

East dealer, North-South vulnerable.

Α 852 AK1094 A743 Q953 KJ862 ___ QJ9643 865 072 KJ952 ME 1074 AK107 J3 Q1086

The bidding had gone:

W	N	È	S
		P	P
P	1D	2H?	X
P	P	P	

We were using the preemptive

jump overcall and partner was not slow to trot out the convention when the bidding got around to her. South doubled and sat back to enjoy the holocaust, when I unwisely passed.

The defence picked us clean and took the first ten tricks in this order: Diamond jack covered by the Queen and King. North cashed the spade Ace and returned the diamond Ace and ten. On the fourth round of diamonds, partner ruffed with the heart nine and was overruffed by the ten. A spade lead followed ruffed by North and the fifth round of diamonds was again ruffed by partner and overruffed by South. Another spade ruff followed and two heart tricks still had to be lost. The defence gracefully conceded the last three tricks.

When I asked how many were we down, partner, very straight-faced replied,

"They made 4H. We stole their game contract."

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Aaron Goodman

In submitting for the 6th consecutive year a detailed report covering financial operations of the Canadian Bridge Federation for the year ending December 31st 1974, my customary pleasure in so doing is unfortunately diminished when I reflect on some of the figures regarding which I will later comment.

First, though, to make you too fully aware of our financial well being, I have as in previous years prepared and hereto attach statements as follows:

- 1. A financial statement listing on both Membership and Olympiad Fund accounts, (maintained separately) total Receipts and itemized Disbursements, showing in each case the year end cash position.
- 2. A complete record of payments, contributions etc. made in 1974 by Units of the C.B.F. and associated Clubs, as well as other earnings, listed separately for Membership and Olympiad Fund account. To better assess 1974 performance I have given comparative figures for 1973 and 1972.

At first glance it may not strike you that 1974 performance was all that bad. More careful examination, however, will disclose that these figures fail to show any sign of progress essential to the well being of our organization, but contrariwise portray a disturbing lack of support from areas which hitherto were solidly behind us, hence there is reason for deep concern.

I am loathe to specifically name those Units whose support we have had in the past, but which in 1974 failed to meet Membership assessment. However, the attached statement will show that of 23 Units comprising the C.B.F., 21 Units in 1972 paid assessed dues of \$10,521.35, 18 Units in 1973 contributed dues of \$11,092.65, while in 1974 a mere 11 Units contributed but \$8,225.70. While the 1974 figure may be in-

creased a bit by payments in 1975 from 2 possibly 3 Units against 1974 assessment, there exists here evidence of a deterioration in support which must be stopped and indeed reversed.

If I may here be permitted a personal observation, I do not feel that our Zone Directors who give so freely of their time to the C.B.F. should be required to plead on bended knee for payment of dues assessed by the C.B.F. and essential for its operation. The Canadian Bridge Federation which comprises all Canadian Units of the A.C.B.L. was organized by these Units, it belongs to the Units, and it receives support only from the Units. It was intended to be, and it serves, as the governing body for Bridge in Canada. It assesses its member Units a small annual fee of \$1.00 per member little enough to keep it functional. Directors should not have to appeal repeatedly for needed all out support. Unit support on an annual basis should be automatic. Hopefully this observation and later comment will help bring this about.

In a previous report I allowed that we probably peaked in 1972 with membership revenue of \$10,521.35. However we managed to top that figure in 1973 with receipts of \$11,092.65, despite a lesser number of contributing Units. I thereupon urge that since it would be difficult to surpass these figures we should strive to maintain support at about this level thereby to permit orderly budgeting. It came therefore as a great let-down to find that despite growing national interest in Bridge, 1974 receipts fell alarmingly to \$8,225.70. I can now only hope and urge that Units which did not pay 1974 assessment re-examine their responsibilities, and make serious and determined effort not only to cover arrears, but as well to meet the 1975 assessment, thereby helping to maintain the C.B.F. as a viable organization.

