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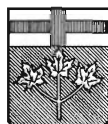
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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
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SASKATCHEWAN

Our thoughts this month are with our Open Team and Women's Team in Monaco for the 5th World Team Olympiad. The Open and Ladies series in the Olympiad will be held from 9 to 22nd May and will be preceded by the 22nd Bermuda Bowl (2 to 8 May).

The 5th World Team Olympiad is open to all 63 National Contract Bridge Organisations affiliated to the World Bridge Federation. The event will be a complete round-robin without semi-finals or final.

The independent Principality of Monaco faces the Mediterranean near the France-Italy border. It nestles on a narrow strip of coastline against the Alpine foothills and enjoys natural protection and is sunny for 300 days of the year. Nice International Airport is 22 kilometres away.

Baron Wolf Lebovic is non-playing captain and Bill Crissey assistant captain of the Open Team whilst Peter Nagy captains the Women's team. May they and all our players make the right decisions.

*Bob Brooks*

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## David G. Richmond Trophy

This handsome new trophy is awarded each year to Canada's top point winner. It has been retroactively awarded first to the 1974 winner - John Carruthers and more recently to Mike Schoenborn, the 1975 winner, both of Toronto. The winners names, along with the year and masterpoints accumulated in that year are engraved on plates around the base of the trophy.

Dave selected a trophy which thoughtfully contains two figurines, one of each sex, and he has - in addition to the trophy which bears his name - provided identical male figurines to be retained by the first two winners.

## Olympiad Fund

Aaron Goodman, Montreal  
CBF Treasurer

Our Olympiad Fund in 1975 realised \$9331.95, an improvement of \$379 over 1974, but not really enough. Many more games in support of the Olympiad Fund can and should be held. The cost of selecting Teams, Open and Ladies to participate in the International Olympiad Team Game is enormous. It cost almost \$12,000 just to transport qualifying teams to Toronto for final playoffs. Another \$2500 was required to run the playoffs. Even after realising \$5091.84 from Zonal trials and \$3860 from entry fees paid at the playoffs, \$5538.80 remained to be paid out of our Olympiad Fund leaving only \$8822.51 in the fund at year end.

We still have to finance 2 teams of 6 players each, plus 2 captains to Monaco in May for which I estimate at least \$15,000 will be required. The need to raise further substantial amounts, therefore, is all too evident. But it can be done if Units and Clubs will just stage allowable Olympiad Fund games sanction free or otherwise, whenever possible. As I have so frequently emphasized Canadian players on past record deserve all support which the CBF can possibly provide. Hopefully Units and Clubs will cooperate to make possible maximum, even total, support.



## About the Donor

To write about the donor would actually be a history of Bridge in Winnipeg for the last 25 years. Dave played in his first tournament in Fargo, North Dakota in 1951. He was elected treasurer of the Winnipeg Bridge Club in that year. He became Winnipeg's second Life Master in 1958 and in that year he assumed the Presidency of the Manitoba Unit #181. Under his leadership the unit flourished and grew from about 80 members to over 500 members. He brought Charles Goren, Oswald Jacoby and Alfred Sheinwold to Winnipeg.

At that time Manitoba was in District 14 which was made up of units from Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. He sponsored Saskatchewan's entry into District 14 and also assisted Thunder Bay (then known as Fort William and Port Arthur) to become a full fledged member in the District. He served 2 three year terms as President of District 14 and was second alternate of District 14 for six years.

Dave is a Registered Life Member of the National Goodwill Committee of the ACBL and at present is a member of the Board of Governors of the ACBL for District 2.

He was also honoured by staging the best promotion and longest Bridge Sectional in ACBL history. By arrangement with Northern Pacific Railway a train was outfitted with Bridge tables. The late Paul Marks, Director from Chicago came along to direct. Players from Minneapolis boarded the train Thursday A.M. played all day with a break for lunch - arrived in Winnipeg at about 7 P.M. The train was met in Winnipeg where all the guests were transported by cars and bus to the hotel. After registration they were treated to a cocktail party and buffet dinner. Friday, Saturday and Sunday they played in the Winnipeg Sectional. Early Monday morning they were transported to the train station. On the return trip they completed the second half of the train sectional. As it is approximately 475 miles to Minnea-



David G. Richmond

polis, they played over a distance of 950 miles. That's a long sectional.

His greatest concern was for the charity aspect of ACBL and he claims that he derived the most satisfaction when he and his committee brought the Charity Shield to the Manitoba Unit. This was a first, not only for the Unit but also for District 14. To prove that it wasn't a fluke the Charity Shield came to the Manitoba Unit two years later for a repeat performance.

His greatest thrill was achieved in 1962 when he and the late Jack Klein were selected to represent Western Canada in the first Olympiad Pairs Tournament in Cannes, France. Out of twelve North American Pairs (six - USA) (four - Mexico), two Canada (Duncan Phillips and Dr. George Sereny represented Eastern Canada) Dave and Jack finished in third spot - a truly remarkable achievement.

Together with his charming wife Nettie, Dave was Chairman of four Regionals and many hundreds of bridge players will attest to their dedication and attention to every detail to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of all the players.

Illness forced his retirement from business and competitive bridge in 1971. He firmly believes that Duplicate is the greatest game in the World. He never fails to boost the game and he is truly one of The Greatest Builders of Bridge in Central Canada.

## Of Interest to Westerners

Contract Bridge Forum  
October 1975

Robin MacNab, the ACBL National Board Director from District 18 (and thereby a Director of the Western Conference), notified me that he had been contacted by Dr. Baragar, the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the Canadian Bridge Federation concerning possible Canadian autonomy from the ACBL or a third all-Canadian District. He was concerned about the legal and practical problems that arise from a dissolution and how it would affect Western Conference activities, etc. Upon receipt of Mr. MacNab's letter, I sent a copy of same to each of the Canadian representatives within District 19. They in turn contacted Jack T. Murphy of Calgary, the President of the Canadian Bridge Federation. A swirl of thought and discussion began to surround the issue.

In my letter, I told the Canadian representatives that I thought that the cooperation of Canadian and American citizens had been favorable to bridge in both areas. We had mutual concerns in a District organization which encompassed Canadian and American citizens. Most of our regional and national tournament participation and travel in Districts 18 and 19 are north and south, rather than east and west. These mutual benefits suggest the continued need for cooperation in the running and handling of tournaments assigned to our district.

District 19 Canadian responses to my inquiry showed they agree with my feeling of cooperation. Although there is a strong feeling of nationality, as well there should be, the common threads of finance, participation, and cooperation have been heavily woven into our blanket of regional and national tournaments. The idea should be to build better mutual programs, not necessarily based upon national impulses. Indeed, Dr. Baragar called me by telephone

to assure me that Canadians feel the need to continue the friendly competition with the present framework and that he did not intend to "stir up a hornet's nest."

