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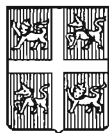
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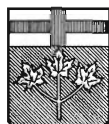
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NEW BRUNSWICK
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MANITOBA



BRITISH COLUMBIA
COLOMBIE BRITANNIQUE



SASKATCHEWAN

Welcome home from Monaco to our ladies and open teams who finished 4th and 13th in their respective World events. Full story by Eric Kokish (1974 Vanderbilt winner) in this issue.

I wish to record the appreciation of readers for the fine articles we are receiving particularly from our regular contributors. (Betty Poo graces our pages again thankfully).

Gim Ong, our Manitoba correspondent is an excellent supporter who, without asking any recognition, is - I believe - responsible for the heavy influx of articles from Central Canada.

Last but not least, readers should be aware of the excellent organizational work of Richard Oshlag, Business Manager of the

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Bob Brooks

Readers' Response

We'd appreciate knowing what readers would like to see in the Digest. One method would be to list some articles which have recently appeared and rate each with a score of one to ten. If Unit Boards would try and represent their members and

take a few minutes to express their views, this effort would be greatly appreciated.

If there is sufficient response, and readers name their favourite article and author we can give these contributors proper recognition.

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Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game, Tuesday, October 19, 1976

The second Canada-wide Olympiad Fund game of 1976 will be held on Tuesday, October 19. These specially rated games, along with the Continent-wide game held on July 30, are the only source of income to finance our participation in International events, such as this year's Olympiad held in Monte Carlo. Sending two teams (an Open & Ladies team) has proved a heavy burden for the Fund, perhaps even to the point of jeopardizing our chances of participating in the 1978 Pairs Olympiad. Your entry in the October 19th game will help insure that Canadians will continue to be present in these prestigious International events.

C.B.F. Annual Meeting [1976] in Kingston, Ont.

The C.B.F. Directors will be meeting in Kingston, Ont., between August 18 and August 20. The annual delegates meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21, 1976, at 10:00 A.M. at a place to be announced during the tournament. All Units

Calls for Candidates

Elections will be held for the Directors of Zone 1 and 2 this year. The term of office will be for 3 years (1977 to 1979 inclusive).

Zone 1 is for Units 194 (Maritimes) and 230 (Acadian).

Zone 2 is for Units 151 (Montreal), 152 (Quebec), 192 (E. Ontario), and 199 (Saguenay BA).

Any member of a unit in Zone 1 or Zone 2 may declare their candidacy in writing to the CBF Executive Secretary. Declarations will be accepted up to Friday, November 19, 1976. The declaration shall contain the name, address and Unit of said candidate and may contain a photograph and biographical material not to exceed 100 words. In a Zone where only one candidate filed for election, that candidate should be declared elected.

Ballot papers containing a list of candidates are supplied to all Units in the Zone and the Unit Boards of Directors conduct a secret ballot for the candidates of their choice and record the votes cast for each candidate.

Candidates who file as early as September 15 may have their candidacy published in the November Digest.

Details concerning the procedures and conditions for election of Zone Directors will be available from Unit presidents and secretaries by October 1st, 1976.

which have players attending this tournament are invited to appoint a Delegate to this meeting. The Delegate may raise any matters pertaining to the C.B.F. that are of concern to his Unit.

Canada Wide Game

Winners of the Canada Wide game held May 10th were Drew Cannell and Lex DeGroot of Winnipeg with a 77.1% game. Runners up were Mike Cummings and Jean Castonguay of Montreal with 71.0%.

Winners and runners up in each Zone were as follows:

Zone I:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| I. Edgar Besner, Amelia Goldman - Fredericton, N.B. | 66.1% |
| II. Hugh John Sullivan, Evelyn Garvin - Edmunston, N.B. | 64.8% |

Zone II:

- | | |
|--|-------|
| I. Mike Cummings, Jean Castonguay - Montreal, P.Q. | 71.0% |
| II. F. MacDonald, Ross Faulkner - Kingston, Ont. | 69.1% |

Zone III:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| I. Dorothy Kennedy, Ken Warren - Scarborough, Ont. | 69.7% |
| II. Gary Westfall, Ronald Lariviere - Toronto, Ont. | 67.6% |

Zone IV:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| I. Drew Cannell, Lex DeGroot - Winnipeg, Man. | 77.1% |
| II. Judy Singer, John Singer - Sudbury, Ont. | 61.6% |

Zone V:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| I. Nita Cutmore, John Lang - Calgary, Alta. | 69.3% |
| II. Scott Brinsmead, Bill Lam - Edmonton, Alta. | 68.6% |

Zone VI:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| I. Edward Hicks - Coquitlam, B.C., James Marshall, Delta - B.C. | 68.6% |
| II. Betty Manning, Patrick Manning - Burnaby, B.C. | 66.1% |

World Bidding Contest

Twenty countries took part in the contest this year and two Canadian pairs were listed among the leaders.

Sandra and Douglas Fraser, Montreal were the top Canadian pair finishing sixth in the World. (This pair were runners up in the World contest last year). Sandra Borg and Sherman Kwan of Vancouver were Canadian runners up placing 24th of all those entered in this years contest.

Omission from Kansas City

Walter Dedio a lifemaster from Morden Manitoba was inadvertently omitted from the list of players who earned overall placing and section tops in the ACBL Spring Nationals.

Top Rookie of 1975

The top Canadian rookie of 1975 was N. Gartaganis of Beaconsfield, P.Q. who earned 151 points in the year. The May Issue mistakenly named V. Pomykalski as the top rookie.

Personality Profile

by Cam Cameron, Vancouver B.C.

Drop a coin in this wishing well...
Then stop and think, for just a
spell...

"It's only the way that the cards
have been dealt,
that I am helping—instead of being
helped."

The poem is the work of Bill
Chisholm who is seventy-seven years
young and lives in Victoria. The
reference to playing cards is natural
as he is an avid bridge player. The
words are inscribed on plaques at
the wishing wells located in B.C.'s
Capital city.

Bill has been active in the
United Commercial Travellers fund-
raising for charities for over 50
years. The last twelve years while
most men are retired and resting on
their laurels he has been acting as
chairman for this organization.

The conservatory of the Empress
Hotel abounds in beautiful flowers
and tropical foliage, and in the



centre is the wishing well. Many
bridge players at the Victoria
Regional tried to change their luck
at the table by contributing to
charity in this unique manner, and
the real winners are the retarded
children's fund.

Though the majority of dona-
tions are small coins, soggy bills
are dried out and dispersed to
worthwhile approved groups. The
project has averaged \$3500 a year
in donations over the past twelve
years.

Let's drop a coin for Bill
Chisholm at the next wishing well...
and make his wish come true.

Victor Charles Redlich 1884-1976

The White Rock Bridge Club had
among its members Victor Redlich.
On October 19, 1974, we honored him
with a party for his 90th birthday.
He played regularly, always showing
the ultimate in courtesy and consid-
eration. He squired many ladies as
partners, both at the club and in
the White Rock Hospital Aux Marathon
where he played in both afternoon
and evening groups.