Besides collecting in 1974 dues

of \$8,225.70, we realized \$1,413.16 interest on Bank Certificates of Deposit, and \$50.00 from Digest advertising, a total of \$9,688.86. Disbursements as listed were \$1,200.00 paid to our Executive Secretary, about \$4,200.00 for miscellaneous items as shown, and just over \$4,000.00 cost of producing 3 Digests (Bulletin inserts). Total disbursements of \$9,887.81 indicate that we operated in 1974 at a small deficit (about \$200.00). But because two Units contributed \$943.45 against 1973 dues, we show at year end a cash position of \$12,297.37 a slight improvement over \$11,552.87 on hand Dec. 31-1973.

While but one Membership and Directors meeting is scheduled for 1975, 4 Digest inserts are contemplated, so we can estimate that disbursements in 1975 will parallel the near \$10,000.00 expended in 1974. It becomes imperative therefore to recapture widespread Unit support, else face a possibly serious deficit position.

Our Olympiad Fund did well in 1973 (\$8,583.23), even better in 1974 (\$8,952.95). Adding \$1,833.32 realized from Olympiad Pairs Trials to the carryover of \$10,875.25 from 1973, gave us an available total of \$21,666.52. As I emphasized in my 1973 report, cost of Canadian participation in International events runs high, and in fact without fully subsidizing our representatives the cost of sending 8 qualifying pairs to

the World Pairs Olympiad came to near \$13,400.00, disbursed to players and for entry fees as shown. So we carry forward to 1975 a rather meagre \$6,911.72. Anticipating despatch of both a Men's and Women's Team to the World Team Olympiad in 1976, the need to raise substantial sums in 1975 and 1976 is evident. Canadian representatives have always done well in International competition and deserve all the support the C.B.F. can possibly provide. Units and Clubs are urged to make every effort to participate in Nation Wide Olympiad Fund games, and as well to hold allowable sanction free games for the benefit of the Fund.

Finally, may I quote from my 1973 report some extracts which I think bear repetition in the light of our lagging support: "Are we doing all necessary to maintain their (Unit) support and interest? The Digests have provided, and can provide at comparatively modest cost a means of communicating with and disseminating information to our Members.....May we ask ourselves, have we fully availed ourselves of the opportunities provided of informing our members of our activities. and of making clear what are the aims and objects of the Canadian Bridge Federation, and the reasons for its existence. The need for a governing body for Bridge in Canada is unquestionably there, but only when our Units and Members know and recognize this fact can we expect unqualified support."

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1 - December 31 - 1974

RECEIPTS	GENERAL & MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	OLYMPIAD FUND ACCOUNT
Dues, assessments and donations from Units for 1974	\$8,225.70	
Dues paid by Units in 1974 covering year 1973	943.45	
Interest earned on Bank Certificates of Deposit	\$1,413.16	
Revenue from Digest advertising	50.00	
Proceeds realized from Olympiad Fund Games		8,952.95
Amounts realized from Olympiad Trials		1,833.32
Total 1974 receipts	\$10,632.31	\$10,786.27
Brought forward from December 31-1973	\$11,552.87	10,875.25
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$22,185.18	\$21,666.52

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		GENERAL & MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	OLYMPIAD FUND ACCOUNT
D.A. Drew, Executive Sec'y Photostats Postage and Telephone Calls Secretarial work Printing & Stationery	1200.00 114.75 206.22 59.30 66.73		
Expenses Directors attending Membershi Directors' Meetings, March - Vancouver Nationals: Cannell \$301; Hicks \$565; Robinson \$39 Drew \$45; Murphy \$217; Goodman \$439; Meeting Expenses \$93.62			
November - Winnipeg Regional: Robinson \$274; Smilie \$282; Brown \$362 Drew \$274; Murphy \$256; Goodman \$310; Brooks \$226; Meeting Expenses \$173.58	2157.58		
Cost of producing C.B.F. Inserts in ACBL Bulletins. June issue: A.C.B.L. R.C. Brooks, Editor Aug. issue: A.C.B.L. R.C. Brooks, Editor Oct. issue: A.C.B.L. R.C. Brooks, Editor 333.00 \$1319.15 R.C. Brooks, Editor 353.00 \$1368.95	4025.61	9,887.81	
Telephone calls re Olympiad Trials		9,007.01	98.21
A.C.B.L. Fee of \$1.00 per table for: 313 Tables Olympiad Fund Game June 19 278 Tables Summer National OL. F. Gar 390 Tables Olympiad Fund Game Nov. 1 E. Kokish for hand analyses 2 Games	ne - 278.00 974 - 390.00		1,331.00
Entry Fees paid for participants 1974 Expenses paid to Canadian pairs attend: Strebinger-Graves \$1768; Nuzzo-McPhail Mcgregor \$1456; Kokish-Silver \$1400; F. \$1575; Bennett-O'Reilly \$1500; Murray-	Olympiad Paining Olympiad (\$1604; Beasyorbes-Howell	: y–	795.59
Cannell-Shaker \$1588. Telegrams, Telephone, Bank Charges etc		· 	12,435.00 90.00 \$14,749.80
BALANCE ON HAND, December 31-1974		\$ <u>12,297.37</u>	\$ 6,911.72
	6,303.16 2,905.93		