One last response I received came from Jack T. Murphy, President of the Canadian Bridge Federation. I thought I should share it with you. With regard to the "autonomy" of the Canadian Districts, the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation felt it was not necessary to rush into same and they unanimously voted to postpone action on the issue presented to their meeting even though it was probably financially feasible. Evidently, ACBL response to Canadian needs has been more than satisfactory. No specific needs presently warrant a separation so drastic in nature.

Mr. Murphy states, with regard to the "All-Canadian District" issue, that no request will be made to the ACBL for two or three years or at least until Western Canada reaches five thousand members. He assures me that the Canadian Bridge Federation realizes its responsibilities and appreciates "the fact that Canada is a highly organized bridge entity of the ACBL."

To our Canadian friends I pledge the W.C.'s support and cooperation which I feel is merely reciprocation for the friendship extended to us.

[Editorial note: The foregoing article written by Dave Tuell, Western Conference President appeared in the Contract Bridge Forum in Dave's regular column entitled "Tuell Box"]

### Hell-Bent but not for Elections

She had just endured a grilling 3-1/2 hours playing the Mixed Pairs at the Vancouver Spring Sectional, when she was asked "Will you run for the Board?" "Sure. Where did you leave it?"

# Six Months to Go

Frank Vine, Toronto

And so it was that after hours of tears, weeks of toil, and months of sweat, it came down to the two teams that had figured to fight it out in the first place, the young Blue-team clubbers (Carruthers, Guoba, DiFelice and Schoenborn) and the seasoned Acolists (Gowdy, Allison, Cowan and Bandoni). It was a classic confrontation. Science versus instinct. Youth versus maturity. Mod versus tradition. For most of the match it was breath-takingly close, then in a final burst of drama the match blew wide open.

It began with this deceptively simple hand.

S.AKQ2	S.J762
H.A1093	H.K
D.A10942	D.74
C.-	C.K85432

When Allison and Gowdy held these cards there was no hint of a problem. Allison began with one diamond, Gowdy responded a spade and they had found the good major suit fit. In the other room science stubbed its toe. This was the auction.

1 club (forcing)	1 heart (two controls)
2 diamonds (my suit)	3 clubs (my suit)
3 hearts (my other suit)	3 no trump (to play)

On a club lead the defence came to their five tricks before the declarer could come to his nine. A huge loss against the four spades easily made in the other room.

I am told that East could not bid 3 spades at his third turn since this would not show a suit but would ask for a stopper for no trump. I am further told that since he did not ask for a stopper he must himself hold one, and considering the spade holding in the other hand this could only be four to the jack. Therefore, partner could now bid a

brilliant inferential four spades all on his own. Maybe so, but I don't buy it. His partner couldn't see it that way and I don't believe anyone else would either. Personally I think it is simply a flaw of system. Sometimes you have to pay off in order to use a forcing club system, and this was just one of those times.

The chance came back on the very next hand, but the declarer failed to rise to the occasion.

North-South vulnerable  
North to deal

North  
S.J10942  
H.KJ  
D.AQ865  
C.K

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
S.K83	S.5
H.987	H.A1065432
D.2	D.K7
C.AQ9876	C.J105

South  
S.AQ76  
H.Q  
D.J10943  
C.432

Four spades was duly reached by Carruthers and Guoba in one room and went down because of an inescapable loser in each suit. Four spades is clearly the sensible spot, both because it is a favourite to make (one of two finesses) and because there is no clear defence against four hearts. However, in the other room Bandoni and Cowan unwisely allowed their opponents to play in four hearts. This was the bidding

<u>Bandoni</u>	<u>Schoenborn</u>	<u>Cowan</u>	<u>DiFelice</u>
1D!	1H	1S	2C(forcing)
3S	4H	All Pass!!	

Moo-Cow lay down the ace of spades and switched to a small diamond. Franco won with his ace and returned the jack of hearts. Declarer won his ace and fired back a heart. In with the king, Bandoni returned the ten of spades. Declarer

ruffed this and put the jack of clubs on the table. When Cowan played small he took the finesse and went down one. Now I know it sounds resultish to advocate going up with the Ace and dropping the singleton king offside, but in this case I think the play would be justified. Cowan had already shown up with Ace of spades and the queen of hearts. Bandoni had opened the bidding and jumped to three spades, vulnerable. He just had to hold the king of clubs for his bid. Nevertheless, declarer clearly felt otherwise and Gowdy achieved a small gain instead of suffering the large loss he deserved.

The same cannot be said of the next hand which in many ways was the highlight of the tournament.

North-South vulnerable.  
South dealer.

North  
S.10876  
H.A32  
D.Q10987  
C.2

West  
S.Q92  
H.KQ987  
D.65  
C.K54

East  
S.KJ54  
H.J10654  
D.J  
C.763

South  
S.A3  
H.  
D.AK432  
C.AQJ1098

In the closed room, it went like this.

2 clubs, 2 hearts overcall, pass,  
4 hearts.

Holding the south cards, Allison now bid 5 clubs and Gowdy imaginatively raised her to six on his singleton deuce. On the lead of the king of hearts the contract made in comfort. Had west led a diamond, the contract would go down, (west gets in with the king of trump and leads a second diamond which his partner ruffs) but clearly such a lead is almost im-

possible to find. I say almost only because of what happened in the other room. It was hard to tell whether this was a good result or not. Seven diamonds is ice cold, but seven hearts is a good save even against the small slam. It all depended on what happened at the other table. What happened was a dramatic tour de force.

DiFelice began with a forcing club and Bandoni overcalled a heart. Schoenborn bid a spade (showing two controls) and Cowan put the cat in among the pigeons with a bid of three diamonds, on his singleton jack. DiFelice was in a horrible spot. He could double to show diamonds but then he might lose the club fit. If he bid the clubs then he might just as easily lose the diamonds. (Note also that Cowan had just set up the double dummy defence against a club slam). After an eternity of concentration, Dominic chose to bid his suit, four clubs. Bandoni passed and Schoenborn now bid his suit (?), four spades. Undeterred, Cowan chimed in with five hearts.

Once again DiFelice was under the gun. Certainly he suspected Cowan of shenanigans in regard to the diamond suit, but this could not be for sure, and anyway would not a present diamond bid by him be interpreted by his partner as a cue bid in support of spades? After a second eternity he decided on a forcing pass hoping that partner would make a bid that would solve his dilemma. The bid was "Double". The dilemma had turned into a nightmare.

I am sure he almost bid six diamonds in rage, but after a huddle that made the other eternities seem like fleeting moments, he passed, and Bandoni played five hearts doubled down five for a loss of 900 points against the 1370 made in the other room and against the potential 2140 that would have come in had they been allowed to play seven diamonds.

As you can imagine there was a lot of learned talk afterwards by

kibitzers as to what he should and should not have done at every stage, and since they had all seen the four hands and knew the result, their bidding of course, led to a much finer outcome. Let me advise you, however, that one Sammy Kehela, a pretty fair bidder by reputation, given this hand, made each and every bid that DiFelice had made. My only comment is that you have to tip your hat to Donald Cowan for a really brilliant bit of obstructive bidding.