He was always available to play
with any new members and thus their
introduction to duplicate bridge was
pleasant and satisfying. He was a
'gentleman of the old school' and

will be missed by all who had the
honour to be his friends. His
daughter told me that she asked him
for a list of his friends, when she
had been told he would not recover,
and he told her as many as he could
think of, and nearly all were women.
She said that she couldn't help but
smile because she had been wanting
the list to help her choose pall-
bearers but she thought it was
typical of her father that at 91 he
numbered so many women among his
friends.

Victor and family fled Czecho-
slovakia in 1939 and settled in
Surrey, British Columbia.

He passed away March 15, 1976.

[Obituary prepared by Margaret Lower,
White Rock, B.C.]

Favourite Opponents

John Cunningham, Toronto

It seems that all I talk about these days are bridge hands. Many think there is nothing worse than this compulsion, but fortunately most of my friends are inured to it. Quite a few suffer from the same affliction. I'll try to keep it interesting. There was this one hand from the early rounds of the knock outs at Toronto's Regional... Do you notice how I try to give the impression of having done well in the event and of being modest? Well, it turned out to be from late in the event for us.

Not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents who won't go quietly and often play at the brink; your cards are S.xx H.AQJx D.QJ10xxx C.x. A pass seems right in second chair although some pessimists might open 1H for the lead. The opponents bid 3S pass 4S back to you. They're certainly not jockeying you as they might had you been in the auction. Even though they are vulnerable they may well be on for 4 spades. Hopefully you won't have to explain to partners how you tried to gain a few IMP's by bidding 5D against a non-makeable game. Maybe they'll press on. No. 5D is doubled by the 3S bidder who leads SA. Partner contributes: S.xxx H.Kxxx D.8x C.QJ10x.

At least it looks like 4S is on. West switches to a heart and now we'll have to see to five diamonds. Five top losers, but this heart lead doesn't look very appetizing. Suppose we try JD. West wins, trundles across with a club to the Ace, ruffs the heart return. Now he tries cashing the CK leaving the position:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
S. xx	x
H. Kx	Qx
D. 8	Q10xx
C. QJ	

There are two trumps out, the King and a little guy. Suppose we try leading a heart in an attempt to slough the spade on dummy's club. That will lose only if West has the diamond spot card left. We can always quote the Kisin rule of "always play the opponents to have made a mistake". This is a two-edged sword as the full hand turns out to be:

xxx	
Kxxx	
8x	
QJ10x	
AKQJxx	10x
x	10xxx
Axx	Kx
Kxx	Axxxx
xx	
AQJx	
QJ10xxx	
x	

I still don't know whether West was asleep or awake; maybe it pays to play for average rather than risk being shuffled back into the pack. But then there wouldn't be these stories, would there? Or favourite opponents.

From the Guts of the Guru

- Henry Smilie

The problem of what to do with the team member who neglects to kick in his share of the table fees was referred to the Guru. He pontificated as follows:

First, should he make a call or play that might possibly gain an imp for your side, say "You're money in the bank".

Second, ask him "Could you change a twenty so I can buy cigarettes?"

Third, say "You son of a bitch, pay up".

Bridge Chat on the Red River

by A. David Mowat, Winnipeg

In Manitoba there is one definite bridge personality that everyone must meet. I would not mention names but readers would know by the following stories at the recent Sectional held in Winnipeg.

The BP held K-J-10-2 in trumps and doubled the opponents at the five level. Dummy came down with Q-8-5-4 and declarer on his left held A-9-7-6. The defence took only one trump trick and a side suit Ace to let declarer get away with a top. Give up? When declarer led a low trump from dummy, the BP failed to play an equal honour and declarer won cheaply. When next another trump was led from dummy, our BP panicked and hopped up with the King! to lose to the Ace. Now the only other loser was to the trump Jack and to this day, our friend could not figure out how such a solid holding could be worth only one trick in defence!

On another hand a 1500-master-point player became the victim of a fine deceptive play made by the BP.

	J6532	
	AKQJ65	
	J5	

Q10		874
73		10942
Q10987		632
K1085		QJ4
Bridge P.		
	AK9	
	8	
	AK4	
	A97632	
	1500 mp	

The auction went as follows:

West	North	East	South
	1H	Pass	2C
Pass	2H	Pass	2S!
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Our 1500-mp strong Life Master did not get his points by pussy-footing around. The 2S bid was a tactical bid as he explained later and when partner leapt to game in the higher-ranking suit, 6S was the obvious contract. Actually the hand was cold for 7S if it played for no trump loser. The declarer was competent enough and cashed the spade Ace first on which our BP coolly dropped the Queen! Now the trump ten scored when the 'marked finesse' was taken.

One up for the BP.

The Precision boys obtained an ignominious result on this innocuous hand against the BP:-

None vulnerable, South dealer.

	K109543	
	J74	
	A1073	

6		Q872
AKQ8		1032
96		Q54
QJ8752		943
Bridge P.		
	AJ	
	965	
	KJ82	
	AK106	

South	West	North	East
(16+)=1C	X	XX	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South opened proceedings with a Precision club which the BP chose to double and North redoubled to show a positive hand. South passed to await developments and our BP was happy to pass. The hand somehow did not play too well and our friend was able to record another top board. Cest la vie.



The Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund presented the Kidney Foundation of Canada with a cheque for \$24,300.00 during the last Can-Am Regional tournament. This represents the proceeds from the bridge sessions held in Canada for the benefit of the

Foundation during 1975. Left to right: Maurice Gauthier, chairman of the Board of trustees of the Fund; Harold W. Ashenmill Q.C., past president of the Canadian Kidney Foundation; Jean LaTraverse, a member of the Board of trustees of the Fund.

Montreal, June 2, 1976

Public Relations,
Kidney Foundation of Canada,
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Mr. Bresinger,

1975 Charity - Kidney Foundation of Canada

Answering your request for information concerning the grant of \$24,300.00 by the Canadian Bridge Federation to your Organization, I am pleased to furnish you with the following list which shows the "participation" of the Provincial Chapters in amassing the amount of the grant to your Organization.

Canadian Bridge Federation	Zone 1 - The Maritimes	1,700.00
" "	Zone 2 - Quebec	3,600.00
" "	Zone 3 - Ontario	10,900.00
" "	Zone 4 - Manitoba	1,000.00
" "	Saskatchewan	1,500.00
" "	Zone 5 - Alberta	1,000.00
" "	Zone 6 - British Columbia	4,600.00

Hoping this information will prove satisfactory, I beg to remain,

sincerely,

Maurice Gauthier
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Canadian Bridge Federation

International Inter-City Matches

by Maurice Gauthier

Nineteen different cities participated in the matches held in conjunction with the ACBL wide Charity game March 17, 1976. Teams from Medley (Alta), Ahuntsic (Que), Ketchikan (Alaska) and Seoul (Korea) entered the competition for the first time. A foursome from Fredericton (W. Wright, G. Chippin-NS-237-1/2; M. Betts, G. DeMerchant-EW-227) had the highest aggregate (464) and received trophies donated by Joseph E. Seagram & Sons Limited. The team representing Winnipeg (R. Geyson, A. Bertrand-NS-247; J. Fainman, J. Halper-EW-215) was runner up with 462, while the Ketchikan quartet of (the Humberts-NS-206; the Axelsons-EW-252-1/2) was third with 458.