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\$19,209.09

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

 $\frac{\text{Record of Contributions by Units - January 1st to December 31st, 1974}}{\text{With Comparative 1972-1973}}$

ZONE 1	1972	MEMBERSHIP 1973	1974	<u>OL</u> 1972	YMPIAD FUI 1973	ND 1974
ACADIAN UNIT 230	129.00	500.00		158.50	486.50	49.00 Moncton Dup. Br. Club 56.00 Haliburton Br. Club 136.50 Charlottetown Dup. Br. Club (2) 178.50 Fredericton Dup. Br. Club (3) 217.00 Perth Andover Br. Cl. (3) 49.00 Perth Andover Br. Cl. (3)
CANADIAN MARITIMES 194	621.80	614.60			804.10	112.00 Dartmouth Br. Cl. 98.00 Bluenose Br. Club 63.00 New Glasgow D. Br. Club 56.00 Cape Breton D.B.C. 88.20 Citadel Bridge Club (222.62) TRIALS
ZONE 2						
MONTREAL UNIT 151	1434.40	1537.60	1582.20	308.89	941.50	56.00 Club de Br. Rimouski 185.50 West Island Br. Club 39.20 Club de Br. St. Leonard 126.00 Chateau Br. Club 98.00 Club de Br. Sherbrooke (284.85) TRIALS
QUEBEC UNIT 152		140.00			60.00	140.00 L'Union Commerciale de Que.
SAGUENAY UNIT 199	200.00	200.00				

ZONE 3

	1972	MEMBERSHIP 1973	1974	1972	LYMPIAD FU 1973	<u>ND</u> 1974
Brought Forward	6880.55	7865.85	5388.20	3395.04	5445.75	6128.05
ZONE 4						
MANITOBA UNIT 181	471,00	409.00		155.50	222.00	416.00 Unit (3) 35.00 Flin Flon D.B.C.
N. SASKATCHEWAN 575	200.00				147.00	91.00 Saskatoon Dup. B. Cl.
S. SASKATCHEWAN 573	200.00			196.50	336.50	126.00 Regina Dup. Br. Cl. (2) 133.00 Moosejaw Dup. Br. Cl. (2)
NORTHWESTERN ONT, 228	150.00	150.00	150.00	120.00	181.00	196.00 Unit (2) 70.00 Thunder Bay
ZONE 5						
LETHBRIDGE UNIT 392	127.60	120.60	131.60	80.00	72.40	(90.00) TRIALS
N. ALBERTA UNIT 391	552,00	538.00	545.00	183.00	215.25	45.00 Klondike Br. Centre 255.50 Unit (2) (265.80) TRIALS
MEDICINE HAT 393	20.00	43.00	42.00			59.50 Unit (25.00) TRIALS
CALGARY UNIT 390	419.20	415.00	466.50	120.50	248,50	255.50 Unit (3) (189.22) TRIALS - net

