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The situation of the CBF is becoming rosy. Support is good, the League have approved red point awards for this year's Canadian Olympiad Trials, and the CBF Board of Directors are the new trustees of the ACBL Canadian Charitable fund.

For those that have sights set on a third all-Canadian District, there have been interesting recent developments. The four B.C. members of the District 19 Board of Directors have received a query from Dave Tuell, Western Conference President regarding feelings for such a step. (The Western Conference publishes the Contract Bridge Forum for Districts 17 through 22 and helps to support entertainment at National tournaments in these Districts from an interest-earning fund of perhaps \$100,000).

Enclosed with the query was a letter from Robin McNab, National Director for District 18, addressed to Mr. Tuell. (District 18 includes the Alberta and Saskatchewan units.

Perusing Mr. McNab's letter leads me to the conclusion that he is opposed to such a move. I wonder how Western Canadians feel?

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Effective July 1st, 1975 the CBF Board of Directors are trustees of the ACBL Canadian Charitable Fund.

The League has approved awarding of red points for sanctioned sessions of the 1975 Canadian Olympiad Trials. The red point awards will be comparable to the Grand National point awards (up to ACBL zone finals).

CBF Treasurer Aaron Goodman's interim report shows that two units of the twenty-three in Canada failed to pay 1974 dues and as at July 31st, one of these and eleven other units have paid 1975 dues. A full report will appear in a later issue.

The idea of arranging a CBF charter flight to Monaco did not meet with much enthusiasm and has therefore been abandoned.

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AGENDA — CBF MEETING IN SASKATOON

The directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation will be holding board meetings during the Prairie Regional at the Holiday Inn in Saskatoon.

The CBF board meetings will be held on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd and a unit delegates meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 10 a.m.

Units are asked to appoint a representative planning to attend the tournament in order to provide unit views to the CBF executive.

The following first draft of an agenda has been prepared at the request of President Murphy:

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Appointment of an Executive Secretary to replace Doug Drew.
3. President's Report: Jack Murphy.
4. Treasurer's Report: Aaron Goodman.
5. Executive Secretary's Report: Alvin Baragar.
6. Canadian Charitable Trust Fund Report: Doug Cannell (1975 beneficiary - Canadian Kidney Foundation and Saskatchewan Kidney Research Institute).
7. Written reports from each Director regarding:
 1. Olympiad Fund games held.
 2. Contributions to Bridge Digest.
 3. Payment of dues by Units.
 4. Names and addresses of delegates for each unit.
8. Director of Elections, Zones 3 and 4.
9. Report on Canadian Bridge Digest - Bob Brooks.
10. Publicity and Public Relations.
11. Report on 1975 Team Trials - Bill Robinson.
 - b) Report on Zone playoffs from Directors.
12. 1976 Olympiad - Financial Progress Report for Monaco.
13. World Bridge Federation (Dues - Duties).
14. A.C.B.L. Reports - (to be solicited from Drew and Parent).
15. National Championships. (Sponsors?)
16. Redistricting - Report from the West.
17. Government Brief - Doug Cannell.
18. Eric Murray, Aaron Goodman and Dave Richmond trophies.
19. Location of next meeting.
20. Other business.

TENTH BIRTHDAY

- Henry Smilie, Vancouver, B.C.

A little over a century ago a group of far-seeing statesmen in Upper and Lower Canada and the Maritimes conceived the idea of creating a new nation in the northern half of this Continent. Many were the problems that had to be wrestled with, not the least of which were local bigwigs jealous of their power and of course the cussedness of human nature. But they triumphed.

Just a decade ago a meeting of unit representatives was held with the object of forming a Canadian Bridge organization. It was convened by Eric Murray. There were disheartening problems, the same sort of problems as those with which the Fathers of Confederation had to cope - jealousy of his/her power on the part of some local bigwigs and

the cussedness of some bridge players. Nevertheless, we have now arrived. The fact that we have got where we are, relying entirely on the voluntary support that we have had from the vast majority, says something for the perseverance of those involved.

For several years there have been two all Canadian Districts. In Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia we are now within about one hundred and fifty of having enough members to form a third Canadian District.

It should, of course, be stressed that we have enjoyed excellent co-operation on the part of the National Board of Directors and the staff of the American Contract Bridge League.

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN BEGINNER AND EXPERT

by Michael Wiss, Saskatoon

Bridge articles and reports have traditionally dealt with the best and most interesting plays and hands, and sometimes gaffes, of top players and other experts in the winning and losing of a particular event.

With the advent of a 'Sub-Masters' division in the Area and District Grand National Teams play-offs something very interesting has surfaced.

Here suddenly exists a category of players - in a tournament event of some importance - that literally bridge the gap, from end to end, between the beginner and the expert ...an exciting, nutty, special category that any non-expert can relate to intimately and any expert can recall with humour and warm nostalgia the inconsistent happenings of his earlier career.

A Sub-Master was defined as anyone possessing less than 100 Master Points (recorded) as of October 16th, 1974.

Although Master Point totals have long been known to be hardly indicative of the skills and capabilities of individual players, I don't assume anyone having under one hundred would honestly presume themselves in the 'expert' category. The points possessed by the entrants in the District 18 Finals ranged from a low of 1 (by a member of the winning team) to the 90's. With this disparity, and with the relative difficulty of qualifying for the Finals varying from Area to Area, there were players present capable of everything from expert play to inexcusable and sometimes humorous gaffes.

Something for everybody.

The playoffs, both the Open and the Sub-Masters divisions, got underway on April 25th in Great Falls, MT., concluding on the 27th. Nine

Sub-Masters teams from Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan competed under the direction of tournament coordinator Bob Donaldson for the Robin McNab trophy, won in 1974, the first year of this event, by the Billings, Montana team. A two-day round robin resulted in a four-team final between four Canadian teams: Calgary, Regina, Medicine Hat and Saskatoon. Curiously enough, three of the four finalists in the Open division were also Canadian; draw your own conclusions.

Barry Onslow's team from Medicine Hat made it to the finals with a narrow 2 IMP win over Regina, remaining unbeaten, while my team from Saskatoon had an easy time of it against Calgary, the only team to defeat us in the round robin, leading at the half 56-15 and coasting in 95-59.

Early in the round robin this curious hand was dealt, with even more curious results:

E-W VUL.	S. xxx		
WEST DLR.	H. A10xx		
	D. J10xx		
	C. xx		
S. x		N	S. KJ1098x
H. KQxx		W-- E	H. void
D. AKQxxxxx		S	D. 9
C. void			C. AJ10xxx
	S. AQx		
	H. Jxxxx		
	D. void		
	C. KQ98x		

Observe the bidding at both tables, first by Dave Hallatt and Bill Hunt of the Saskatoon team, Kaplan-Sheinwold players and a regular and compatible partnership:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2 Clubs*	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
3 Diamonds	Pass	3 Spades	Pass
4 Hearts	Pass	5 Clubs	Pass
6 Diamonds	Double	Pass	Pass

* strong, artificial and forcing; at least 8½ playing tricks.