The next matches will be held in conjunction with the next ACBL wide Charity game of Tuesday November 23rd. Let's break the record of 22 teams established in the November 1972 game.

[For more information on the International Inter City Competition see February Digest page 9.]

Teeming with Charity

- Henry Smilie

One hundred and eighty-four players participated in the second annual team-of-four Charity tournament put on by the North Shore Winter Club, an invitational club, in North Vancouver, on May 16th.

The package deal included a delicious smorgasbord dinner between sessions.

A successful event requires organization. In this case it was ably provided by Mrs. Sylvia Springer, Mrs. Jordy Fitzimmons and Mrs. Ivy Perodie.

And the pay-off: \$400.00 for arthritis.

1976 Charity — Arthritis Society in Canada

- Maurice Gauthier

For the March Continent-wide charity game, in Canada, there were Sessions in 52 different sites and 2888 players took part. Participation and proceeds in the six zones of the Canadian Bridge Federation were as follows:

<u>Zones</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tables</u>
1. Maritimes	\$ 556.50	80
2. Quebec	877.25	127
3. Ontario	2020.00	264
4. Man. Sask.	325.00	46
5. Alberta	623.00	89
6. B.C.	813.00	116
	<u>\$5214.75</u>	<u>722</u>

This is a most satisfactory result particularly as on the evening of the tournament (March 17) a devastating wind and snowstorm hit sections of the Maritimes, causing considerable damage and disruption and obliging a number of clubs to cancel their games.

The leading North-South and East-West pairs in each zone of the Canadian Bridge Federation will receive trophies donated by Joseph E. Seagram & Sons Limited.

1976 Receipts to April 30th amount to \$10,306.15 which compares favourably with the \$9,911.38 collected during the same period in 1975.

UNIT NEWS

New president and secretary of the Victoria unit are:

Mr. Les Isaacson, 3211 Bellevue St., Victoria.

Mrs. Cora Lawson, 2675 Topp Ave., Victoria.

Sunt Lacrimae Rerum

by Bill Smith, Winnipeg

I still did not know what made me take up the game again. Someone up there must have my interest, if not my pocketbook, at heart. I was at the club having my usual constitutional, when three members of the Young Breed asked if father Smith would like to join them in a few rubbers for some stakes.

It wasn't long before the first windfall came my way.

Both vulnerable, West dealer.

	82	
	A	
	A10973	
	J9654	
AJ9		76543
KJ43		Q92
K8642		J
A		10732
	QK10	
	108765	
	Q5	
	KQ8	
	Father Smith	

The auction (sic) had been:-

West	North	East	South
1D	Pass	1S (1)	2H (2)
X (3)	Pass	2S (4)	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	X (5)
XX (6)	Pass	Pass	Pass (7)

- (1) "I can't leave partner in diamonds, maybe short."
- (2) "But nobody says I can't bid."
- (3) "Teach Bill a lesson. Could be brutal."
- (4) "How could I tell partner I only have 2 points."
- (5) "Even Smith knows a good thing when he sees one."
- (6) "Now we gotya, Bill."
- (7) "Too bad this hand was not played thirty years ago as it would get re-the-redouble."

The young 'un only went down four for 22 big ones. The rest was too gruesome to relate.

Born Loser

Change of Heart
- J. Ostry, Winnipeg

North-South vulnerable, South dealer

	J98	
	K65	
	AJ106	
	A93	
Q75		K432
J973		84
94		K875
J1072		Q85
	A106	
	AQ102	
	Q32	
	K64	

In the qualifying round of a Regional Open Pairs, the seeded North-South faced a pair of my kind of people. South opened a 13-15 1NT and was quickly put into game by North. After the auction was over, the sweet old dear at East asked for a review, if South had opened with 1H. West had in the meantime made her opening lead, properly and face down.

As North was putting down the dummy hand, West quickly retracted her lead and placed another card on the table.

"You can't do that", remarked North who was about to call the Director.

"Oh, I'll explain why I did that," replied West sweetly.

And play proceeded and the club deuce was faced! - the only lead to hold declarer to nine tricks when the diamond finesse lost to the King.

West explained, after the hand was over, "I had originally led a heart but remembered just in time about partner's questioning in the heart suit. I didn't want it to be said that I was influenced by my partner's questions, so I led my other 4-card suit."

Who says virtue does not have its just rewards.

Spud Islander

by An Islander, Prince Edward Island

The word is out that the islanders are restless tonight and I happen to partner one of them at the Island Duplicate Bridge Club. Perhaps it would be considerate to set the first hand as a bidding problem.

You hold in first position, with none vulnerable:-

A43 J8754 QJ85 7.

So you pass and lefthand opponent opens with a 13-15 1NT bid which is passed around to you. What action do you take?

You decide to compete with 2H, and would not be faulted by your peers whoever they may be. Now, after a pass, your partner, the spud islander, calls 2NT. Do you pass? You curse yourself for reopening the bidding and 2NT does not appear to be the right contract. Now that you have come this far, you may as well stick it out and show your second with 3D. You hear partner jump to 5NT. Yes, you heard him correctly. First, you pinch yourself to make sure that it is not a bad dream, then review the auction to make sure you have not misheard. The bidding has gone:-

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
3D	Pass	5NT	Pass
??			

Partner could not take any action over the opposing weak no trump bid and facing a partner who passed originally, he has now propelled to a slam. Could the 5NT be construed as a grand slam force? What do you bid?

You try 6D, and at the same time make a mental note to remove your partner's name and telephone number from your list of bridge partners. All pass and dummy comes down with

KQ7

A1063

AKQ962

With normal splits and the diamond King onside, you make seven! Had you passed at your second turn, you would have missed a slam!

After a recharge at the bar, you find yourself on defence, holding this hand:-

West

82

Q1097

J106

A1098

The auction has been short:-

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
1H	1S
3C	3NT

You, West, lead the diamond Jack and see this dummy:-

North

J7

AKJ43

A

KQJ63

Dummy wins with the Ace as partner (yea, the same spud islander) follows with the three and the declarer the five. The club King is played next on which partner discards the diamond deuce and you hold off. On the club Queen, partner drops the diamond seven. You win and shoot back the club ten which declarer allows to win as your partner discards the diamond eight.