For all practical purposes this was the match and Gowdy's team went on to win in comfort. They will be joined by Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela to represent Canada in the 1976 Olympiad.

What are their chances. Not too good, I'm afraid. On paper the team is probably the strongest we have ever sent, but four years ago Murray and Kehela were at the top of their game. In the last year they have

played together only infrequently and then rather ineffectively. Maybe they'll snap out of it. Maybe they'll get a chance for some decent practice between now and May of seventy-six. If they don't we're in big trouble.

[This description of the Canadian Olympiad Trials held last November was received just too late for the February Digest. While this is being read, our Open and Ladies teams will be battling it out in Monaco - The Maple Leaf Forever - Editor]

## All For Charity

Henry Smilie

The Cloverdale, B.C., B.C. uses premises provided buckshee by the Canadian Legion, has its games directed buckshee by Bill Worsfold and the club donates its entire net revenue to charity. Can you beat it?

## Canadian McKenney Performance

In 1975, 21 Canadian players made the McKenney list by earning 300 or more master points in the year. Our performance continues to improve. Canadians formed 5.1% of the list in 1975 compared to 4% the previous year and 2.5% the year before that. Following are members who earned the most points in 1975 (an asterisk signifies they also earned more than 300 master points in 1974 and a double asterisk identifies players that made the list each of the last three years).

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name and City</u>	<u>Points Won in 1975</u>
1.	Mike Schoenborn, Toronto	524
2. *	John Carruthers, Toronto	460
3. **	John Guoba, Toronto	456
4.	David Lindop, Toronto	414
5.	Doug Fraser, Montreal	406
6. **	Joe Silver, Montreal	399
7. **	Eric Kokish, Montreal	389
8. *	Laurence Betts, Delta, B.C.	380
9.	Neil Chambers, Vancouver, B.C.	369
10.*	Ray Jotcham, Don Mills, Ont.	360
11.	Andy Altay, Toronto	354
12.**	Dr. Adolph Feingold, Ottawa	354
13.	Mark Rosenbloom, Montreal	353
14.	Sandra Fraser, Montreal	345
15.	Edward Bridson, Manitowadge Lake, Ont.	323
16.	G. Sekhar, Winnipeg, Man.	320
17.	S. Viswanathan, Edmonton	317
18.	Mike Wilson, Vancouver	309
19.	Roy Dalton, Mississauga, Ont.	307
20.	Allan Graves, Vancouver	306
21.	Bruce Ferguson, New Westminster, B.C.	305



## The Alberta Bridge Players Association

by Helen Roche, Calgary  
in consultation with others

October 1975! Alberta Bridge players realize a dream come true!

Enjoying the unique good fortune of residing in a Province guided by a Provincial Government who demonstrate a keen, extraordinary appreciation for culture and recreational development, the wheels - especially in the minds of a few completely and unselfishly dedicated bridge players - began to turn. With two major centres two hundred miles apart (Edmonton and Calgary) and several satellite areas ranging from almost the top of the province to the forty-ninth parallel, how could we promote inter-provincial competition - yes, even national and international competition. How could we assist would-be directors and teachers; how could we assist in the further education and upgrading of those people already engaged in these endeavours; how could we add or do anything which transcended the personal and local interests of the cities, the bridge clubs and the participants?

Wait a minute! Other sports, cultural and recreational organizations with objectives and activities similar to ours, had received financial assistance through various Provincial Departments. Could it be? Why not? BRIDGE!! Our favourite pastime, well organized at the local and national level, needed provincial identity. We were on the way.

Canadian Bridge Federation President, Jack Murphy, undertook some initial investigations with the Provincial Government, brought his findings to the Calgary Bridge Unit and informed us how we could be organized at the Provincial level and thus become eligible to apply for grants through the Recreation and Parks Department.

Underwritten by the Calgary Unit and spurred on by the enthusiasm of President Larry Corns. John Dunn and other officers, Mr. Murphy travelled the Province and gathered the support of the Executive officers of all organized bridge centres. Within the phenomenal time of three days, the legal aspects of the Association were completed, and on October 2, 1975 we were momentarily incorporated under the Societies Act!

The 1976 officials are:  
Larry Corns, Calgary, President  
Bart Symons, Edmonton, Vice President  
Helen Roche, Calgary, Exec. Secretary  
Stan Armstrong, Red Deer, Treasurer  
Dr. Bill Stitt, Lethbridge)  
Elmer Fisher, Medicine Hat ) Board  
Doug Rosser, Edmonton ) Members  
Ruth Parnail, Edmonton ) at  
Al Andrukow, Calgary ) Large  
\*Yvonne Hess, Calgary )

Jack T. Murphy, Calgary, Ex officio  
Member

\*Mrs. Hess recently replaced original board member John Dunn. It was with great regret John's resignation was accepted but there was no alternative. The smoke at tournaments and large games made him physically ill! thus the necessity to curtail his bridge activities. We lament John's departure - but are happy at such an able replacement on the board.

Already, through the resources of the A.B.P.A., our Alberta Open and Alberta Ladies Teams who qualified to compete in the Olympiad Team Playoffs in Toronto, November '75, have received subsistence allowances.

Basically our 1976 program calls for emphasis on Director and Teachers information, assistance and upgrading seminars; assistance to Provincial and Western Canadian Championships; strong, continuous attempts to promote and create active interest in the game throughout the Province and especially to encourage desirable conduct and ethics amongst our membership - this includes every bridge

player in the Province of Alberta.

We are thankful for the careful, disciplined vigilance of the Provincial auditing. Our applications for grants must, naturally, be limited and within regulations - and most of all must be justified. A firm foundation!

A dream come true? Yes! and now forward into reality to enjoy the rewards and satisfaction of playing bridge in and for the Province of Alberta.

## A.C.B.L. Spring Nationals Kansas City

Lynne Brooks, North Vancouver, B.C.

Congratulations to the following players who achieved overall standings.

G. Charney - Toronto, Ont.  
S.R. Kehela - Toronto, Ont.

Ed Lichtman - Winnipeg, Man.  
Bill McTavish - Winnipeg, Man.  
G. Sekhar - Winnipeg, Man.  
B.M. Maksymetz - Winnipeg, Man.

T. Scott Symonds - Halifax, N.S.  
Norma Symonds - Halifax, N.S.  
John MacGregor - Halifax, N.S.  
Con. Carter - Dartmouth, N.S.

Sydney Isaacs - London, Ont.  
Bruce Elliott - Ontario

Joseph Silver - Montreal, Que.  
Peter Nagy - Montreal, Que.

John Ross - Flin Flon, Man.

Irene Ross - Flin Flon, Man.

B.J. Ferguson - Vancouver, B.C.  
Norma Symonds - Halifax, N.S.

Henri Parent - Montreal, Que.

Dave Holgate - Sault Ste. Marie

Extended also to the following section winners:

Irene Ross - Flin Flon, Man.  
Evelyn Black - Flin Flon, Man.