Though West has a dozen red cards and East a dozen black, Hallatt decided to take a flyer at the small slam. At the other table the auction proceeded in a more meandering fashion to the same final contract:

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
5 Diamonds	Double	5 Spades	Double
Pass	Pass	6 Clubs	Double
6 Diamonds	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Amazing. Both teams in a doubled vulnerable slam when there isn't even a game anywhere that has a prayer of making. My partner, Jim Norman, the aforementioned holder of only 1 master point prior to entry in this event (he was a last-minute replacement for my regular partner) acted questionably in doubling West's bid of 5 Diamonds! East panicked and pulled, whereupon I happily doubled both his black suit bids, knowing West would finally 'escape' to Diamonds where Jimmy was ready to defend.

So what happened?

Both North players ignored the safe lead of the Jack of trumps, pinning the 9-spot and setting the contract four, and laid down the Ace of Hearts! Both declarers gleefully ruffed in dummy and cashed the Club Ace, pitching their stiff spade, and ruffed a spade in the closed hand. The Ace of trumps delivered the sad news that the contract was doomed to go down one with the two inescapable red suit losers.

Did I say inescapable? At our table declarer gracefully surrendered, but to Hallatt, a loveable fuzzy-bearded bear of a fellow, and a veteran rubber bridge player, nothing is inescapable. Without a moment's hesitation he cashed the two top trumps and threw North in with his Jack, won the Heart return and ran off his trumps so fast that his opponents unwisely

geared their tempo to his, and without stopping to realize Hallatt had shown his hand to be void of the black suits each pitched a Heart and the hand was over. An 18 IMP swing with post-mortem hilarity that could never occur in the Open field.

The final match between Medicine Hat and Saskatoon was a good-natured but tension-filled and exciting 29-board affair. (The director had inadvertently stuck in an extra board, and since both teams played it in earnest, it was scored in earnest.) Our Saskatoon team led only 8 IMPs at the half (49-41) and the final half produced heart-stoppers for all concerned.

Witness this board after Onslow had picked up 5 IMPs to trail by only 3:

<u>E-W VUL.</u>	<u>Norman</u>	
<u>NORTH DLR.</u>	<u>S. AKQJx</u>	
	<u>H. Axx</u>	
	<u>D. x</u>	
	<u>C. Jxxx</u>	
<u>Iverson</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Onslow</u>
<u>S. xxxxx</u>	<u>W -- E</u>	<u>S. xx</u>
<u>H. xx</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>H. Kxx</u>
<u>D. 10xx</u>		<u>D. KQxx</u>
<u>C. xxx</u>		<u>C. AKxx</u>
	<u>S. x</u>	
	<u>H. QJxxx</u>	
	<u>D. AJ9xx</u>	
	<u>C. Qx</u>	
	<u>Wiss</u>	

Jimmy Norman opened 1 Spade, Onslow doubled, and looking at my 10-count I redoubled. This can't be bad, I thought, as Iverson passed and Jimmy went into the 'tank' for about 30 seconds. What's he thinking about, I wondered, when he passed and Onslow pulled to 2 Diamonds! I gleefully (but straight-facedly) doubled, Iverson passed again, and once more Jimmy paused for long thought. I sweated, praying he wouldn't pull the double. Jimmy and I, you see, were an inexperienced partnership, having played only once before together. Our non-playing coach, ACBL Life Master and a certified Director, Pat Boyle, with excellent tutelage had melded Jimmy's straight-

forward bidding system of Standard American and mine of Modified Kaplan-Sheinwold into a modified Standard with various gadgets that was simple and compatible to both of us. Jimmy plays the cards excellently, but there were bound to be misunderstandings in the bidding, or misinterpretations, and this was one of them. Jimmy finally passed, to my relief, and Onslow redoubled! I passed again, and Iverson, looking at three diamonds to the 10 and nowhere to pull to, let it sit. This time Jimmy went into a two minute huddle while both Onslow and I used all the telepathy at our command.

Jimmy bid 2 Spades, went down one, and the board was a 'push'. Onslow, having put his head on the chopping block, smiled and shook his head in relief. We were still up by 3 IMPs, but those 17 IMPs we missed would have gone a long way towards restoring my confidence in the final result.

We lost another 6 IMPs passing in two hands that Onslow's teammates bought partscores on, and we were behind by 3. 13 more IMPs to us and 11 to Onslow over nine of the last ten boards left us behind by a single IMP when Jimmy's excellent declarer play won it all for us.

This was the hand:
(reversed for convenience)

None VUL.	<u>Wiss</u>		
EAST DLR.	S. KJ10x		
	H. AJ10		
	D. x		
	C. AQ9xx		
<u>Onslow</u>		<u>Iverson</u>	
S. Qxx	N	S. xx	
H. xxx	W -- E	H. Kxx	
D. J10xx	S	D. AKQxxx	
C. Jxx		C. K10	
	S. Axxx		
	H. Qxxx		
	D. xx		
	C. xxx		
	<u>Norman</u>		

After a 1 Diamond opening by East the South players at both tables arrived in a contract of 4 Spades. Both West players led a small diamond, won by East, and a spade was returned. Both declarers won in dummy and cashed two trumps ending in hand for the losing Heart hook and subsequent Diamond ruff on the table with dummy's last spade, West playing the Jack.

Here the declarer on Onslow's team returned to hand with a heart and took the Club hook. Down one.

But Jimmy Norman went into the tank. He reasoned that Onslow had already shown up with the Trump Queen and a Jack. Had he the Club King as well he would have responded to his partner's opening bid. So Jimmy called for a small Club towards the closed hand and Iverson was fried. Wouldn't you consider that declarer had a stiff or doubleton Jack? Iverson played the King and the hand was over. Plus 10 IMPs for a narrow 9-IMP win.

It made no matter if Iverson had ducked, said Jimmy. Having decided that the King was there he would have gone up with the Ace on the next round, finding it doubleton his only hope.

It was interesting that in the final hand of this year's World Championships Georgio Belladonna needed to find the same Club King doubleton onside (curiously enough, the 10-spot was also the second card). Here Jim Norman needed it doubleton offside. No one wore a bigger smile than Jimmy.

Does this level of bridge competition portend well for its future as a game and a sport? I believe it could.

The Sub-Master's event in the Grand National Teams playoffs currently goes no further than the District level. Should the event be extended to enable the District champions to compete for a National

title I believe that what would develop would be, in effect, a successful 'minor league', similar to baseball and hockey. It would produce experts and stars of the future, for only teams of near-expert abilities would win such a final.

The bridge that non-expert players can relate to most is here

for them to see, to enjoy, and to learn from.

And non-experts are by far the majority of bridge players in the world.