Confused? You are not the only one. Not wishing to break any suit, you return the diamond ten on which partner plays the Queen! as declarer wins with the King. The heart finesse follows and the heart King and Ace cashed. On the club Jack lead, partner now discards the diamond nine! and finally gives a high spade on the club six from dummy.

You win the next heart and cash

your now established diamond six to hold declarer to his contract of 3NT. Here are the other hands:-

East
KQ106
652
Q98732

South
A9643
8
K54
7542

The defence rests and so may partner!

What's Trumps?

Mastermind - Betty Poo, Winnipeg
North Dealer, East-West vulnerable.

A75

A1097632
762
Me

6
6542
Q54
A10943

109
109873
K8
KQJ5

KQJ8432
AKQJ
J
8

I held the North hand in a teams event, counted the diamonds and found there were seven, and opened with a preemptive 3D. After East passed partner temporised with a 3S bid which is forcing in our methods. I had no qualms about raising to game with my fine hand.

When the bidding got around to partner again, she began to look uneasy but finally with an air of resignation, she passed. She was convinced I would not preempt with so many first round controls. Our opponents had no difficulty reaching the slam.

Moral: In order to maintain partnership harmony, don't preempt with 2 Aces and a void.

The Saga

by Jackie Bee, Winnipeg

Winnipeg just had another successful sectional that attracted only praise from the bridge players that flocked in large numbers from as far afield as Toronto. This year's Sectional as well as the one before was housed in Winnipeg's Convention Centre, whose limitless playing space was the talking point. When additional room was required for the team game, the overflow was easily accommodated by the simple expediency of sliding the movable walls and creating extra playing space, all within a few minutes.

This augurs well for the upcoming Regionals to be held in November 10-14 later this year. The Convention Centre being right downtown is within walking distance of the major hotelery boasting in excess of 2000 rooms. The table count for the four Red-point Events and the Charity Pairs is expected to exceed the thousand mark, which would make this Regional the largest ever.

Our Canadian team for the Sectionals was the most integrated, consisting of a Limey, a Jew, an American Professor, a Malaysian bandit and a crazy Frenchman. With all these right ingredients, we ended up being the only unbeaten team of the Event, one-and-a-half matches ahead of the field.

Both vulnerable, North dealer.

AQ85
K82
J974
96

J10764
AJ
K63
KJ8

Q7
AQ10852
Q10732

K932
1096543

A54
Bandit

Against the number one seeded team, our team picked up 13 IMPS on the following auction:-

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1H!
1S	3H	4D	4H!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Malaysian bandit imagined his hand not good enough to open with a preemptive 3H, and the heart suit to be too weak for a weak two-bid. So he opened with a vulnerable 1H and raised to game after a limit raise from his partner. Of course, 4H was against the wall.

Holding these hands, would you expect to make a game contract?

Both vulnerable.

107632	A
KJ10532	Q864
5	752
4	87632
Bandit	

The bidding at our table was:

South	West	North	East
1D	2D!	3D	4H
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Malaysian bandit took a rosy view of his assets and jumped in with a Michael's cue-bid promising the major suits. I had no trouble bidding and making 4H for plus 620. And yet we lost 4 IMPS on the board! How did we do that? It was easy - our North thought his double of 1H was negative but our South thought it was penalties, so he passed. 1H doubled making four for 760 and 4 IMPS.

Lady luck took a hand on this next board from a crucial match.

B. C. REGIONAL

Victoria's British Columbia Regional broke attendance records for British Columbia with 2076 tables for the six day tournament at the Empress Hotel last April.

Both vulnerable.

	7543	
	Q	
	AK972	
	1074	
KJ86		Q9
K875		10642
104		5
AKQ		J98652
	A102	
	AJ93	
	QJ863	
	3	

South	West	North	East
1D	1NT	2D	Pass
2S	Pass	3S	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

I held the North cards and was most surprised to hear my partner alert my 2D bid as the inverted variety, showing 10+ points and diamond support. This created problems no end for me as I did not deem it ethical on my part to correct my partner's mistake. It was obvious that partner had not heard the intervening 1NT overcall.

Should I set partner straight by asking for a review of the auction or should I let partner stew in his ignorance? Good sense would prevail upon me to try and set partner straight lest more harm befalls the partnership. But morally, I should not attempt to review the auction unless there is a compelling reason to do so. I decided to let the fault lie and to try and bid my hand as normally as possible. Hence we ended up in the 3NT contract, with clubs wide open.

My partner died a thousand deaths when West opened with the Club King, followed by the Club Ace and Queen! When West stopped to think next, there was a very perceptible sigh across the table. West made the reasonable return of the Heart King to pin the Queen, but partner had been there before and ducked smoothly. West continued with another heart and partner claimed the remaining nine tricks for a vulnerable game swing.

Here ended the Saga of the 1976 Sectional.

Anatomy of a Signal

Peter Hollander, Montreal, P.Q.

One of the most widely used conventions is the suit preference signal. It is one of the basic tools with which the defenders may exchange information. As with all conventions or rules, there is a tendency to blindly follow the rule despite the presence of contradictory evidence.

An illustrative example of this occurred during the Flight "A" Masters Pairs at the 1976 Canadian Nationals in Toronto. You will be West and this auction went as follows:

Both vulnerable:

N	E	S	W
P	P	1D	2S (1)
3D (2)	3S	4D	P
4H	P	P	P

Note (1): Preemptive

Note (2): NS do not play negative doubles.

Your partner, East, leads the smallest outstanding spade and the position is revealed.

West
S.AK109xx
H.10x
D.xx
C.Kxx

South
S.xx
H.AQx
D.QJ109xx
C.AJ

You take the SK and SA as North plays small then Queen and East produces the Jack. Obviously East has the other small spade so the Jack is some type of preference signal. At first glance it seems East wants a diamond or at least wishes to prevent the obvious club play. Is any more information available?

The first clues lie in the auction which contains some unusual aspects. South's bidding is normal

as, it would seem, is East's. Your preemptive jump overcall is slightly out of line. The CK is a card that both North and East might be surprised to find in your hand. North's actions seem peculiar but the preempt subjected him to inordinate pressure. He was systematically unable to negative double and, lacking values for a free bid he had to support diamonds. When South bid four diamonds he now decided to gamble for the possible heart fit. Assuming East has scattered values for his vulnerable three spade call, North has only limited strength, so it becomes imperative that you defeat this highly improbable game contract.

The spade position is clear. North has Qx and East Jxx. North surely has five hearts or KJ fourth. If the spade Jack calls for a diamond switch, what can the position be? If East can ruff, then North would have S.Qx H.xxxxx D.AKxxx C.x and the ruff would be from KJx or Kxx and be the defence's last trick. North cannot have S.Q H.K D.AK or else he would have bid much more initially. The logical conclusion is that East holds a diamond honour. The dummy has six diamonds and you two, so there are five outstanding. If North owns four and East one, that one is the Ace or King. East would have led a singleton Ace and if he has a bare King he would hardly goad declarer into dropping it in order to prevent a possible ruff by you. Therefore the diamonds must be North with three and East with two to an honour. If East has a diamond honour North must have the HK and a diamond play by you is therefore irrelevant whereas a club will be imperative if partner owns the Queen.