ZONE 6						
E. KOOTENAY 574					49.00	49.00 Yoho Dup. Br. Cl.
OKANAGAN UNIT 571	150.00	250.00	150.00			
VANCOUVER UNIT 430	882.00	1021.40	973.20	204.40	544.10	77.00 Lantzville Dup. Br. Cl. 420.00 Unit (3) 56.00 Courtenay D.B.C. (1.44) TRIALS (\$390. pd. in 1973)
QUESNEL UNIT 456	96.00	103.80	110,20	70.00	198.50	189.00 Unit (3)
VICTORIA UNIT 431	230.00	176.00	269.00	140.00	83.50	63.00 Unit
PARKSVILLE UNIT 429	143.00					165.90 Unit (2) 78.40 Courtenay Elks Home 44.10 Duncan Dup. Br. Cl.
	10521.35	11092.65	8225.70	4664.94	7743.50	8952.95
Collected for preceding Interest earned on depo Advertising revenue	sits	763.25	943.45 1413.16 50.00			
A.C.B.L. Summer Nationa TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	11 <u>s '72-'7</u> 3 10521.35	11855.90	10632.31	4664.94	449.73 8193.23	8952.95
						(1833.32) Total Trials.



CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DE BRIDGE

January 13th, 1975

Journal Item

To: The Board of Directors,

American Contract Bridge League.

Subject: National Team Championship

Every four years starting in 1967, the Canadian Bridge Federation has conducted a team championship, similar to the Grand Nationals, to select the top team in the country to represent Canada in the Olympiad from coast to coast. The initial entry is in the area of two hundred teams.

In the past, the event has been run without an ACBL sanction, or with master point awards, although the winner is recognized as the Canadian N.C.B.O. champion and is awarded W.B.F. Master Points and International Master status.

The C.B.F. requests:

- A sanction for the national event with master point awards on a basis similar to the Grand National awards, but taking into account the smaller size of the event. The overall awards should compare to the Zone winners in the Grand National.
- The cost of the sanction be minimal as the income from the event goes entirely to subsidization of the International team.
- That red points be granted on the same scale and basis as the Grand National teams up to the Zone finals.
- 4. Consideration be given to having the same privilege granted to our women's team championships taking into consideration the type of event conducted and the total entry.

The award of red points has little significance in later stages of the event as most participants are likely to be Life Masters. Its main value is for promotion and advertising. The request is for one event of this type every four years and specifically for the 1975 championship. The conditions of contest are printed in the January 1975 Digest.

Yours very truly,

D. A. Drew, Executive Secretary.

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"YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT . . ."

by John Cunningham, Toronto

Hand me the law books, Maude. It's time. No, not the codes, nor the lists of those to be protected; not the secret, arcane ways. I want the lie of the law, the placebo of justice; and all I can find are these accursed bridge magazines...

You pawned them? To enable you to what?! Sit down girl, the McKenney race can go on without you for awhile. Have you ever looked at your microcosm, your jacks and treys...and thought about the framework: the confines and muddy boots of your duplicate game? That's where you were going, wasn't it? Another turn of the cards?

Let me tell you a story. What's your listening fee? Fifty cents a hand? Yes, it's a bridge hand. From the senior league at that club in Toronto. These people are supposed to know how to behave ...here, I'll set the scene.

It was a thirty-six board match scored at International Match Points. Neither pair involved were accomplished partnerships: the East-West team both experienced players of favourable repute; North-South young players of recent successes and staid disposition. The young-sters were bidding the Blue Club system, which you remember was popular some years ago as its Italian perpetrators were winning their umpteenth world title.

In these IMP matches there is time to explain any official bidding quirks that may arise. Anyway, at this level of competition, people are likely to be familiar with the gist of most bids. The restriction of conventions is meant largely to protect the average player in a pairs game. In the senior league, it can be assumed that most people have been around.

Early in the match, East-West having made a very rocky no-trump

game, West was dealt this hand: S.852, H.QJ7, D.QJ53, C.J83. South opened the bidding, one club. That's their only strong bid, not particularly unexpected on this hand. The vulnerability may have been bad, as West passed; to hear North call 'two clubs', the bid denoting five controls: a king being one, an ace two. Momentary interest was restored when East bid 'two spades'. The North-South bidding proceeded unhindered: 3C - 3D; 4C - 4S; 5H - 7C, all natural, though perhaps a trifle enthusiastic, it turns out.

So it was up to West. The only feasible leads were of course a spade (partner didn't double), or perhaps a trump to cut down any ruffs in dummy. After all, one doesn't usually try to set up tricks when leading against a grand slam. So a trump it was. The three of trumps.