John Ross - Flin Flon, Man.  
John Munson - Flin Flon, Man.

Mary Hill - Ottawa, Ont.  
R.F. Miller - Ottawa, Ont.

Gordon Chapman - Oakville, Ont.  
John Sabino - Willowdale, Ont.

Don Lentz - Thunder Bay, Ont.  
Sharyn Kokish - Montreal, Que.  
M.J. Hanes - Ottawa, Ont.  
Freda Gilmore - Ottawa, Ont.

## Top Masterpoint Earners in 1975

### Rookie of the Year                      M.P.

- |                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| 1. V. Pomykalski, Cornwall, Ont.   | 91 |
| 2. D. MacLeod, Victoria, B.C.      | 81 |
| 3. J.W. Norman, Saskatoon, Sask.   | 79 |
| 4. Mrs. J. MacLeod, Victoria, B.C. | 75 |

### Non-Master of the Year

- |                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. A. Mar, Vancouver, B.C.   | 119 |
| 2. K. Meenagh, Dorval, P.Q.  | 102 |
| 3. P. Witier, Ste. Foy, P.Q. | 96  |

### Master of the Year

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| 1. Mrs. J. Halliwell, Willowdale, Ont. | 102 |
|--|-----|

### National Master of the Year

- |                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Ray Fortin, Montmagny, P.Q.  | 201 |
| 2. D. Greenough, Ottawa, Ont.   | 173 |
| 3. R. MacCallum, Calgary, Alta. | 148 |

### Senior Master of the Year

- |                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. D.R. Rosser, Edmonton, Alta. | 213 |
|---------------------------------|-----|

### Advanced Senior Master of the Year

- |                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Subhash Gupta, Toronto, Ont. | 240 |
| 2. Roy Hughes, Willowdale, Ont. | 235 |

### Life Master of the Year

- |                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Mike Schoenborn, Toronto | 524 |
| 2. John Carruthers, Toronto | 460 |
| 3. John Guoba, Toronto      | 456 |
| 4. David Lindop, Toronto    | 414 |

# Book Review — The Wohlin Collection

by Robin Wigdor, Toronto

Jan Wohlin isn't well known in North America, but he's one of Europe's great players. He played in the team that represented both Iceland and his native Sweden in the 1950 World Championship and the Swedish team in 1953. Wohlin was the European Champion in 1952.

While a prolific writer, Wohlin lives in Stockholm and writes only in Swedish. This may explain why few Canadian players are likely to recognize the name. In Europe, Wohlin is perhaps best known as a collector of repute — a collector of objets d'art of bridge.

In "The Best of Bridge" (Faber and Faber, 1973), Victor Mollo and Eric Jannersten have authored an introduction to the Wohlin collection. The book sets forth 101 Wohlin hands in problem form. Each hand is presented with the auction, and often the first trick or two. The reader is invited to find the best play (or defence) before turning the page to compare the author's analysis with his own. The reasoning is typically succinct, and unflawed by errors or omissions that have plagued other similar books.

Most of the hands were selected with intermediate players in mind as the intended reader. A number of familiar themes are to be found — for example, the book begins and ends with hands featuring two-way trump finesses that, after being taken one way, must be next taken through the other opponent to ensure the retention of trump control.

Many of the hands are quite sophisticated, though. Even a player of expert calibre would be unlikely to find the correct solution to them all. This is one I missed:

The Wohlin Collection Hand 84.

Dealer South: Neither Vulnerable

North

S.543  
H.862  
D.86543  
C.107

South

S.AK10862  
H.AK5  
D.AKQ  
C.Q

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
2C	3C	Pass	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

West leads the king and then the ace of clubs. How do you play?

\*\*\*\*\*

You must ruff, of course, but if you do so with the deuce, you go down. On the ace of spades, West shows out. After cashing the five red winners, you exit with the five of hearts, and East will be endplayed in this position:

North

S.54  
H. --  
D.86  
C. --

South

S.K1082  
H. --  
D. --  
C. --

He can afford to play one high spade, which you'll duck with the eight. You then ruff the side suit return with the preserved deuce and over-ruff in the dummy. The next trick picks up East's holding. Of course, if East exits immediately without cashing one round of trumps, you again win in dummy and play a trump. This forces him to split his honours — you duck, and he's forced to play a trump for you at trick twelve.

The other hands:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
S. --	S.QJ97
H. 9743	H.QJ10
D. 107	D.J92
C. AK96543	C.J82

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"The Best of Bridge" is at its very best with the many tempo and control problems it presents. How would you play here?

The Wohlin Collection Hand 16.

Dealer South: Both Vulnerable

North  
S.AQ7  
H.KJ4  
D.J42  
C.QJ63

South  
S.J109853  
H.62  
D.K5  
C.AK7

<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>
1S	2C
2S	4S

West leads the three of diamonds, and it all looks very easy.

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Did you put up the jack at trick one? If not, you're down one, for the opponents' hands are:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
S.62	S.K4
H.10873	H.AQ95
D.Q973	D.A1086
C.1085	C.942

East will reason the only chance is to regain the tempo his partner lost by not leading a heart, and will recapture it by inserting the diamond ten. Then, when he's in with the trump king, he'll underlead diamonds to put West in for a heart through. Only the jack of diamonds prevents defeat.

"The Best of Bridge", by Victor Mollo and Eric Jannersten. Good reading.

[Robin appeals to readers who have come across, or have the skill to construct, hands in which both defenders could cooperate in a multi-trick scheme of deceptive discards to construct a trap for declarer. Please send such hands to him at: 12 Boulton Avenue, Toronto M4M 2J3.]

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## Obituary

### Sam Goderre 1888-1976

Our oldest member of the Sault International Unit passed away on January 6 after an absence from the bridge table of two years. Sam and Cleve Sullivan (who moved to Milwaukee in 1973) were both Honorary Senior Members of the five clubs in this unit and played at every game of the week. Sam's gruff voice and characteristic bidding have been absent recently, thus easing our loss slightly and he will continue to be missed by his many friends.

He travelled to tournaments 400 miles away when his health permitted, winning trophies that included the 1972 Sudbury Sectional Swiss Teams with partner Laura MacLeod who took care of his health and needs at out of town tournaments.

Sam had led a colourful life

and had many tales to tell about his childhood and later life which eased many a long night's drive home from a tournament.

On one of these occasions I shared a motel room with him and he did not seem to sleep for more than a couple of hours, arising early to continue talking about the hands of the night before. He was the Father of ten, Grandfather of seventeen, and Great Grandfather of fourteen children.

Everyone will miss him, especially his favourite partner, Nick Boychuk, who picked him up at home during his last years to bring him to the games when he could no longer get around.

"OLD BRIDGE PLAYERS NEVER DIE --  
THEY JUST SHUFFLE AWAY".

Obituary prepared by Gene Monin,  
Sault Ste. Marie.