Now we must examine partner's holding and his viewpoint. The defence needs two more tricks and he has one in diamonds. Where is the other to come from? If he has Ax or Kx and no club value he would undoubtedly play the SJ to prevent a club but the defence would be hopeless and furthermore a three

spade call on S.Jxx H.Jxx D.Kx C.xxxxx would border on lunacy. If he held DKx and CQ he would ask for a club shift as it would seem a diamond would be futile. Only one case remains consistent with all facts. East holds DAX and CQ. From his viewpoint you most likely have a singleton diamond and North Kxxx and East wants you to get a ruff. Furthermore he cannot know you hold the CK as you have preempted and shown the SAK. North's actions are aggressive but sensible S.Qx H.Kxxxx D.Kxx C.xxx and partner's also S.Jxx H.Jxx D.Ax C.Q10xxx. There are other possibilities, but in each the contract is either impregnable or impossible e.g. if

partner miraculously holds H.Jxxx. East has made a suit preference signal based on facts at his disposal but you know that you hold the CK and no diamond ruff. Overrule his signal and return a club and be a hero.

In this example there is a universal lesson. No system, convention or agreement in bridge or, for that matter in life, is necessarily valid or infallible. These guidelines may be either valuable tools or deadly traps and the thin line between success and defeat, top and bottom is almost always some rather unconventional common sense.

Book Review

Ameliorons Notre Bridge
review by Maurice Gauthier

A new bridge book, Ameliorons Notre Bridge, which explains the Standard American Bidding and Play System, has just been put on the market.

Numerous books on this subject, written in English, are already available, but what sets this one apart is that it is written in French.

The work of Montrealese Charles E. Durand, a graduate of the Goren Teachers' Society and a member of the American Bridge Teachers' Association, it should prove most useful to the francophone card-player, who might be interested in learning to play bridge or improving his card technique if he is already using this system.

Until now, bridge students of French extraction have experienced difficulty in interpreting the various stages of bridge playing as set out in a language other than their own. Now, they have a very fine and accurate translation of the original treatise.

The price of the book is \$6 and it can be obtained at book stores or direct from the author at Mon Livre de Bridge, Inc., 6065 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal H4A 1Y2.

Teach Yourself Basic Bidding

This new book by Alan and Dorothy Hayden Truscott, two of America's greatest player-writers offers a new method of evaluating your hand which adjusts in value according to partners bids. This method is based on the familiar high card points and distributional "assets" which may rise or fall in value. The initial assets are counted as follows:

Any suit longer than four cards = one
Any singleton except K, Q, or J = one
Any void = two

The assets double in value with a 9 card fit and triple with a 10 card fit. The adjusted assets are counted with high card points to give total points.

The book describes in a manner easily understood by beginners a 5-card major system in great detail with numerous questions and answers. Competitive bidding is thankfully not ignored and the book would be of great value to those who desire a clearer view of what is rapidly becoming standard - strong no trump with 5-card majors.

The book published in March this year by Arco Publishing Company is available at (US) bookstores for \$8.95.

Flannery in Funtown

Al the Man, Summerside, PEI

We are not sure if the articles told it like it was for we didn't especially like the duck is a duck or some such that was carried in the Canadian Bridge Digest. We would never have ducked the trick. Out here, we would have ruffed it!

Let me tell it like how the game should be played. The following was played at the regular duplicate Bridge club in Charlottetown last fall. PEI's main industry being tourism generally means that we usually get a few tables of visitors.

Both vulnerable, North dealer.

	J1042		
	AQJ53		
	K		
	952		
Q5		876	
7642		108	
Q9876		10543	
AJ		KQ106	
	AK93		
	K9		
	AJ2		
	8743		
	Me		

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	2D*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3D	Pass	4S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

* Flannery showing 11-15 with 4 spades and 5 hearts. In this case, also a singleton and 3 clubs.

A pleasant couple sat down at our table towards the end of the evening. It was rather late and partner and I had been into the sauce a bit and there was this certain gleam in his eyes when he picked up his hand.

The 2D opening by partner was followed quickly by an "Alert" by me as is the custom according to the ACBL. Some eyebrows were raised by our opponents who appeared to hail from the Southern part of the US of

A. After East passed without comment, I bid 2NT duly alerted by partner. More raised eyebrows followed by a pass by West.

Partner then bid 3D (by agreement we show the singleton rather than the 3-card suit) and I again alerted. The little lady at West could take it no longer.

"What is all this 'alerting'?" she demanded.

Being bolder by now, I announced it was not her turn to ask but her partner's and that he should ask now about all these bids. I figured that without the explanations the defence would suffer, especially when I bid spades for the first time at the four level and when partner passed, they might double thinking we were bananas.

I explained that my partner's bidding showed precisely a 4-5-1-3 distribution and 11-15 HCP. She was quite annoyed for she thought my partner should have 22+ HCP and a bucket full of diamonds.

She was quite inconsolable until I made her a deal that when I make the final bid, I would tell her what to lead in order to beat the hand. I was somewhat apprehensive as partner simply drools when he picks up a Flannery distribution and could conceivably have anywhere from six to a zillion points.

When I bid 4S, she almost fell off her chair, looked at me in disbelief and said, "Well". "A club is your best chance," quaked I.

So, the Ace of clubs made the scene as dummy came down. Next came the Jack of clubs also winning followed by a heart. It was easy now as I ditched dummy's club on the Ace of diamonds and guessed to crash the Ace-King of trumps to make five.

West became most inconsolable moaning that people in spud island invented their own systems. She said she had never heard of such

bidding in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she lived all her life. The other day as I was browsing through the Bridge Encyclopedia, I happened to notice Flannery's name. He is from McKee's Rocks, Pa.!

Brij is a Four-Letter Word

by Jack King, Prince Edward Island

East-West vulnerable, South dealer.

<p>A6 K5 KQ106 108762 Partner</p>	<p>93 QJ7632 AJ43 4 108754 A1084 98 93</p>
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KQJ2
9
752
AKQJ5

The opponents arrived briskly at 3NT by South, after North had bid hearts. Partner kicked off with the diamond King lead which declarer won with the Ace in dummy, to lead a spade to the King and partner's Ace. The next few tricks came in quick succession, spade return to the Queen, a low diamond to the Jack as partner ducked, then a slew of clubs. When the clubs failed to break evenly, declarer cashed the fourth round and played the spade Jack and exited with the deuce. Partner did not see any problems, for he discarded first the five and then the King of Hearts!

I suddenly found myself in the position to win my fifth spade and the Ace of Hearts and having to surrender a trick to the heart Queen in dummy.