Mike was captain of the Saskatoon Sub-Masters team which won the Robin McNab trophy (District 18 Grand National Teams).

BRIDGE QUIZ

N.F. Brookes, Peachland, B.C.

In its original form, this quiz first appeared in the July 1970 edition of the Okanagan Overbid and parts of it were printed later in certain Ontario and California publications. For the benefit of our many new readers, and for the old ones with short memories, a revised edition is presented here.

1. Blue Points: (A) used by cheats to mark cards; (B) awarded at Nationals; (C) rank between red and gold points; (D) Siamese cats.
2. C.B.Q.: (A) a laxative; (B) a French/Canadian separatist group; (C) pronto; (D) a Quebec bridge organization.
3. Certified Director: (A) has to be certified insane by a physician; (B) has passed a \$5.00 examination; (C) requires a character reference from a clergyman; (D) ranks lower than a qualified director.
4. Class "C" Conventions: (A) a Shriners' Parade in Vatican City; (B) must be allowed in Sectional Tournaments; (C) Brozel, Drury, and Flannery; (D) never allowed in club games.
5. Forcing Pass: (A) a maneuver on the highway; (B) made by a player after an opposing bid, usually when he and his partner have bid strongly; (C) made by a player with a "bust"; (D) a

maneuver on the chesterfield.

6. Howell Movement: (A) a bathroom activity; (B) a protest about the score; (C) a type of progression in duplicate bridge; (D) the militant arm of Women's Lib.
7. Leghorn Diamond: (A) a gem discovered in a gizzard; (B) a baseball field in Italy; (C) an Italian bidding system; (D) a prize-winning rooster.
8. Quick Trick: (A) a trick taken quickly before the opponents wake up; (B) an extra one marked on the score slip; (C) an ace or its equivalent; (D) a slick chick.
9. Swiss Convention: (A) a watch movement; (B) a movement for team games; (C) a gathering of cheese makers in Switzerland; (D) a response of four in a minor to partner's major suit opening.
10. Unmixed Pairs: (A) well-adjusted married couples; (B) consenting adults, etc., etc.; (C) partners with a perfect understanding of each other's bidding and play; (D) an event open only to pairs of men and pairs of women.

Answers:
 1. (D) 2. (C) 3. (A) 4. (B) 5. (C) 6. (A) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (B) 10. (C)

ARE YOU STILL THERE, M AND K?

by Bill Smith, Winnipeg

I was at the local watering hole, resting my old weary bones and sipping the healthful egg-nog specials, when a hoard of Manitoba young hopefuls descend on me to con me into playing a team match for higher stakes than I could care to admit. The young Turk (ey)s are the self-appointed potential Olympiad Team and are out for blood, my blood.

Somehow or other a makeshift team was rounded up to pit our wits against the Team, drunk with euphoria with their recent successes in the Winnipeg Bridge Club. Needless to say, the result was never in doubt over the 28-board match with the good guys running up an insurmountable lead in the first two quarters, which proved to be a mite too much for the Great Team even.

The following board contributed to a tidy pick-up for the good guys:

None vulnerable, N dealer.

	A	
	AKJ84	
	K107	
	QJ85	
J1043		865
10762		Q93
Q9		63
AK3		109762
Young Hopeful		
	KQ972	
	5	
	AJ8542	
	4	

At our table the bidding went like this:

North	East	South	West
1H	P	2D	P
3C	P	3S	P
4D	P	5D	P
6D	P	P	DBL

The young hopeful at West, with no respect for his elders, doubled hoping to defeat the contract with the Club holding and he did not like the opponents anyway. My hand was rather a surprise to

him and when the diamond Queen fell in two rounds, the good guys chalked up a doubled slam contract, which was not bid at the other table. The Western Scientific bidding machinery ground to a halt in 3NT missing the good slam.

In the third quarter, with the Great Team down a bundle of Imps translated into a few pieces of the coin of the realm, this hand turned up:

	KJ5	
	K10	
	KJ4	
	A9842	
6		Q1084
A6542		83
A5		Q9862
KQ765		J3
		Young Hopeful
	A9732	
	QJ97	
	1073	
	10	

West	North	East	South
1H	1NT	2D	2S
3C	P	P	3S
P	P	X?	P
P	P		

West got off to the Ace of diamonds lead followed by another diamond. The King won the second (not playing with babes, Max) and played trumps. After a first round with the King, the Jack was covered by the Queen and won the Ace, as West showed out. A low heart to dummy's King was followed by the ten, covered deceptively by the Queen by the declarer and won with the Ace by West, who somehow felt sicker and sicker every minute. On the club King return, the declarer won with the Ace and led a trump to claim the contract, losing only to two diamonds, ten of spades and the Ace of hearts. Another game swing to the good guys.

The rest was just too gruesome to relate. We came away much better equipped to enjoy my egg-nogs (make

mine a double, George) even though I have to get up once in a while to wipe eggs off their faces. In fact, I would even come out of my retirement (having come close to my three score and ten years) to play against ANY team who would give us a handicap of two Imps per board.

The Calgary "Eye Opener" 1975 Version

The following appeared in editor Gayle Penton's daily bulletin of the highly successful Calgary Centennial Regional held in July.

Our tribute to Editor R.C. "Bob Edwards" 1864 - 1922, an editor who loved Calgary and was loved by Calgary, whose paper, THE EYE OPENER, was read and enjoyed the entire continent. This is current material on bridge written as we now think Bob would have covered the lighter side of bridge.

Don Gladman, Calgary Unit President, has made the request that local Calgarians please do not ride and stable your horses at the Calgary Inn for the duration of our Centennial Regional Tournament. He explains that though people from New York and Los Angeles may be used to automobile exhaust, they may find the exhaust and refuse from our horses offensive.

To continue - for your enjoyment - a few Bob Edwards Biographies of the Calgary Regional Committee - 1975 and other "Bigwigs" - keeping in mind the spirit of good will and good sportsmanship for which Calgary is famous.

Tournament Chairman - Helen Roche: The superb functioning of this Regional can only be attributed to Helen presently on leave from her job as Union Organizer for Fortune Magazine.

Head Director - Phil Wood: Phil used to try to arrange Calgary tournament dates to correspond to the dates of the horse races. The fame of his handicap spread to the point where the Calgary Horse Racing Association now tries to match their dates to our tournaments.

Vice-President - Frank Kettner: Recently incorporated Key Card Blackwood into his bidding methods until he found out that Culbertson didn't know Blackwood.

Secretary - Anita Carpenter: Anita had 3 trips to the hospital before finally delivering her last child. This approximates her ratio of successful finesses.

News Bulletin Editor - Gayle Penton: Gayle is responsible for the creative and linguistic input to this magazine. As may be guessed she only teaches Grade 3. Therefore - in advance - we regret any mistakes which may be made in this bulletin.