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## The Great White Father

by Douglas W. Scott, Saskatoon

A newsworthy event has occurred in the Bridge World of Saskatchewan. President Ken McGuirl has announced his desire to withdraw from active bridge administration by resigning from the Presidency of the North Saskatchewan Unit #575.

Ken has been called the "Great White Father" by his many bridge admirers and is nominated by most as the promoter and founder of Duplicate Bridge in Saskatchewan. His enthusiasm was instrumental in guiding the Saskatoon and Regina Bridge Clubs into A.C.B.L. membership and in his travels throughout the province he assisted in establishing duplicate clubs in Prince Albert, North Battleford, Swift Current, Moosejaw, Yorkton, Lloydminster, Maidstone and Carrot River.

He served for four years as President of the Saskatoon Bridge

Club and has been President of Unit #575 since its inception. He was made Life Member of the Saskatoon Bridge Club in 1962, and became one of its first Certified Directors. He was on the Western Conference\* Board of Directors of the A.C.B.L. for District 18 commencing in 1968 and still retains that office.

He has entertained many and has kept bridge enthusiasts interested with his weekly column in the local newspaper wherein he has his own by-line. His zest and knowledge will be missed in the Unit operation but he will be in the wings as Past President ready to assist.

\*[Editorial note: Garry Hansen, a past president of the Vancouver Unit served as board member and president of the Western Conference before Ken was elected to that board along with Henry Smilie (CBF Zone 6 Director) in January 1969.]

# Bridge Club Scene [Seen]

Cam Cameron, Vancouver

"If you have seen one bridge club, you have seen them all." Don't you believe it. Red Deer, Alberta, can teach some of the larger centres a few lessons as well as inspire some of the less populated areas with a few ideas.

The most unique feature of the club is that it caters to everyone. The open game on Thursday may include Bob Moore, a ninety year old life master formerly of Sarnia, Ontario. Sadie Whitesell at only 83, doesn't give any tricks at the table and never misses the sectional. Their youngest player was Laurent Crevier who was holding his own at age thirteen. (Has since moved to Montreal.) Married couples, families, doctors, clergy, businessmen and students all find their way through the sociable doors. Visitors are an immediate part of the family.

The players from Red Deer like to travel to the surrounding tournaments. They frequently invade en masse to coastal and prairie regionals and put the word FUN into having a bridge holiday. A large group one year arranged to take a bridge cruise to Alaska for their vacation.

The first home grown life master is Bob Mitten. One of his hobbies is coin collecting and he delights in passing out wrapped proof coins to the waitresses at the tournaments. He believes that bridge is intellectual entertainment. In his room after a session the gracious host can sometimes be talked into doing card tricks.

The Central Alberta Bridge Club is located in premises with a long lease. Twelve members offered interest free loans plus a grant from the New Horizons (pensioners) Fund enabled them to make the leasehold improvements. It took three months of professional and volunteer labor to complete the refurbishing. It should be noted that 50% of the loans were repaid in under two years.

The highlight of the yearly sectional is the Open House Party at the bridge club. Post Mortems are not serious deathly affairs of not communicating with your partner but gales of laughter as you explain the horrendous boner that you wrought to bring disaster on a certain hand, to your side. The only way to have a great time and a sociable party.

The club took eleven years to find a permanent location. Naturally when Mayor Ed Barrett did the honors on the opening in 1973 he cut a deck of cards rather than the traditional ribbon. The natural wood walls are three inch slats of various woods and the floor is carpeted. Full catering facilities are included to meet the players needs.

The Central Alberta Bridge Club runs a complete duplicate program of lessons, novice games and open games. The program is administered by five certified directors assisted by five qualified directors on a stipend basis. They run a full schedule of club championships and support the Canadian Charity Fund. One of the members bought a block of Olympic Lottery tickets and donated 50¢ to the club for each ticket that was purchased. The purchasers also agreed to donate 50% of their winnings over \$100.00 to the club. Wow....with the million dollars they would have a building with babysitting services, imported bridge lecturers, a swimming pool, host the World Bridge Olympiad and....



Hospitality Open House — the Snack Table



Some Edmontonians enjoying Open House



More Open House guests



Sadie Whitesell cuts our cake



In front of the trophy display



Still More Open House Guests

RedDeer's First Life Master — R.W. Mitten



RedDeer Locals at Open House

## Highlights of 1975 Financial Statement

### Membership Account

#### Zone I

194	Canadian Maritimes	638.60
230	Acadian	621.00

#### Zone II

151	Montreal	1,561.40
152	Quebec	200.00
192	Eastern Ontario	953.80
199	Saguenay	317.60

#### Zone III

166	Ontario	4,057.00
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#### Zone IV

181	Manitoba	428.60
212	Soo Int. BA	Nil
228	Northwestern Ontario	185.40
238	Quonta	394.10

#### Zone V

390	Calgary	495.00
391	Northern Alberta	542.00
392	Lethbridge	135.00
393	Medicine Hat	43.00
573	South Saskatchewan	214.00
575	North Saskatchewan	373.00

#### Zone VI

429	Parksville	50.00
430	Vancouver	1,145.60
431	Victoria	278.00
456	Quesnel	125.00
571	Okangnan	200.00
574	Kootenay	nil

Total \$12,958.10



The front door

Next-door neighbors donated this sign



Central Alberta Bridge Club Official Opening September 29, 1973

# Continent Wide Charity Game November 1975

Maurice Gauthier

In Canada, 68 sessions were held with a participation of 4062 players earning \$7413.14 for the Canadian Charitable Fund.

Winners in each CBF Zone have or will receive trophies donated by Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Ltd. Following are these winners and the runners up.

- Zone 1 - 1st - G. Murphy - M. Murphy, Kentville, N.S. 68.5%  
2nd - Ms. M. Michael - F. Power, St. Johns, Nfld. 66.1%
- Zone 2 - 1st - R. Pelissier - R. Gauthier, Drummondville, Que. 70.3%  
2nd - G. Pauze - J. Pauze, St. Rose, P.Q. 70.1%
- Zone 3 - 1st - G. Dinham - R. Robidoux, Belleville, Ont. 69.9%  
2nd - A. Reissner - N. Everingham, Chatam, Ont. 69.1%
- Zone 4 - 1st - D. Cameron - H. Tammemagi, Pinawa, Man. 72.6%  
2nd - F. Smith - S. Sanders, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. 67.4%
- Zone 5 - 1st - J. Dean - P. Dunn, Prince Albert, Sask. 66.4%  
2nd - S. Willard - A. Baragar, Edmonton, Alta. 65.9%
- Zone 6 - 1st - S. Herman - J. Monroe, Vancouver, B.C. 70.5%  
2nd - Ms. K. Wallace - G. Harper, Vancouver, B.C. 69.6%

Breakdown by Zone was as follows:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Tables</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>
1	84	616.50
2	225-1/2	1568.00
3	395	2968.14
4	87	616.50
5	75	525.00
6	<u>150</u>	<u>1119.00</u>
	1016-1/2	7413.14

The Montreal YM/YWHA had a 62 table game raising \$434.00 and was by far the biggest game in Canada.