"Why did you discard the King of Hearts, partner?"

"Oh, I wanted to get out of the way," the sage one replied.

"#\$%*" (that is a four-letter word). I'll say.

Bridge to P.E.I.

by Jack King, Prince Edward Island

For those other Canadians not in the know, P.E.I., unlike Canada, is an Island that keeps Canada from falling into the Atlantic Ocean. There has been a lot of talk lately of a bridge to P.E.I., but at the table we threw away more bridges than we could remember.

<p>J83 107 QJ984 975</p>	<p>A10764 KQ92 A2 104 KQ95 AJ53 K73 82 2 864 1065 AKQJ63</p>
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West got off to the winning lead of the diamond Queen against South's contract of 3NT. Declarer ducked the lead and surveyed his combined assets without much pleasure for he had only eight tricks before the opponents would come to their own when they got in with the heart Ace. After winning the diamond Ace on the second round, with East unblocking the King, declarer started running the club suit, hoping that something might happen.

On the run of the clubs, East thought she was being squeezed in the major suits and foolishly discarded the three of diamonds, the bridge to her partner's hand! A somewhat surprised declarer gratefully wrapped up his game contract.

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THE FIFTH WORLD BRIDGE TEAM OLYMPIAD

MONTE CARLO, MONACO — MAY 9-22, 1976

by Eric Kokish

Dramatis Personae Canadensis

Open Team

Karen Allison-Bruce Gowdy
Franco Bandoni-Don Cowan
Sammy Kehela-Eric Murray
Baron Wolf Lebovic, NPC
Bill Crissey, COACH

Ladies Team

Sydney Isaacs-Marilyn Pearce
Dianna Gordon-Irene Hodgson
Francine Cimon-Sharyn Kokish
Peter Nagy, NPC

Prologue, Canada

Once upon a time in the east,
the Team Trials draw to a close.

Bill Crissey is chosen to captain the Ladies. Baron Wolf Lebovic is entrusted with direction of the Open Team.

Cimon-Kokish are selected to fill out the female army. Kehela-Murray finally learn who their teammates are to be.

The Ladies Team, a Toronto-Montreal blend of tradition, impulse and science, asks permission to enter the Grand National Teams in either Toronto or Montreal. This request seemingly is not important enough to attract much sympathy from ACBL and its two Canadian District Representatives, for no permission is granted. After all, a dreadful precedent might be established whereby once every four years, two potential "illegal" Canadian teams might be allowed to practice in an event designed to allow grass roots players the right to try out for the North American Team. Worse, said Canadian team(s) might do reasonably well and build up some confidence, morale and even experience and expertise (goodness, gracious).

Bill Crissey resigns his captaincy owing to time pressures, etc.

Candid Photos at Olympiad taken by CBF President Jack T. Murphy



[a] Director brings the boards to table. [b] Irene Hodgson poses before play starts against France. [c] Francine Cimon and kibitzer.



[d] Don Cowan still thinking about that last hand. [e] Bruce Gowdy takes time out to light his cigar. Well known Toronto player is the kibitzer. [f] Sharyn Kokish and team captain Peter Nagy. [g] Don Cowan chuckles at Bandoni's bid while opponents eye him suspiciously. [h] Karen Allison.

The Toronto Ladies, now without direction, enter their Grand Nationals and hold their own creditably.

Is this some sort of omen? The Open Team, a fortunately urban blend of tradition, toughness, pragmatism and cigar smoke, enters the Grand Nationals intact and eager. Unfortunately, one of the pairs shows up to play at a stage of the event too late to complete the required percentage of boards in this particular round. The sinning pair is disqualified before they can get their fingers oiled. No special permission is granted, etc.... Perhaps mildly disappointed, the other four survive this level of competition before succumbing. Once again justice is served.

Peter Nagy of Montreal is chosen as Crissey's successor.

The Montreal Ladies enter their own Grand Nationals and reach the District Final before bowing out.

The Ladies Team, back under close supervision, finally plays united at the Toronto Nationals. Despite indifferent results, their morale seems unbruised.

The Open Team requires a coach. Bill Crissey is reclaimed, having overcome time pressures, etc. Perhaps it is his charisma....

The Mayor of Montreal donates Olympic pins to the Canadian delegation and wishes everyone good luck in a rambling letter to President Murphy. Mr. Drapeau could use some luck himself.

The various planes leave. The die is cast.

The Drama, Monte Carlo

If the play's the thing, why should politics be such an important game in this corner of paradise? Taiwan is not officially recognized by France and consequently Monaco.

After some thirty hours of plane travel and red tape breaking, Taiwan's bridge team enters this tiny Principality with the spectre of deportation hanging over its head. On the official scoreboard, Taiwan is known as "R.O.C.K." and for the present at least, this anonymity must be considered welcome. Taiwan has minus 4 Victory Points after four matches.

There are 45 teams entered in the Open Series. Teams will play each other in short matches of 16 boards with 20 Victory Points (VP) to be won for a victory margin of 29 International Match Points (IMPS) or more. A team might lose as many as 5 VP for a fairly large margin of defeat. Boards are duplicated across the field to create the most equitable conditions.

21 Ladies teams have entered their own Olympiad. Boards are the same as the ones in the Open Series, but Ladies matches are twice as long - spanning two of the Open matches. 20 VP are obtained for a "blitz" also, but 58 IMPS are required.

There seems to be great concern for security. It is very difficult to obtain a pass for the so-called "Open Room" and initially spectators must be content with watching the Vu-Graph or clustering into one of two special "pits" where grandstands have been erected. Great fun for anyone crazy enough to have come thousands of miles believing they might be able to kibitz friends, relatives or idols on non-contending teams.

Canada's Open Team begins in-differently: Wins over Spain (17-3), Austria (13-7), and Jamaica (15-5); losses to Israel (6-14) and Japan (5-15). The Japanese loss is particularly painful as it is inflicted in part by a rather tiny girl who appears to be about fifteen years old. What is the world coming to? Don't these once-obscure bridge-playing countries know that they are expected to remain so? This is a

much-improved field compared with Miami in 1972.

The Ladies Team loses to Denmark (0-20). Opening night is rarely easy. Quickly they recover to conquer Greece (15-5) and Finland (18-2). Better.

The Indonesian team fails to appear for its 6th round match with South Africa in the Open Series. Some feel that is a coincidence that two players from different pairs are stricken ill and a third player is given the day off. Some don't. The World Bridge Federation (WBF) rules the match a default with the score 0-12 and accepts the obscure explanation offered by the Indonesian captain. The "ill" players are ordered to rest for an entire day to ensure their continued good health for the nonce. Will their sickness spread?

Round 6. Canada and Australia tie 10-10 on Vu-Graph. There is plenty of action.

Dir. E
Vul. None

Seres opens 4S!! and all pass.