District Bulletin President - Linda Thierman: Linda is the head of Vacation World Travel. After 8 months in business her cards stopped reading Whirled. After 3 more months she could no longer remember why.

Program Chairman - Ken Penton: Ken's responsibility was distributing programs. He dutifully sent them to all the corners of the globe, unfortunately forgetting Alberta. Posters of this weeks events have been posted on the wall outside the playing area to help correct this problem.

The Rest of the Committee: I would like to honour the rest of the people who laboured long and hard in putting this regional together since you couldn't displace even this motley collection what can I possibly say in your favour.

(Courtesy of Bill Allen
and Stan Matheson.)

SIXTH SENSE PERSONIFIED

- Henry Smilie, Vancouver, B.C.

Who is that man who frequents the partnership desk at tournaments, wears a beret (except when being photographed as a winner), who used to put 10 to 25 for his no trump range and enters "No current conventions" on his convention card? He is the inimitable Otto Leesment.



Some 25 years ago Otto immigrated to Canada from Czechoslovakia where he had been National Champion. He settled in Victoria. He had been trained in the law but his professional qualifications didn't count in his adopted country. As for his avocation, bridge, his qualifications would count anywhere. He is Life Master No. 1883 and has accumulated nearly 3000 points.

Once someone asked him if he didn't use any point count at all,

With inflections a la Charles Boyer, he replied: "I count your points when you are bidding them".

In one hand Otto's opening diamond bid was doubled; his partner having a bit of strength and some diamonds, bid 2 diamonds; R.H.O. bid 2 in a major; 3 diamonds by Otto; next time around 4 diamonds by Otto; next time around 5 diamonds by Otto; next time around 6 diamonds by Otto. After he had racked up 6 diamonds doubled his partner asked him if he hadn't been afraid that the opponents might let the bidding die. "They wouldn't", he replied.

He dismisses Precision and Schenken as systems for people who don't like to think.

Psychology and whatever other ologies produce a master don't account for all of his triumphs. He is living proof that there is a sixth sense.



SUPERSTAR

The above photograph appeared in the 'Vancouver Daily Province' some months ago when newsmen were confined inside the penitentiary's visitors' room. The law 'n' order man in the corner is none other than Old Superstar in person, Bruce Ferguson of Vancouver.

THE MONTREAL RELAY

by Eric Kokish

Several years ago, a bridge idea was born in Canada's greatest city. With due apologies to offended countrymen, I'll call it the Montreal Relay because that's where it comes from, and that's what it does.

The Montreal Relay is a simple concept that can be applied to most natural systems and some artificial ones. It is designed to make the flow of constructive bidding smoother and at the same time solve some of the problems that develop when competition forces the opening bidder to make a decision at an uncomfortable level.

The Relay is used in only one case, but this case is frequent and therefore justifies the use of an artificial bid to replace a natural one. Frequency is an important criterion in reaching a decision to eliminate a useful natural bid. The other factor involved in this type of decision is the question of gain versus loss. If the new use for the bid is frequent and will produce an appreciable beneficial effect, it should still meet the requirement of being easy to remember. The Montreal Relay is a response of one diamond to partner's one club opening bid, certainly not too difficult to remember. The real value of the relay requires the partnership to have certain basic agreements that fall under the heading of "style". First, the partnership should tend to open 1D with four diamonds and four or five clubs. Second, the partnership should raise freely with three-card trump support for a major suit response to an opening bid. Third the partnership should be prepared to play negative doubles extensively. Most impor-

tant of all, the partnership should agree that trump support should be offered as soon as the auction is likely to permit - that is, hands with the strength for one response should tend to raise if possible.

It is assumed that an opening bid of 1C is natural (3 or more) and non-forcing. If the responder chooses to keep the opening bid alive (he has no such obligation, as in standard systems), he should respond in a major suit only if he welcomes a raise with three-card support. This implies a five card or longer suit, but a chunky four-bagger should often be introduced. This leaves the responder room for judgment, which is another feature of most valuable treatments. Without a suitable major suit to mention, responder has the option of responding 1NT (a good 8 to 11 HCP) which denies a 4-card major; 2NT (forcing 12-14, or 17-19 if followed by 4NT) which does not deny a 4-card major since opener may check back with 3C for a major fit; 3NT (15-16, 4-3-3-3 distribution); or the Montreal Relay 1-D, which is really a waiting type of response carrying only the message that responder has enough to respond and probably does not have a five-card major (unless he also has 6 diamonds and a very good hand).

What is the point behind all this? The most obvious advantage that appears is being able to raise safely in competitive situations if the response has been in a major suit. There is a very fine line between courage and folly. It is well and good to say "we raise with three trumps and take our chances", but a series of hands where one must take nine tricks with xxxx opposite Kxx in the trump suit can be a chastening experience.

The best 4-3 fits are characterized by good trumps, and the rest are best avoided if possible. When a Relay player chooses to respond in a major with KQ10x, he has some reason to welcome a raise, and he has this option as part of the system. He is not a robot who must bid his suits up the line regardless of quality. I am aware that many players would respond 1D to 1C with Jxxx Jxxx xxx Ax (or even with the minors reversed) hoping for a major response. Their partners, however, will not hesitate to raise diamonds competitively if necessary. Accordingly there is a risk involved, and no good player takes more risks than he has to.

Another immediately visible benefit occurs in uncontested auctions. Say you open 1C with Axx AQx x AQxxxx. Partner responds 1H. There really is no good bid. 3C overstates the suit and understates the support; 2C is not a bid; 2H is a gross underbid; 3H may catch partner with xxxx in hearts; 2S is far too much. With partner known to have 5 hearts or KJ10x at worst, the only problem now is 3H or a more aggressive action. And this type of hand happens more often than you would care to believe.

An advantage not so readily apparent occurs when a standard bidder responds 1H on a bad suit and a weakish hand and partner with some hand like Axxx Kxxx x AQxx, bids 3H (admittedly at the bottom of his range) and you struggle to get out for down one. Relay players bid 1D and when opener rebids 1H, may raise to 2H without getting too high.

Certain inferences become available to Relay players: The auction 1C-1D-1H-2C is not a strained preference. With only one bid to make, responder would raise to 2C immediately. Since he might, however, have been interested in trying for a spade fit, he could try 1D with the intention of bidding 1S over 1H. When he doesn't

bid spades, it is apparent that he was worth more than one forward move. Therefore, this sequence shows extra values, about 10-11 points. This leaves 1C-1D-1H-3C forcing, eliminating a potentially dangerous use of 4th-suit forcing—i.e. playing a generally limit-oriented style, one might have to rebid 1S over 1H preparatory to raising clubs in order to force, since 1C-1D-1H-3C would not be forcing but simply encouraging. It is best to be able to eliminate awkward auctions whenever possible, and it is through the vehicle of the relay that we can eliminate this particular one.