## Tax Free Hands and Hand Analyses

Maurice Gauthier reports that sponsors of charitable fund games have sometimes had difficulties obtaining the sealed packages containing hands and hand analyses from Customs and Excise. He states that if the Customs official requests a tax he should be informed that the parcels should be classed under "Memorandum 10-2 Section Remission". The parcels have no commercial value, a fair estimated value would be less than \$3.00, and they are going to be used only for the one scheduled game.

## Digest Banned

Tournament director Molly Madeley, asked to contribute something for 'Tar Paper', a newsletter published by the sojourners at the Matsqui (penal) Institution, submitted 'Fun in Bed' from the January, 1975 issue of the Digest. Little did she expect that the whole sinful item would be killed by the Censor. Bureaucracy triumphant! We haven't realised the author's dream of being banned in Boston, Mass. but we are banned to any inmates from Boston Bar, B.C.



## Born Loser

by J. Ostry, Winnipeg

Both vulnerable, West dealer.

A8654

5

K1086

AK5

7  
J1086  
97543  
873

KJ10932

A732

--

J106

Q

KQ94

AQJ2

Q942

The bidding had gone:-

West	North	East	South
Pass	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	3D	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	Pass	6D
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In a rubber bridge game of average players, the West player was so elated with the final contract

that he refrained himself from doubling, holding five cards in the trumps department. Declarer won the spade lead with the Ace and a round of trumps exposed the 5 - 0 split.

Resigning himself to fate, he then led a club to dummy in order to play the singleton heart. East smartly won the Ace to return the spade King. Not knowing about the foul split in the spade suit, declarer ruffed with the deuce of diamonds. The spotlight now turned to West. After some futile thinking, he refrained from overruffing - and discarded a low club - hoping for a two or three trick set.

This mistake did not go unpunished for the declarer calmly cashed out the top cards in the rounded suits and made the remainder with a high cross-ruff while poor West impotently followed suit and later undertruffing on the cross-ruff, amid general hilarity and the steely glare from East.

There is a loser born every minute.

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## Alvin Roth Versus Canada

For the few players who have not heard of Alvin Roth, he is known to be rather volatile, is one of the great players of all time with numerous major victories to his credit, and is generally considered the most original bidding theorist of his bridge generation. He is co-inventor of the Roth-Stone system and he devised the Unusual No Trump and the Negative Double.

At the Miami Summer Nationals in 1975 during the Life Master pairs, he was heard to remark to a Canadian pair, one of whom had just made an atrocious play, "What is an advanced senior master doing playing in the Life Master pairs?" His voice was not soft.

His partner was Barbara Rappa-

port a regular partner and successful player when another Canadian pair came across them during the Miami Nationals. After Roth admonished partner - a not uncommon practice - for the result on the first board, John Carruthers of Toronto ended up as declarer in 6NT on the next board. It was obvious that there were 12 tricks and Roth says, "Do you think you'll make 6?" Carruthers answers affirmatively and Roth asks, "Do you fancy your chances for 7?" "No" says John, "but we'll play it out anyway." Rappaport pitched correctly but Roth did not (thinking his partner had made an error) and he was subjected to a pseudo squeeze so that John made an overtrick. John asked Roth if his partner could now yell at him. A much calmer atmosphere now prevailed.

# Cold Contract

by Gim Ong, Winnipeg

Let me tell you about our Bill Smith. He is in all the history books in Manitoba having been around the Winnipeg bridge scene longer than anyone would care to remember. The first time we met, having just moved to this fair city a few years ago, the conversation went like this, "So you play bridge? OK, we'll play in the Masters Pairs next week and maybe you'll learn a thing or two".

It was with great trepidation and mortal fear that I showed up the next week after making a few enquiries about my new-found partner. And before the evening was out, I also became a case for the psychiatric ward, amid the constant banter from my partner, whose looks belie his age for he appeared to be on the go 110% of the time.

Bill's bridge is another thing. This is an example. Both vulnerable, South dealer.

10  
Q4  
A2  
AJ987653  
Me

AKQJ42  
K65  
1054  
2  
Bill Smith

There was nothing to the auction according to Bill's methods. In order to keep all his options open, lest his partner gets to play a hand, Bill opened with a club! This set me problems no end when West passed. I had been warned never to skip the bidding with Bill for then no one would know what he would do. But 3C I did bid, to await developments, hopefully. Bill had no problems and leapt to 4S, trusting his partner to read his holding to be 6-3-3-1. Again, I went to the well and leapt to 6C which closed the auction as Bill remarked, "You better have good clubs for I gave you a choice of four suits". (Meaning:- Since his partners are barred from bidding notrumps, I

actually had the choice of supporting clubs or spades or bidding a red suit. Had I raised spades, fine. Bill gets to play the hand. Had I bid a red suit, fine. Bill converts to no-trumps, thereby preserving all his options to ensure playing the contract.)

The auction had gone:

<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>
1C!	3C
4S	6C!

West led the club ten and when my hand came down, Bill made one of his Bill remarks, "You call that support? - I only bid clubs once". Perhaps next time I shall hold the deuce also.

Winning the opening club with the Ace, as East followed with the Queen, Bill peeled off the spades in quick succession discarding two hearts from dummy. On the next spade, the deuce, West missed his only chance to defeat the contract by discarding a high diamond. Dummy's low diamond went away. Bill claimed the slam when the trumps came down - losing to the club King to East on the following layout:-

853	976
J932	A1087
KJ93	Q876
104	KQ

Needless to say, no one else bid to the cold slam in clubs!

*	*	*
	Q975	
	KJ7	
	Q94	
	AQ4	
	Bill Smith	

4	AK10863
65	--
J10763	AK85
108632	KJ5

J2  
AQ1098432  
2  
97  
Me

Bill showed his mettle on another hand. (Directions switched for reader convenience). None vulnerable, East dealer.

East opened his fine-looking hand with 1S and I made another of my rare errors in judgement when I leapt to 4H. One should never do that with wild Bill as partner. Somewhat contrary to form, the bidding was passed around to East who competed with 4S. This was passed around to Bill who bid 5H, promptly doubled by East. There is one other thing that Bill hated more than letting partner play a hand - he would not allow opponents to do so. In one of his saner moments after the game, when he had a glass in his hand, Bill explained in his inestimable logic that 5HX would be a better contract than 4SX. He didn't say for whom.

West led the spade four and I took time out with four losers staring at me, mentally recording the hand for posterity. I must have taken more time than I had for when I called for a small spade, East had gone to sleep. He did not wake up until he had followed with a low spade! The rest was plain sailing.

Winning with the five of spades, a low diamond was won by East with the King, to play the spade Ace. I ruffed the next spade with a high trump and pulled two rounds of trumps ending in dummy to lead another diamond. Learning, mistakenly, from his error at trick one, East played his Ace which I ruffed. The queen of diamonds provided a parking place for a losing club for 5H doubled making, secretly offering a silent prayer to whoever it is who looks after Bill's partners.