Gowdy
94
AQ10
A96542
Q4

Smilde
A83
86
KQ873
765

Seres
KQJ1076
75
J
A1082

Allison
52
KJ9432
10
KJ93

Allison leads D10. Gowdy wins and tries HA. What should South play? She plays the deuce to confirm that she could ruff the diamond return. Gowdy thinks she should know he knows that she would know not to lead a doubleton on this auction with no trump entry. He

thinks her deuce of hearts means she can profit from a club return - the obvious switch from his point of view. He switches to the club Queen and Seres has time to build a diamond trick with the 8-7. Minus 420. No swing since Dick Cummings returns a diamond immediately against Murray and both hearts go away later. The fourth club could be ruffed in dummy after losing two tricks in that suit. Whose fault? You be the judge. Maybe it is Seres' fault for opening 4S.

Canada 20 - South Africa -2, Canada 14 - Hungary 6. A Hungarian player pulls a slow double on the same 6-5 hand that he has already advertised in the auction. Of course he is right. A protest is lodged and ultimately the Hungarian is vindicated. A glance at the hand records might convince the Appeals Committee to rule otherwise. The same double (slow or otherwise) is left in at nearly every table and the contract is of course, quite cold.

The Ladies bow to a tough American team 5-15. No shame.

Canada 12 - Iceland 8. 12 points for a Bye. Indonesia plays immaculately to earn a 12-8 victory Cowan holds xxx, xxx, xxxx, Jxx and hears 2C (Precision) on his left, double, redouble. Perhaps feeling that a pass would be for penalties, he bids his suit. This is doubled and costs 900 with no game on for his vulnerable opponents. Bandoni has a goodish 4-5-2-2 and thinks Cowan might have a longer suit. Bad luck or indiscretion?

Ladies 20 - Ireland -1. These same Irish ladies had crushed the USA by the same score in the first round. The Italian ladies have started slowly and have just defeated Great Britain 11-9 in a protest-filled match. Strange things are happening. No one seems to alert and system sheets are very obscure. Explanations are often incorrect and one is almost afraid to ask questions. Talk about hostile.

On a lighter note about systems. This notation appeared under "signalling" on an unnamed sheet - "high low means welcome". I suppose that's true....

Canada 16 - Morocco 4. Ladies 9 - South Africa 11. This is a hand from round 11. The Ladies play South Africa, the Open Team faces Indonesia.

Dlr. W
Vul. NS

AK9864

A3

54

K53

7

K10984

QJ102

984

J532

Q652

987

Q7

Q10

J7

AK63

AJ1062

<u>Cimon</u>	<u>Kokish</u>	<u>Bandoni</u>	<u>Cowan</u>
N	S	N	S
1S	2C	1S	2C
2S	3D	3S	4D
3H	3S	4H	<u>6S</u>
4C	4D		
<u>6C</u>			

Choose your contract and decide which auction you like better. Both declarers get the annoying heart lead. Bandoni plays two high trumps and has no play. Since Indonesia plays safely in game, 13 IMPs go away. 6C is cold with 3-2 breaks in both black suits since declarer can play off two high trumps and start on spades, discarding the heart loser while someone ruffs with the hypothetically outstanding trump Queen. Kokish makes her slam anyway. Playing off the two high trumps, a new plan emerges when the Queen drops. A 4-1 spade break would foil the suggested line and also an alternate choice of drawing trumps. Instead declarer ruffs a diamond, crosses to the SQ and finally draws the last trump. Only one loser can be discarded on dummy's spades, but then, this was not a Grand Slam. The

South Africans bid and make 6S when East chooses a diamond lead and declarer guesses clubs. So the Ladies lose 2 IMPs.

The schedules are getting easier for a while. So the Open Team loses to Yugoslavia 3-17. There's no form chart worth following, although the teams at the top have been consistent.

Now three victories in a row over moderate teams push Canada up to 9th place. It's time for a move now but the next few matches will be tough.

And the Ladies have moved into a tie for fourth place with 17-3 and 15-5 victories over Germany and Switzerland. Could this be magic?

The momentum that the Open Team needs will have to wait. Sweden and Switzerland mete out successive 19-1 punishments with impressive displays at Canada's expense.

When you're hot, you're hot. Sweden is standing second because of decisions like this one. What would you lead against 1H-P-4H from A10x, xx, K64, J8762? Obviously nothing is obvious. Murray chooses a most reasonable club. Morath for Sweden leads a diamond. Look at success, folks....

xxxx
KQxxx
Jxx
Q

Qxxx
x
Q10x
A10xxx

KJ
AJ10xx
Axxx
Kx

The Ladies beat Belgium 14-6 and take an impressive 12 points from their Bye. Meanwhile the Open Team conquers Iran 17-3 and splits two 11-9 decisions with the Bahamas and Ireland as they prepare for Italy, a team with vengeance in mind

following a loss to the USA in the Bermuda Bowl.

Curiously Murray-Kehela are sidelined against Italy. This would be only their second rest in 22 matches, but eyebrows are raised everywhere just the same. What's up? The "official" answer to inquiries about the inopportune absence of Canada's most acclaimed pair reads this way - "They- and Captain Lebovic- have been so pleased with the Team's recent performance that they feel a breather is justified in a strenuous 4-match day." Should Canada have to explain its reasons for fielding a given line-up? Why should this be anyone's business but the team's? Still, an answer to this effect might hold more credibility than a statement about the team's performance (39 out of 100 VP). And what of the match? It would be wonderful to write about an upset victory, but Canada loses 2-18. The match is far closer than the score would indicate. This board isn't enough....

Dlr. S
Vul. Both

Kxxxx
AK
xx
Q10xx

Q10x
xxx
AQJxx
Kx

Jx
x
K10xxx
Jxxxx

Axx
QJ10xxxx
x
Ax

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
<u>Garozzo</u>	<u>Allison</u>	<u>Franco</u>	<u>Gowdy</u>
1H	2D	2S	5D
5H	P	6H	All Pass

<u>Cowan</u>	<u>Vivaldi</u>	<u>Bandoni</u>	<u>Belladonna</u>
1H	P	1S	P
2H	P	3C	P
4H	All Pass		

Allison's vulnerable overcall is no thing of beauty but it bounces Garozzo-Franco into a no-play slam.

Vivaldi's conservative pass with the West cards is not typical of the Italian philosophy and Cowan-Bandoni have no problems. When in Rome....

The Open Team recovers to win four consecutive matches including an important 11-9 decision over contending Great Britain. The drive dies abruptly again when Poland hands Canada its worst defeat of the tournament, 20 to -5, in the 27th round.

In the Ladies event, Canada rolls up 14-6, 18-2, and 20 to -1 victories over Monaco, Australia, and Sweden and moves into third place. A medal is becoming a genuine possibility. Why, just today the Daily Bulletin acknowledges the existence of Canada's Ladies for the first time although they have been in the top five for many days running. What price glory?