In order to reduce the occasions when a diamond partial is missed, opener should not suppress his diamonds, and he should frequently open 1D with 4-5 in the minors in order to have a rebid over a major suit response. It is important to remember that since the diamond response may be made on such a hand as Qxxx Kxxx x Qxxx, opener cannot raise this response merely because he has 4-card support. If he does choose to open 1C on 4-5 hands he must be able to rebid his clubs or 1NT over a potential 1D response. With 4-6, he must rebid his clubs. It is in these situations that the artificial diamond response creates distortions, but these distortions always leave a fluid, undisturbed auction and present us with certain new opportunities.

In our style, a jump rebid in a minor shows a very good suit with about a King more than a minimum, non-forcing. Standard systems will tolerate slightly more in the way of high cards. What do standard bidders rebid with this type of hand over a 1D response? AQx x AQx AQJxxx 3C is an underbid; 2S extremely dangerous; 3D no better. Relay players can bid 2D, the same bid that one would make over 1H (disregarding the risky 3NT rebid with the potential heart rebid to follow). This innocent, space-saving bid is a reverse though it may not sound like one.

If one forces a partner who may have few diamonds to the three-level to take a preference to clubs, one must have a good hand. Partner can now bid a major suit stopper, show real diamonds by bidding them, take a forcing preference to 3C, bid 2NT show weakness and force a 3C rebid from opener, or jump to 3NT to show about 11-12 HCP with secondary cards and no good fit. This type of situation, with its accompanying treatments, can be very useful rather than very difficult. The reverse to 2D, remember always shows at least 5 clubs and as such can be used to show all good club hands with or without secondary diamonds. An interesting addition is the use of 1C-1D-3D, a jump reverse. My own idea is to use this bid to show an enormous club suit, just under 2-bid strength, with a singleton or void in diamonds, e.g. AKx Axx x AKQxxx. It must be a hand strong enough to play 3NT but too strong to bid 3NT for fear of missing a slam.

The reason the partnership must use negative doubles so extensively is because good opponents will compete over the relay, hoping to shut out the forthcoming major fit. Our own style is to

use a double by opener for penalties when fourth hand interferes, and a double by responder for takeout. This extends to cases where overcaller's partner raises. Since responder may have to bid at the three-level at his second turn against aggressive opponents, he should be prepared to respond on reasonable 4-card major suits when there is some danger of being unable to compete later. Again, the system is designed to encourage good judgment, not suppress it.

In my bridge odyssey I have only encountered one other pair outside the Montreal area who play anything like this. They were from the deep south. It's surprising to me that something so simple and yet so sound has been disregarded by so many great theoreticians. Europeans tend to play relay-type systems with greater frequency, but the Montreal Relay is used only in this one situation and replaces one natural bid only, while throwing open a world full of new possibilities. You'll be amazed at the indirect advantages that seem to fit in with this type of approach, and you may even discover your own version, like the Winnipeg Waiting-Bid, or the Pottstown Pause...or...

CANADIANS IN THE SUMMER NATIONALS

Congratulations to the following players who achieved overall standings:

Joe Silver, Peter Nagy, Eric Kokish of Montreal and George Mittelman of Toronto reached the semi finals of the Spingold. They were leading after 16 boards but John Fejervary made big gains in the 2nd and 4th quarters to finish ahead by 58 IMP's.

Philip Baer - Montreal
Mike Cafferata - Toronto
John Carruthers - Toronto
Jordan Cohen - Montreal
David Colbert - Etobicoke, Ont.
Roy Dalton - Mississauga, Ont.
Sandra and Douglas Fraser - Montreal
Roy Hughes - Willowdale - Ontario
Jacques Laliberte, Quebec

Jean Lamontagne - Quebec
Denis Lesage - Quebec
David Lindop - Toronto
David and Pam MacIntyre - Toronto
J.M. Molson - Montreal
Peter Nagy - Montreal
Mark & Helene Rosenbloom - Montreal
Eric Tobis - Montreal

Extended also to the following players who achieved sectional wins.
T.J. Anglen - Toronto
Jos Basch - Belleville, Ont.
Gordon Chapman - Oakville, Ont.
Alfred Cropp - Niagara Falls, Ont.
Raymond Fortin - Martmaguey, Que.
Howard Jacobs - Willowdale, Ont.
Jean and John Maunder - Ontario
Edward O'Reilly - Kingston, Ont.
Alex Piliarik - Sarnia, Ont.
Alan Schwartz - Montreal
Gord and Judi Waters - London, Ont.

PLAYING THE FIELD

Peter Hollander, Montreal

If one is in an inferior contract one must try to achieve a maximum result at any risk. This belief is common to most experienced match point players. How valid is this idea? Does it not ignore probable misbidding and misplay by other pairs?

In 1973 at the Washington Summer Nationals the following deal arose during a qualifying round of the Life Master Pairs.

Board 10

<u>N</u>			
AQJ9			
Axx			
xxx			
Jxx			
<u>W</u>			<u>E</u>
	<u>S</u>		
	10xxx		
	x		
	x		
	AKQ10xxx		

West dealt and bid 1H which East raised to 2H. I, as south, called 3C and my intrepid partner

bid 4C which became the final contract. I let him know he had not bid quite enough.

At the end of the session I was comparing results with Eric Kokish. "Board ten", he moaned, "I went seven down in 3NT!" I dared not ask how that contract was bid. West had led a heart and as Eric surveyed the dummy he counted nine tricks plus three more if the spade hook was successful. Obviously all the LM's would be in 4S so he had to outdo them by making 6NT. The ace of hearts won and after entering with a club the spade was finessed. Alas East won the king and the defence added ten red tricks for a 700 point set. "I had a bottom anyway", he said quietly, "What did you do?" I told him I had managed to bull my way into 4C and had made +150 after the spade king failed to drop singleton. "I guess I lost a match-point", he said.

The results were soon posted. Eric had zero for -700. I had 8 out of 25 for +150. However, +600 for 3NT which tied those pairs in the same contract of 5C would score 14 out of 25. The normal contract 4S for +650 was worth over 20! This in the Life Master Pairs!

OPEN TEAM TRIALS

The Canadian Open Team Finals will be held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto and will consist of a four-day Round Robin of 24 board matches starting November 6th at 12:30 p.m. and finishing Sunday, November 9th at approximately 6 p.m. Matches will be scored in IMP's converted to Victory Points and the top four teams will begin Semi-Final matches on Monday, November 10th at 12 noon. The Semi-Finals will consist of 72 board KO matches, teams 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. Winners of these two matches will play a 72 board final match on Tuesday, November 11th starting at 10 a.m.

There will probably be a carryover

of IMP's from the match played in the Round Robin for each pair of teams meeting in the Semi-Final and Final matches. It is proposed that the carryover would be equal to the full IMP difference or half the IMP difference depending on whether the winner (of the previous match in the round-robin) outranked his opponent or was outranked by his opponent respectively in the overall round robin standings.