Bill merely remarked, "Cold contract"! Thinking about the hand now still gives me the shivers for the human mind could not imagine the heights Bill's ample rhetoric would soar to had I 'managed' to go down in this 'cold contract'.

## Musings

by John Cunningham, Toronto

Sometimes the most innocuous seeming hands can spotlight an important principle. Witness the following situation from late in the Morehead trials in Toronto. In the crucial match with your side enjoying a not insurmountable lead, you are dealt A865, A103, Q65, KJ6. Left hand opponent overcalls your limited one spade call with a bid of two diamonds, which is passed to you. As your side is playing negative doubles, you pass assuming that your partner has no penalty double.

He leads S10 to this dummy: S.QJ43 H.QJ954 D.87 C.94. Declarer wins SK in hand and switches to HK. Partner plays H2 to this trick, so you duck to block communications. Declarer perseveres in hearts; you win and wonder what to do to set the hand. It looks like partner needs to have CA for an uppercut situation. You play SA partner following with the 9. How do you decide to further the play? To win the post-mortem and the hand as it turns out, you must remember which heart partner played to the third trick. You're not in this event entirely by chance .. hopefully he will have appreciated your problem and told you by the play of his high spot to continue spades, or of his low one to look elsewhere.

Partner's hand was S.1097 H.862 D.J10 C.A10832; he followed with the H6. Thus passive defence should set this hand.

These inferences arise very often. Good players try to take advantage of them.

These trials are usually won by the team which makes the fewest errors under pressure. This year's District 2 champion is the Toronto-based team of David Lindop, Andy Altay, Ed Bridson and Marty Kirr. I hope to be able to report of their further success.

# The Two Diamond Relay

by Peter Hollander, Montreal

Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to create accurate bidding sequences after an opening 1NT? How often is a minor suit fit lost or game in NT reached off an entire suit? How often does responder make an arbitrary guesswork decision about whether or not to bid slam with opener almost completely unaware of responder's hand?

These problems come about through the failure of most common response systems to create constructive, forward-going sequences. Transfer bidders face many severe difficulties, as example, S.Qxxxx H.x D.KQxx C.Jxx where after transferring responder is guessing. Also there is S.QJxx H.x D.Kxx C.AJxxx where responder has no forcing bid available after Stayman; if partner does not bid 2S he must bid 3NT and pray. Simple Stayman bidders face similar difficulties. Even if a fit is located by Stayman, responder has no forcing bid at his disposal and must make an arbitrary decision, S.Jxx H.KQxx D.AQxx C.Ax.

The use of a simple device known as two-way Stayman or more accurately a two diamond relay will help clear up many of the difficulties. It allows for free transfer of information within a game-forcing sequence. The outline I propose is my own interpretation of this convention and I have endeavoured to make it as unencumbered by complicated branches and corollaries as possible.

Primarily 2C Stayman is employed on the following types of hands: 1) where responder intends to pass opener's response, i.e. weak 4-4-4-1 type 2) responder has an invitational to game hand with one or two major suits 3) responder knows exactly where to place the hand on his next call once partner has rebid. The hand S.Qxxxx H.x D.KQxx C.Jxx will bid 2C. If opener bids 2S responder will gamble 4S. If the response is 2D or 2H responder will rebid 2S showing a five card suit and invitational

values. If responder were weaker he would simply reply 2S to 1NT as a sign-off. S.QJxx H.Kxx D.KQ C.Jxxx. Respond 2C and whether partner bids 2S or not you will know what to bid next, game in spades or NT.

Other hands are handled by bidding 2D. This says simply that responder has at least game values and wants to begin transferring information. Opener rebids a major or a five card minor if 3-3-5-2 pattern; otherwise he bids 2NT 3-3-3-4 or 3-2-4-4 pattern.

If opener bids 2H or 2S responder can 1) bid a five card suit 2) raise to 3 of the major (slam try) 3) bid any game contract (shut-out) 4) bid 2NT to enquire further information (opener bids any other natural suit or 3NT if 4-3-3-3). If responder now fails to bid a game he must be interested in slam.

If opener bids 3 of a minor he cannot have another suit, so responder bids naturally. He raises the minor to indicate interest in a slam in that suit.

If opener rebids 2NT, responder can bid 3C to ask further. Opener rebids 3D with 3-3-4-3, 3NT with 3-3-3-4, 3H with 2-3-4-4 and 3S with 3-2-4-4. Responder can now try for a 4-4 minor fit slam. If responder bids other than 3C over 2NT his bid is a natural suit.

The jump response to 1NT may be played many ways according to preference. 1NT-P-3 of suit may be a slam try or a limit bid showing a good suit but poor hand or a six card suit game force. You may even play 3 of a minor weak so that when you bid 2C you promise a major suit. (1NT 2C; 2S 3C) opener will be able to correct to 3H confidently.

One last problem type hand which no system handles satisfactorily S.Q10x H.x D.AQxxx C.Kxxx. 1NT 3NT is only hoping. My suggestion is to bid 2C. If partner bids 2H you will bid 3NT. If he bids 2S you must guess

what to do. If, however, he bids 2D you will bid 3D showing 5-4 in the minors (unspecified) and a hand forcing to 3NT but not to 5 of a minor. If opener is light and weak in the majors he can pass or bid 4C to play. If he has no worries about the majors e.g. KQ10 and AQx he will bid 3NT. If he is worried about one of the majors he bids the one he has solidly controlled. Responder bids 3NT with the other fragment and 4C if the other major is his shortness. The above example opposite S.Axx H.Jxx D.KJx C.AQxx can bid the good 5C game and avoid 3NT which will be good or bad depending on the lead.

To make responding to 1NT even easier the opener should avoid bidding 1NT where such is not descriptive of his hand. He should also avoid 1NT if he has both majors. By restricting and so better defining the 1NT bid, accuracy in responding must improve. Understrength notrumps and off-shape notrumps are for gamblers. They occasionally get spectacular results but responding to one or defending opposite one is a guessing game. If you bid with the objective of accuracy rather than larceny you will be the better for it.

## Calamity Wayne

Thank you - Wayne Fedynak  
Edmonton Alberta

For those of you who do not know me, it has been said that I have made more bad bad plays than the Italian Blue Team has made good plays.

AJ9xx  
Qx  
x  
KQJxx

10x  
xxx  
10xxxx  
xxx

Q8x  
Kxxxx  
AJx  
xx

Kxx  
AJ10  
KQxx  
A10x

In today's hand, I held the east cards and made the regrettable call of one heart over north's one club opening. After a slightly strained action, my opponents, considering who they had on defense, landed in the slightly strained contract of six no trump. My partner, knowing how I postmortem, obligingly led a heart with declarer playing the Queen from dummy. I followed small with declarer playing the Jack from hand. Declarer then led a diamond from dummy, I remembering not to play my Ace on air reluctantly played small - grimacing just a little. Declarer then ran all the

clubs but one, leaving this position:

AJ9xx  
x  
--  
x

10x  
xx  
10xx  
--

Qxx  
Kx  
Ax  
--

Kxx  
A10  
Kx  
--

On the last club, I decided to stall for time by discarding a small heart. Declarer then led a heart to his hand, felling my stiff King. Declarer then cashed his King of spades with everybody following small. Declarer now put me in the pressure cooker by cashing his last heart. I realized that a small diamond discard would leave me open to an end play - declarer placing me with the missing nine points after my vulnerable one level overcall. Momentarily suffering from delusion of grandeur I offered declarer a cigarette with one hand while playing a spade with the other. Declarer nevertheless wrapped up the overtrick as he led a spade to the board and then confidently called for the Ace.