Perhaps it's time for the other hands: S A,10,6

H	4,3
D	A,K,10,9,6,4
C	Q,6
S 8,5,2	S K,Q,7,4,3
H Q,J,7	н к,9,8,5,2
DQ,J,5,3	D 8,7,2
C J,8,3	C void
S	J , 9
H	A,10,6
D	void
C	A,K,10,9,7,5,4,2

The lead of the three of clubs allowed an extra entry for the establishment of the dummy's diamond suit. Of course, the lead of the club eight or jack would force declarer to play West for diamond length and East for the spade honours (remember that two spade bid?).

	A	
	4	
	A,10	
		K,Q
Q,J		K,9
Q,J		
	J,9	
	A,10	

In this ending, the spade ace is followed by the diamond king.

No one pointed this out to West, who, two hands later, still brooding, was heard to enquire, "How many high card points did you have on that hand, South?"

"Well, uh, twelve," said he unsuspectingly.

"That's against the rules, you know". East looked embarrassed. Nevertheless, a well-known resident director was consulted. South explained that he had only 12 HCP, but that 8-1/2 playing tricks should count for something. Or at least the Blue Team thought so. The director cited an ACBL memorandum which maintained that any strong one club bid should guarantee at least fifteen high card points. (An ace is 4, a king 3, etc., for those of you who judge your hands by their tricktaking potential). Anyway, the ruling given was that the best NorthSouth could do was lose three IMP's on the board. Furthermore, South was cautioned that if he ever did this again he risked suspension from the American Contract Bridge League.

North appealed the ruling; it has yet to go before a committee. The owner of the club has got affirmation of the law from league head-quarters in Memphis. He has shown some sympathy, saying that had the suit been spades, the bid would have merit (??).

I've yet to see how anyone was taken advantage of, at least during the bidding and play of the hand. Hopefully, West's teammates will be able to get a private audience with the committee. Perhaps Garozzo may have to rewrite his book. I'll let you know.

The Law is a funny thing.



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MY BRIDGE CAREER

by Robin Wigdor

PART III: Sheila Stories

S.A. Forbes (Sheila) has been my friend for several years at, but more often away, from the bridge table. Her many bridge successes include a third place in the 1972 World Olympiad Mixed Team Championship. Away from the table, she works as a para-legal assistant to the Corporate and Commercial group in a large Toronto law firm.

Sheila and I share an affinity for good food, (but on me it shows) and in retrospect it seems appropriate we met at the dinner table. Back in the late sixties, a marvelous cook named Marie provided the evening meal at Kate Buckman's for half a dozen or so card fiends each evening. Sheila often took advantage of the fine food, reasonably priced, and stayed on to play bridge in the evening. As, quite frequently, did I.

We had played a couple of club games, and then joined to do battle some years back for a Mixed Pairs at a Montreal regional. There arose a hand we will both probably remember to our graves.

Current partners will now deny ever having seen any evidence of it, but back then I was a firm believer in partnership discipline so, when I picked up:

J109

KJ9xxxxxx

and Sheila opened one spade, I knew just how to handle it. The response to my one no trump was two diamonds and I triumphantly bid three clubs. Ely Culbertson said partner must pass this bid. Charles Goren said this is how you got to play in your long suit with a weak hand. Sheila Forbes said three diamonds. Have you ever tried to play a contract

when in your two five card suits, one of which is trumps, partner has a combined total of one card? Hah! Our partnership learned discipline very early on. It might also explain why we rarely play together.

Bridge players seem to congregate in groups, after the game. The groups may be large or small, may have static memberships or constant arrivals and departures. One thing all groups have in common is that when the last card of a session is played, they immediately meet to rehash their games. And while they rehash, of course, most indulge in a relaxing drink or two, to get well into the post-mortem spirit. The members of our group who were playing in the Chicago nationals a few years back were crammed into my room telling hands and posing problems. The mood was what one would expect in a dangerous and foreign land - delight in the vagaries of international economics that produces that well known miracle, duty free booze.

Now, anyone can have lapses of concentration, especially when they have been drinking, and Sheila's no exception. Her special curse is to lose track of how many cards there are in a bridge hand. She would give twelve and fourteen card hands and we'd laugh at her. Once in a while we would roar at an eleven card effort, or a fifteen.