The proceeds from this game will help defray the costs of transporting teams to Toronto for the Canadian finals and to Monaco for the World Olympiad in May 1976.

WHAT'S TRUMPS?

by Betty Poo, Winnipeg

North-South vulnerable, East dealer.

	10986	
	975	
	AQJ	
	K753	
4		AKQJ3
KJ1063		842
K10986		543
109		62
ME		
	752	
	AQ	
	72	
	AQJ84	
	Declarer	

W	N	E	S
		P	1C
1H	2C	P	2NT
3D	3NT	X	P
P	P		

The bidding was fast and furious and the inevitable game contract of 3NT was reached by the opponents. Now what could partner's double mean? Is it a lightner double? If only I could remember if that asks for dummy's first bid suit or unbid suit, or is it declarer's first suit? But I know partner better - she has never doubled in her life except when she could see the setting tricks in her own hand. The opponents have bid clubs and must have my suits covered. And the only way partner can own five tricks is in the spade suit. So I duly led my only spade - the only lead to set the contract - to partner's five tricks. Good show, partner.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Edmonton's District 18 Champions Lee Barton - Dave Smith - Nino Nuzzo - Tim McPhail turned in the best Canadian performance in this event being the only Canadian team to reach the quarter finals.

FOLLOW UP

Paul Holtham, Waterloo, Ont.

I enjoyed Sharyn Kokish's article, The Washington Cover Up, and would like to see more along similar lines. I also enjoyed her lively editorializing, though I'm afraid it struck me as a wee bit prejudiced. The Corn team's victory cannot be attributed to "getting all the breaks" when the Crossleys went for 1300 on a 4-2 fit or missed a lay-down grand slam through a bidding misunderstanding. Granted, the Crossleys (them again) were unlucky to run into a 5-0 diamond break and a vicious penalty double on Board 21, but that doesn't alter the fact that 5 diamonds is a lousy contract anyway. If the hands in the article are typical, I have to confess that I think the Kaplan team got out-played.

Even if the Corn team got somewhat the better of the luck, luck seems to favour those who are in form - witness the Italians.

At the recent B.C. Regional, Bill Armstrong found himself in 6 no trump, with the following to work with:

S. 42 H. A D. K10xxxx C. J10xx
S. KQ3 H. Kx D. AQ5xxx C. AQ

He took the heart lead, lost the club finesse, won the heart return with his King, played his club Ace, diamond King, the Jack and 10 of clubs on which he discarded the Queen and King of spades, ran his diamonds, earned his 12th trick, by playing his 3 of spades to dummy's 4.

McGill University Bridge Club held a Bridge-A-Thon in which 10 club members agreed to play for 12 straight hours (the half table played two-handed bridge). The players persuaded friends and relatives to sponsor them per hour of play. All players lasted the 12 hours and earned in excess of \$325 for the benefit of the Canadian Charity of the year.

TRY THE DUCK

by J. Ostry, Winnipeg

Partner and I try to keep up with the latest in Bridge by reading all we could about the game. We were especially drawn towards the writings and preachings of some such demi-god called C. Goren. They say he is a great player, perhaps even as great as my partner, Al the man.

We were coasting along nicely in the club game when this hand came up:

East dealer, North-South vulnerable.

A1087
J6
1063
KJ73

952
Q1094
872
1062
ME

Q64
AK752
J54
Q4
Al the Man

KJ3
83
AKQ9
A985

W	N	E	S
1S!	2S	1H	X
P	P	P	3NT

Since we were not vulnerable, I decided to put in a stink bid with one spade, presumably the opponents' suit, in the hope of showing heart support later. South was not deterred and boldly bid on to their game! My heart ten was led on which declarer put on the Jack and time stood still while Al the man ducked. He must have read somewhere to try the duck*. The declarer recovered from his initial shock to take all the tricks.

Moral: The duck may have been a culinary success but if you haven't tried it, don't.

[* The Charles Goren Bols tip of the same title in the June ACBL Bulletin perhaps, which recommends the duck. It's often tempting to apply the use of new knowledge without delay. - Editor]

Convention
Card of
1974
Vanderbilt
Winners:

SIMPLE OVERCALL Responding Partner UP to 19 HCP *Standard rule: DEM. suit force *Jump Q = shape raise SPECIAL DOUBLES *Wop over through 40 *Other Dbls: comp., max o'call; responsive through 40 OPENING PREEMPTS 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40 NOTRUMP OVERCALLS 1-nt: 10-18 HCP *Jump to 2 NT: jump invites *Other: 40 to 40		JUMP OVERCALL 1-nt: 10-18 HCP *Standard rule: DEM. suit force *Jump Q = shape raise OVER OPP'S TAKEOUT DBL New suit: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 2NT = raise OVER OPP'S PREEMPTS 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40 OVER OPP'S 1NT OPENING 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40		ACBL CONVENTION CARD Names: JOE SILVER - ERIC KOKISH General Approach: Initially Active P/B Strong Facing Opening: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: Artificial Responses NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS 1-NT: 14 to 17 HCP 2-NT: 20 to 21 HCP STAYMAN 2-4: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: Transfers (4 suits) Baron 20/30: 30=5-5+ minors, n.f.; lebensohl Quantitative 4 bids; 30/34=6+, 2/3 top honors, slam try MAJOR OPENINGS 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40 MINOR OPENINGS 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40 RESPONSES 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40 OTHER CONVENTIONAL CALLS 2-4/INT response=T.O. Splinters, FOND, DEPO *Raise of Pards minor/INT overall = majors *Comp. jump raises preemptive Modified Wolff SLAM CONVENTIONS 2-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: 1-4-1: *Other: 40 to 40 DEFENSIVE CARD PLAY From three small, tend to lead high 10 or 9-10 or 2 higher, A from AKX *Other: 40 to 40 *MUST ALERT	
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DINO SMOKING SURVEY

Bob Brooks, North Vancouver

501 players responded to the survey conducted at the Vancouver Regional earlier this year. Non-smokers outnumbered smokers by a very small margin and for practical purposes it can be assumed 50% of players smoke. 80% of the non-smokers had at least a mild objection to smokers at their table and 52% of the smokers could abstain for at least an occasional round.

For the established probability of 50% that a player is a smoker (or non-smoker) then the following probabilities hold for random pairings:

Partnership type	Probability
Two non-smokers	25%
Two smokers	25%
1 smoker & 1 non-smoker	50%

This theory was borne out during the ladies pairs when non-smoking partnerships were allowed to play in a separate group. They formed a section comprising 25% of the total tables in play.

To ensure non-smokers have a chance to periodically breathe fresh air, without asking smokers to abstain, non-smoking partnerships could be asked to register separately. They would play in the same section as smokers but could be split evenly between NS and EW positions at about every fourth table (sometimes 3rd or 5th to avoid seeding problems).