Postmortem - If you are going to tell the opponents what you have next time, please place your hand on the table face up and help speed up the game. Remember that an overcall can often help declarer find the winning line of play.

# OPEN LINE

Bob Brooks,  
Editor,  
Bridge Digest

Dear Bob,

While perusing back issues of the Bridge Digest, I noticed a request for results of thorough card shuffling in a club game. (June 1974 44 p. 5 "Manual Versus Machine Shuffling")

I recalled that a study had been conducted and reported in the Bulletin. I located the results in March 1973 issue p. 4 Mail Box, which was tried by Mrs. LeVerne Laurvick of Superior, Wisc.

I have always advocated shuffling the cards well in order to get more random hands.

For those who are interested, according to a computer print out, 81% of the random hands you get are of the following distribution:

4432	21.55%
5332	15.52%
5431	12.93%
5422	10.58%
4333	10.54%
6322	5.64%
6421	4.70%

Roger Selby  
Chalk River, Ont.  
Dec. 27, 1975.

[The reference given to us by Roger is interesting: A Wisconsin club recorded the distribution of all hands following a regular club game in which players had shuffled the decks lightly as usual. The following week, players were asked to shuffle at least six times before dealing. The results showed that with the imperfect shuffle fewer than 40% of the deals yielded freak hands but with the more thorough shuffle only three boards did not contain a freak hand. If we want to go with the odds, we should shuffle thoroughly as a standard practise - Editor]

Dear Sir:

I have noted your editorial note in the February Bulletin under Ken McGuirl's letter, to the effect that he was Saskatchewan's first Life Master.

I do not wish to detract from Ken's accomplishments because he has done a tremendous amount for Bridge in Western Canada (except when he railroaded me to the Presidency of the old Saskatchewan Unit in my absence).

However, Hazel Smith was Saskatchewan's first Life Master, playing out of the Regina Club - Ken came second.

In fairness to Hazel I thought this should be noted - whether or not it is published.

Yours truly,

R. M. Barr, Q.C.  
Regina, Sask.  
March 17, 1976

Digest Editor:

Mr. Rashid Tayyeb of Toronto invites some suggestions to change his image as an "ill-tempered brute" ("Canadian Chatter", July, 1975 Bulletin).

Representing some players who play against him, we make the following suggestions:

1. Improve your atrocious bidding.
2. Stop being so arrogant about your dummy-playing ability.
3. Improve your general manners.

Sincerely,

The Toronto Players  
Against Ill-Tempered  
Brutes.

February 12, 1976

Dear Sir:

I am writing at this time in support of John Carruthers (and many others) who are asking the Canadian Bridge Federation to hold an annual open national team championship. Mr. Carruthers' fine letter of December 15, 1975, printed in your last issue, sets out most of the reasons for such an event. He pointed out that participants could gain much needed experience at that type of competition, and I feel this is an especially important consideration, as I feel this lack of competition is a significant factor in the mediocre performances of Canadians internationally and at high national levels in the United States. There are of course a few obvious exceptions to the latter observation.

In any event, one argument against holding the national championship annually is certain to be the cost factor, and I do think this argument can be met by pointing out that such an event is bound to stimulate attendance and membership growth at the grass roots level here in Canada. This will in turn generate new revenue to offset that spent on the national event. At any rate,

### The Late Sam Maltin



Sam Maltin a past director of CBF Zone 2 and editor of the Digest in 1972 and 1973 will be missed by his many friends not only in bridge, but also in business, sports, journalism, and in countless other activities. He had been in failing health for over a year and passed away in late November. His wife, Belle, intends carrying on his insurance business at least through this year.

that is the way I feel.

One thing that did interest me concerning the recently held team trials was that bidding screens were not in use, even in the finals. I also noticed that bidding screens were not in use for the recently completed district 2 finals of the Morehead competition. In fact, to my knowledge, bidding screens have never been used in the Toronto area, and I suspect this may be true throughout Canada.

As the reaction to bidding screens at the international and high national levels seems to be generally favourable, I think we can take it that, like it or not, bidding screens are with us to stay. That being the case, I would suggest that the Canadian Districts obtain same and use them wherever practical, and at the very least for all future team championship finals all district finals of the Morehead, and all semi-finals and finals of regional knock-out team events.

Yours truly,

John D. Lloyd  
Ajax, Ontario  
March 12, 1976

### Prize Money

Vancouver Matchpointer

The first annual Simon Fraser Open Pairs tournament - not sponsored by the ACBL I might add - was held in March. The event drew 104 pairs of which 30 were from Simon Fraser. It appears that word leaked out on the two television sets and \$200 prize money offered to the top scoring pairs.

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## Biography of a Director



Mrs. Helen Shields, Thunder Bay, new CBF Zone IV Director, was introduced to the joys and sorrows of Duplicate Bridge in 1962 and states she has rarely regretted the masochistic tendencies that tempted her to join the ACBL the following year.

A member of the Northwestern Ontario Unit Board of Directors since 1966, Helen served four years as its President, one as Treasurer and has been Unit Tournament Coordinator and

Representative to the District 2 Board since redistricting. She was formerly Unit Representative to District 14, was appointed to the National Goodwill Committee in 1969 and became a Life Master in 1970.

A native of Manitoba, Helen is married, mother of three grown children and works as a Field Officer with the Canada Pension Plan.

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### The Sulker

At a sister, or brother, Institution, the boards had been passed out and the session was about to begin. Just then a troop of guards appeared on the scene and ordered all inmates and guests to stand up and be counted. Why? Apparently one body was missing. He was, however, eventually found, pouting in his room because his buddy was playing in the bridge game and he wasn't.

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### C.B.F. History

Henry Smilie

Up to 1965 most letters dealing with Canadian problems ended up on Eric Murray's desk. In that year, Mr. Murray, with the object of creating a body to deal with Canadian affairs, convened a meeting at the Chicago Nationals. All Canadian Units were invited to send representatives.

An organization was formed. For the first two years it was called the Canadian Bridge Conference.

The following attended the meeting:

Jean LaTraverse, Quebec  
Eric Murray, Ontario  
Doug Cannell, Manitoba  
Dan Sheehan and Scottie Balfour, Saskatchewan  
Dr. Kettlewell, Alberta  
Henry Smilie, British Columbia

Who else was there?

.... to be continued.

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