Picture if you will, eight or ten loud and drunken bridge players raucously swapping stories. I'm sure you've been there yourself. It can be difficult to get everyone's attention in these circumstances, but Sheila had ours when she posed this problem: "You're in first, both vul, with stiff, third king queen, third ace king and stiff jack

"Hey, you guys, what's so funny?"

When we played in the Las Vegas nationals, Sheila had been persuaded

against her better judgment to play step responses to two clubs. We hadn't had this particular disaster opportunity in the first four sessions until I heard Sheila open one as I looked at this:

> QJ10xx x AKxx Axx

Naturally, I responded two spades, showing one ace and one king and Sheila rebid three hearts. Oh, you noticed? Well, that's when I noticed. The first thought that popped into my head was the question from one of Frank Vine's Bridge World articles, "What would Garozzo do?"

Unfortunately, I couldn't think of anything, and when I'd recovered from the blind panic that claimed me before I'd found Garozzo, a small heart had been led against seven no trump doubled.

As Sheila put down

x AKQJ10xxxx x xx

she mouthed something I can't repeat here, but the implication was that at least two overtricks were necessary to ameliorate my stupidity in the auction. I wish I could show you the squeeze that developed to allow me to land the contract, but by the time you're in the Blue Ribbon semi-finals, the opponents generally know how to discard to avoid isolating menaces for you, and I was down one. Why do such terrible things happen whenever there's a nine card suit?

This, strictly speaking, isn't a bridge story. It's more of a comment on the woman's lib movement at the bridge table. We were poking along in a Swiss team at the Oshawa sectional in the school gym. I'd led from a small doubleton heart

against a three no trump contract, and hit Sheila's solid six suit. Declarer had the ace, also doubleton, and had ducked the first round. As always happens to you when you get lucky on the go and establish a suit, there's never an entry to run it. Declarer wrapped up an overtrick, but the hand wasn't over. I decided to yell at Sheila. "You dumb broad!" She looked up, startled, and half the room perked up to hear the latest scandal. "Couldn't you work out the only way to beat the hand," I continued to bellow, "was to pass me a heart under the table?" Funny thing about people. They don't listen to what you say, they listen to the tone you say it in. The looks I got from around the room said "Typical, Man berates woman over bridge hand. Probably his mistake".

Sheila gave this last hand a very pretty play in the Reisinger Teams in Las Vegas:

AJxxx Kx Qxxx xx

KQ Axx AKxx AKxx

We'd reached only six no trump, although of course seven diamonds or even seven no trump were reasonable spots.

The ten of spades lead was captured by the king, and the queen followed as East pitched a heart. There followed next the ace and king of diamonds, and West showed out, also with a heart.

Now there were only eleven tricks, but Sheila played so smoothly you'd never think there was a problem. It isn't clear how you can rectify the count safely, so opponents won't be able to block you up and avert the pending squeeze, but Sheila promptly led a low club out of her hand.

In this ending

AJx Kx

Qx x

---Axx

xx AKx

a club return would prevent clubs from being used as the pivot suit in the double squeeze, but hearts would work just as well. A heart return breaks up hearts as the pivot suit, but then either West would be squeezed in spades and clubs or East in diamonds and clubs. Nicely played, and a clear win on the board!

In Part IV of the story, you'll be introduced to a fiend in human form - T.X. Greer (Tommy). That's the sado-masochist who isn't happy unless he's torturing somebody, and it doesn't matter who - opponents, partner, himself...

'Til then.

Winnipeg Regional

by Henry Smilie

The name of the game was the Buffalo Centennial Regional, in honour of Winnipeg's 100th birthday. So, for the first time, they had at least 100 tables in the Open Pairs, 101 to be exact.

Every tournament yields one story on Precision. Jim White reports this bidding: 1 club, pass, 1 diamond, 1 spade, all pass. Jim, with one point and one spade (not vulnerable) went down six.

Sally Goldberg and her co-

hostesses got loaded and made plays for all the boys. Let's have all our future meetings in Winnipeg.

An L.O.L. questioning whether she was at the right table was asked where she came from. "Fargo," she replied.