Also, if smokers could always sit South and East when only one of the partnership smokes then much of the time, smoke and ashtray could be restricted to the SE corner of the table.

Following are the entire results of the survey:

Smoking Frequency

Never	254
Negligible	22
Less than 1/2 pack per day	16
1/2 - 1 pack per day	81
More than 1 pack per day	128

Non-smokers who object to Smokers at their tables

No objection	50
Mild objection	110
Serious objection	94

Smokers who can Refrain from Smoking

Cannot refrain	116
Occasional round	58
Alternate round	33
Entire session	34

Some strange people who smoked more than a pack per day had a serious objection to smokers at their table. One person objected to perfume among other things.

SORRY MAX

Max Blond provided us with a super convention - the Blond Relay - in the July Digest. I mistakenly read his signature as Marc.

We have no problems with his name, his clear authoritative voice, or his advice in a tape cassette for novices which he has recently introduced.

The 60 minute cassette will help to quickly provide the terminology and bidding basics to your friends that want to take up the game.

It is named "Bridge by Max Blond, Volume I, Novices", costs \$6.50 and can be ordered from: 4470 St. Catherine St., W. #407, Montreal, Quebec.

The Canadian 1975 masterpoint leader is Michael Schoenborn of Toronto who had earned 188 points through the June 1st weekend.

The 1978 Summer Nationals will be held at the Royal York and the Four Seasons- Sheraton in Toronto.

HOSPITALITY UNSURPASSED

Therese Cheramy & Jean Fraser,
Prince George, B.C.

No! you haven't died and gone to a bridge players Heaven. You've been to the annual Spruce Capital Sectional Tournament in Prince George the "Centre City" in B.C.

Prince George held their tournament in June and offered -

Free coffee and homemade cookies at every session.

Free drinks and snacks between sessions.

Free cold buffet on Sunday.

Trophies for every event.

Lucky table prizes.

A fabulous midnight game with bottles of the good stuff for prizes.

One lady was so anxious to attend that she travelled over four hundred miles by bus and arrived a week too early. She flew home and returned a week later to enjoy the tournament.

SAULT SECTIONAL

- Janet Miller, Sault Ste. Marie

On the hottest weekend of the year (August 1-4) over a hundred duplicate bridge players gathered at the Windsor Hotel for the 9th annual Sault Sectional.

The friendly rivalry between the Sault and Sudbury, turned into a concerted effort to try and win one of the major trophies, as our distinguished visitors from the Detroit area - Phil Leon and Don Hocevar were walking away with them all. The Sudbury team headed by Bill Wallace finally managed a tie in the Swiss teams, and won the trophies on a tie breaker. Following are the results.

Knockout Teams

1. Phil Leon, Don Hocevar (Detroit)
John Elliott, Ruth and Nate Greenberg (California)
2. Fred Smith, Susan Sanders, Jan and Ron Miller (Sault)

Masters Pairs

1. Phil Leon, Don Hocevar (Detroit)
2. Mr. & Mrs. H. Kent (New Haven)

Non Masters Pairs

1. Bruce Richmond, Peter Smith (Sault)
2. Mike Sherwood, Richard Robinson (Cheboygan, Mich.)

Open Pairs

1. Phil Leon, Don Hocevar (Detroit)
2. Ruth & Frank Cordray (Columbus, Ohio)

Open Pairs Consolation

1. Eric Janhunnen, Sandra Anderson (Thunder Bay)
2. Anne Harris, Algi Remeikis (Sudbury)

Swiss Teams

- 1-2 Bill Wallace, Verne Nepitt, Lloyd Harris, Roger Frenette (Sudbury)
- 1-2 Phil Leon, Don Hocevar (Detroit)
Ruth & Nate Greenberg (California)

We are certainly grateful to the number of "out-of-towners" who attended and made the tournament a success. We even had one visitor from Peking - a member of the Canadian Consulate home on vacation. Thanks also to Nick Boychuk - our hard working tournament chairman. As Nick said, "I didn't realize there were so many "out-of-towners" looking for black points, and I hope you'll all be back next year for our Sectional and the Cambrian Shield Regional which will be in the Sault".

QUONTA ANNUAL FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT 1975

Sponsored by Porcupine Duplicate Bridge Club

OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 1975

Sanction #S510-82

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1975

Ladies' and Men's Pairs - 1 Session 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1975

Open Pairs - 2 Sessions (1st Qualifying) 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Consolation - 1 Session 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1975

Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 12 noon & 5:30 p.m.

Entry Fee \$3.25 per person, per session (includes a 25¢ surcharge for Nationals.)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: G. H. (Duke) CARTWRIGHT

Chairman: Mrs. J. Clare
Box 895 Timmins, Ont.

Partnerships: Brian Percival
(704) 264-7680

Location: McIntyre Community Building Auditorium, McIntyre Rd. Schumacher, Timmins, Ont.

Accommodations available at Bon-Air Motel. (705) 264-1275 (one block from Downtown Timmins).

FREE COFFEE AT ALL SESSIONS

Lunch Served after game on Friday evening.

ONTARIO UNIT 166 — UNITWIDE CHARITY GAME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO

Two Session Swiss Teams 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Open Side Game 7:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$3.50 per player per session

Canadian Charity for 1975 - Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Kidney Research Foundation of Saskatchewan

Games will also be held at other locations within the Ontario Unit on November 2. You will be informed of these later.

WESTERN ONTARIO BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS LONDON, ONTARIO

Sponsored by Ontario West Bridge Association

NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1975

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

NON-MIXED PAIRS - 1 session 2:00 p.m.

Location: London Bridge Studio, 479 McGregor

MASTER PAIRS (Over 50 MPs) 8:00 p.m.

NON-MASTER PAIRS (Under 50 MPs) 8:00 p.m.

Location: Middlesex Terrace Room, Univ. of Western Ont.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

OPEN PAIRS - 2 Sessions (1st qual.) 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

CONSOLATION - 1 session 7:30 p.m.

Location: Middlesex Terrace Room, Univ. of Western Ont.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SWISS TEAMS - 2 Sessions 12 noon & 6:00 p.m.

Location: Middlesex Terrace Room, Univ. of Western Ont.

ENTRY FEES: \$3.50 per person, per session

Refreshments served after evening sessions on Friday & Saturday

Partnerships: John Barber (519) 432-9634

Chairman: Paul W. Skinner

Tournament Director: Harry Allen

25 cents per player per session included for 1978 Summer Nationals Fund

THE RAINBOW SECTIONAL NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO 5 - 7 December 1975

SCHEDULE

Friday, 5 December

Ladies' Pairs - 1 session	2:00 pm
Men's Pairs - 1 session	2:00 pm
Master Pairs (Over 20 MPs) - 1 session	8:00 pm
Non-Master Pairs (Under 20 MPs) - 1 session	8:00 pm

Saturday, 6 December

Open Pairs - 2 sessions (1st qual.)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Limited Pairs (Under 20 MPs) - 1 session	1:30 pm
Consolation (New Pairs welcome)	7:30 pm
Limited Pairs (Under 20 MPs) - 1 session	7:30 pm

Sunday, 7 December

Open Swiss Teams - 2 sessions	12 noon & 6:00 pm
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ENTRY FEES: \$3.50 per session for open events
\$3.00 per session for limited events under 20 MPs

LOCATION: PARK MOTOR HOTEL, CLIFTON HILL, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

Hotel rates: \$18 single, \$21 double plus tax. Special package - \$47.50 single occupancy, \$36.00 double occupancy - includes 2 nights' room (Friday & Saturday), Saturday Breakfast and Dinner (Prime Rib of Beef), Sunday Breakfast.

Party after game Saturday evening

Sanction No. S512-18



City of Toronto — New Year Sectional Tournament 31 December 1975 - 4 January 1976 ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	Open Side Game, Toast to '76, Buffet, Dance	8:00 pm
NEW YEAR'S DAY	Ladies' & Men's Pairs - 1 session	1:30 pm
	Mixed Pairs - 1 session	7:30 pm
	Open Side Game - 1 session	7:30 pm
	Knock Out Teams - 1st & 2nd sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
FRIDAY, JAN 2	Men's & Ladies' Swiss Teams - 2 sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
	Knock Out Teams - 3rd & 4th sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
	Commercial Teams (Players must be employees of same company - spouses permitted)	7:30 pm
	City Hall Pairs (20 MPs or under)	7:30 pm
	Open Side Game - 1 session	7:30 pm
SATURDAY, JAN 3	Open Pairs - 2 sessions - 1st Qual.	1:30 & 7:30 pm
	President's Pairs (Under 20 MPs) - 1 session	1:30 pm
	Consolation (New Pairs welcome)	7:30 pm
	Bay Pairs (Under 20 MPs) - 1 session	7:30 pm
	Knock Out Teams - 5th & 6th sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
SUNDAY, JAN 4	Open Swiss Teams - 2 sessions	12 noon & 6:00 pm
	Open Side Game	6:00 pm

ENTRY FEES: New Year's Eve Party \$10.00 per player (Tickets obtainable from Peggy Whitehouse, 210 Markland Dr. #412, Etobicoke, Ont. Phone - 621-3757 - please reserve in advance)
Open Events - \$3.50 per player Limited Events (Under 20 MPs) - \$3.00 per player
SPECIAL RATES - ROYAL YORK HOTEL - \$25 single \$32 twin (Please mention Bridge Tournament when registering)

Information: Peggy Whitehouse 621-3757

Sanction No. S61-11

ONTARIO UNIT 166 GRAND NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS ROYAL YORK HOTEL — TORONTO FOUR-SESSION SWISS TEAMS

10 January, 1976	1st & 2nd rounds	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
11 January, 1976	3rd & 4th rounds	12 noon & 6:00 pm

Entry fees: \$56.00 per team (\$3.50 per player per session)

For seeding purposes entries are requested one hour before game time.

Matches will consist of 9 boards, and 12 matches in all will be played.

Conditions are as outlined in BULLETIN dated July 1975. It is anticipated that 16 teams will qualify for the next round to be played 20, 21, 22 February 1976. District 2 finals are planned for weekend of 19, 21, 22 March 1976.

POINT AWARDS — RED



ONTARIO UNIT 166 Nominations for Board of Directors

Four directors are to be elected for a term of office of two years, and nominations are invited for these positions.

Such nominations must be signed by two members and accepted by the nominee, and must be received by the Secretary of Unit at least 21 days prior to the election - 25 March 1976. The election will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 15, 16 and 17 April 1976. The January issue of the Digest will publish pictures and short resumes (50 words or less) for candidates who submit this information to the Unit Secretary before 1 November.

The polling booth will be open for one hour and will close 15 minutes before starting time of each afternoon and evening session on the election days.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ONTARIO UNIT 166

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of Ontario Unit 166 of the ACBL will be held at the Royal York Hotel on Saturday, January 3rd, at 11 am.

Purpose of the meeting will be:

- (a) presentation of the 1974-75 Financial Report;
- (b) the Directors' Report;
- (c) a report on the activities of the CBF and District 2;
- (d) general discussion of Ontario Unit business.

HAMILTON SECTIONAL

2 - 4 MAY 1975

Results

LADIES' PAIRS	1. Joanne Carlisle - Katie Thorpe
	2. Mrs. R. Halpren - Mrs. W. Ashman
MEN'S PAIRS	1. F. Markotich - J.R. Piirainen
	2. P.T. Curran - Dr. J. Knipf
NOVICE PAIRS	1. R. Thomson - R. Marshall
	2. C. Campbell - C. Machiels
OPEN PAIRS	1. S. Gupta - M. Kirr
	2. J. Toy - S. Devins
CONSOLATION	1. D. Kadlec - H. Fogel
	2. B. Lee - A. Kovack
SWISS TEAMS	1. D. Lindhorst - Mrs. McHoul - M. Kay - P. Carman
	2. J. Carruthers - J. Guoba - M. Schoenborn - D. DiFelice

M.T.B.A. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS — TORONTO

13 - 15 JUNE 1975

Results

MASTER PAIRS	1. B. Dwyer - M.T. King
	2. H. Jacobs - S. Gittins
NON-MASTER PAIRS	1. Joan & Chuck Tompkins
	2-3. S.R. Marsden - R. Wiseman
	2-3. G. Stone - K. Masson
PRESIDENT'S PAIRS	1. Michael Seigel - June Millington
	2. Joyce Herod - Norma Kozowy
BAY PAIRS	1. Barb & John Kalyniuk
	2. Bob Gibb - Steve Ing
OPEN PAIRS	1. B. Nelles - T. Lesperance
	2. Miss S. Forbes - J. Laskin
CONSOLATION	1. S. Gittins - S. McCallum
	2. F. Vine - H. Bork
SWISS TEAMS	1. Miss S. Forbes - J. Laskin - R.K. Fleischman - R. Wigdor
	2. J. Carruthers - J. Guoba - M. Schoenborn - D. DiFelice

OWEN SOUND TOURNAMENT

4 - 6 JULY 1975

Results

MASTER PAIRS	1. R. Usselmaer - Duke Wilson
	2. M. Roche - M. Schoenborn
NON-MASTER PAIRS	1. D. Haefling - F.T. Egener
	2. B. Van Wyck - Tim Van Wyck
OPEN PAIRS	1-2. J. Guoba - S. Gupta
	1-2. D. DiFelice - M. Schoenborn
CONSOLATION	1. A. Miller - D. Mallinson
	2. Mr. & Mrs. D. McAvoy
SWISS TEAMS	1. J. Carruthers - D. DiFelice - J. Guoba - M. Schoenborn
	2. F. Markotich - S. MacKay - G. Taylor - J. Anglin