Toots Fingold relates this incident from a recent tournament. Playing against two girls who were obviously novices, she invited them to feel free to ask questions. The first novice opened 1 heart and the other one responded 3 hearts. "May I ask a question?" "Yes, certainly". "What's the meaning of my partner's bid?"

Zonal Olympiad Team Playoffs

Most unit trials will be completed by June 30th. The Zonal trials must be completed by September 15th. The Zone Director is responsible for setting specific dates for Unit and Zonal trials. The Finals will be held in October or November 1975. Zone V have set the September 13/14 weekend for their zonal trials. The units of Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat are expected to participate and their unit finals will be completed before June 30th. Zone VI have established Friday August 1st (at 9 pm!) for the start of their zonal trials which will be held in Vancouver.

Calgary Centennial Regional

by John Lang, Calgary, Alta.

1975 is Calgary's one hundredth birthday and the Calgary unit intend to celebrate in a big way July 14th to 20th at the luxurious Calgary Inn.

This is the week following the world famous Calgary Stampede so it will be advisable to make early reservations for hotel accommodation. The first event of the Regional, starting Monday, is a qualifying round of the KO Teams with a late start (2 pm) to accommodate long distance travellers.

GRAND VALLEY SECTIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS **BRANTFORD, ONTARIO**

APRIL 11 - 13, 1975

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

SWISS TEAMS - 1 Session	8:00 P.M.
SATUR	DAY, APRIL 12

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

> TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: R. Colton, 34 Bernard Ave. Brantford TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: H. Allen

MASTER PAIRS (One Session) (50 ± MPs)

Entry Fees: \$3.25 per player per session - Non Master \$2.75 Entry fees Include 25¢ per player per session for the 1978 Summer Nationals Fund

LOCATION: MOHAWK COLLEGE, BRANTFORD CAMPUS, Elgin St. Brantford, Ont. (South on Park St. from Hwy 403, left on Elgin about 1/4 mile)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FRIDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 P M

MASTER FAIRS (One dession) (50 + Mir s)	
NON-MASTER PAIRS (One Session) (0-50 MPs)	8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 26	
OPEN PAIRS (Two Sessions) (1st Qualifying)	1:30 & 7:30 P.M.
CONSOLATION PAIRS (One Session) (New Pairs Welcome)	7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, APRIL 27	
SWISS TEAMS (Two Sessions)	Noon & 6:00 P.M.
ENTRY FEES: \$3.25 per player per session all sessions, except Non-Master pairs, \$2.75 per	er player. (Includes
25¢ surcharge for Nationals).	or playor. (morados
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May 2-4, 1975

	FRIDAY, MAY 2	
LADIES' & MEN'S PAIRS (One Session)	8:00 P.N	١.

NOVICE PAIRS (0-20 MPs)	8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 3	
OPEN PAIRS (2 Sessions) (1st Qualifying)	1:30 & 7:30 P.M.
CONSOLATION (Other Pairs Welcome).	7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 4	
OPEN SWISS TEAMS (2 Sessions)	12:00 Noon & 6:00 P.M.

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May 9, 10, 11, 1975

FRIDAY, MAY 9	
MIXED PAIRS	8:00 P.M.
OPEN SIDE GAME	8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 10	
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OPEN PAIRS (2 Sessions - 1st Qualifying)	
LIMITED PAIRS (One Session - 0-20 MPs)	1:30 P.M.
CONSOLATION (New Entries Welcome)	7:30 P.M.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 13

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WASTER FAIRS (Over 30 MFS)	
NON MASTER PAIRS (Under 50 MPs)	8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 14	
OPEN PAIRS - Two Sessions (1st Qualifying)	& 7:30 P.M.
NOVICE PAIRS (Under 20 MPs) - One Session	1:30 P.M.
CONSOLATION - One Session	7:30 P.M.
NOVICE PAIRS (Under 20 MPs) - One Session	7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, JUNE 15	
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OPEN SWISS TEAMS - Two Sessions	
OPEN SIDE GAME	6:00 P.M.
FNTRY FFES: \$3.50 per player per session	

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Lunch served after evening game Friday and Saturday, and between sessions on Sunday.

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