The Open Team continues an up and down performance with an 11-9 win over the Bermuda Bowl winners - the US, a 10-10 tie with contending France, a 20 to -4 pasting over a strong German team and losses to the Netherlands (8-12), Greece (3-17), and Belgium (7-13). The real tournament is over for the Open Team. There will be no medal.

Here is a problem culled from Canada's 8-12 loss to Netherlands in round 33, were it not so fiendishly akin to "Bridge in the Menagerie" it would be well worth forgetting. Eric Murray holds at unfavourable vulnerability: 109874, Q, Q4, QJ1063. He hears: 1D - Double - 5D -? Perhaps it is his annoyance at being deprived of making a series of cue-bids with his shapely mountain that leads him to shout double; perhaps it is his suspicion that Kreijns (once World Olympiad Pairs Champion) wouldn't bid 5D if he thinks he might make it; more likely, he is trying to protect his potential vulnerable game that partner might not know about.... Whatever the reasons - Double it is! Suddenly it is back to Murray again.... this low-life *#* Kreijns has redoubled....

rather than risk a huge loss, Murray removes to 5S (maybe I'll make it, even). This causes the huge loss aforebefared when 5SX goes down 800 and 5DXX....oh yes, one down.

And this one from a post-crucial match....

J987x	
10x	
Jxx	
AQJ	
Kx	x
K8xx	Q9xx
Kx	Q109x
Kxxxx	xxxx
AQ10xx	
AJx	
Axxx	
x	

<u>Murray</u>		<u>Khehela</u>		
<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
		1S	P	
4S	All Pass			

An unknown West leads the unsupported diamond King on a blind auction. Since E-W are playing Rusinow leads (normally Q from KQx), Kehela ducks this trick but wins the next diamond. Playing on straightforward lines, he crosses to CA to finesse in spades. West falls from grace by leading the CK rather than his remaining trump. Kehela ruffs, crosses to dummy in trumps and leads the heart 10. The defense is helpless. East must cover to prevent a second finesse. Declarer wins, reenters dummy and discards his other small heart on a high club. Now a heart leaves West on play to concede a ruff-sluff. Pretty. Kehela concedes later that he could have made the hand legitimately by playing Ace and another spade after playing off the CA, since West will have no safe exit. This play is not as unlikely as it appears since West might not choose to lead a short suit with a void or small singleton trump.

Meanwhile the Ladies are meeting Great Britain in a crucial match. Some ego is involved since a member of the British Team has

spoken rather condescendingly about Canada's chances for a medal. This turns out to be a blood-and-guts struggle with some excellent bridge being played. It ends 10-10 and Britain remains ahead of Canada in the standings.

Incredibly, the girls tie their next two matches as well, against the Netherlands and Spain. Although they are still in contention, this streak of stand-offs does not help their chances. Both these teams play competently against Canada despite poor performances earlier in the week.

Over Cimon's 1D, a Spanish lady calls 2H. There is nothing on the system sheet to cover this, so Kokish enquires about the nature of the jump overcall. "Long hearts" replies L.H.O. "Thanks, but is it weak or strong?" "Yes" she says appropriately. Kokish gives up and the opponents remarkably work out what to do. There is rarely anything that will be done in this sort of situation. One wonders why North Americans should go to such lengths to explain their agreements when the European attitude seems to be hide as much as possible.

The Ladies' fortunes improve somewhat with a 14-6 win over Brazil and all will hinge on the last four matches.

Disaster! Israel plays well for possibly the third time in the tournament. The hands are dull and a slam swing goes the wrong way. The Ladies lose 9-11.

Worse, France has the better of some small swings and holds on for a 12-8 win. Both the USA and France slide past in the night and Canada slips to fifth.

There is some talk of the match with Mexico being cancelled. The two Mexican teams have been under pressure from their government to avoid a confrontation with South Africa and they both fail to appear for their first two matches of the

day. Remarkably, one of these two matches is against South Africa in each series. The WBF accepts explanations for their absence due to circumstances beyond their control and rules the matches forfeited. Sounds like a firing squad was waiting.

This ploy works so well that Morocco uses it to avoid meeting Israel. Of course, none of these defaulting teams are in contention so it is not easy to determine how much these lofty principles are really worth to them. Whatever it is that keeps Morocco from playing Israel keeps them from playing Britain as well and the English lose a chance to pick up their 20 VP at a crucial stage.

But first, Italy. The signoras are a virtual shoo-in for the Gold medal. They have lost only once, 12-8 to Australia early in the event. They have played a strange pattern of bridge en route to the top. Invariably they begin slowly often trailing at the half. Then the anchor pair - Bianchi and Valenti - are inserted in the second half and the team picks up 50 or 60 IMPs with ease. This seems to work for them, so Bianchi and Valenti do not start against Canada. Deliciously, the girls are plus 25 at the half. The second half looks OK but Italy picks back 18 IMPs to lose only 9-11. This nets Cimon 300 Franks from Lebovic, who rashly wagered that the girls wouldn't beat France, USA, or Italy. Lebovic can afford it because he's teaching the Israeli bodyguard how to play backgammon.

The finale is a 14-6 win against hapless Mexico, still alive but not so well. Canada is a solid fourth. No medal, but quite a fine performance. The girls won 12, lost 5, tied 3 and were blitzed only in the first round. Wait until 1980. Italy 1st, Great Britain 2nd, USA 3rd, Canada 4th.

There is still a day to go in the Open and Italy seems to be in

the driver's seat, but Brazil, Britain, Poland and Sweden all have some sort of shot. In the 44th round, Poland is blitzed and Sweden loses to Denmark 7-13. They are through. Great Britain's 14-6 win over the USA leaves some faint hope and Brazil and Italy win blitzes.

Canada meets Brazil in the final round while Italy plays against Greece and Britain meets Turkey. High drama, as in Miami in 1972.

What's this? Kehela-Murray are absent from the line-up again as they were against Italy in round 22? Garozzo is cursing, although he is out of line. The British, who lost 11-9 to Canada with Kehela-Murray playing, have more reason to gripe, but they seem to understand and they go out and win their match 17-3. They need a miracle to win but perhaps it will come... Italy loses against the Greek surge... the score is 3-17... Britain is shut out... and now it's up to Brazil to take 15 VP from Canada... will we be kingmakers?... you better believe it... -2 to 20... Brazil Brazil Brazil....

The victory is incredibly popular. Gabriel Chagas, Pedro Paulo Assumpcao, Gabino Cintra, Cristiano Fonseca, Pedro Branco, Sergio Barbosa are world champions.

Brazil 1st, 654 VP; Italy 2nd, 648; Great Britain 3rd, 646; Poland 4th, 621; Sweden 5th, 615; France 6th, 594; USA 7th, 584; Israel 8th, 566; Denmark 9th, 547; Switzerland 10th, 543; Germany 11th, 541; Belgium 12th, 530; Canada 13th, 529.

Post Mortem

Italy and Brazil met in the 12th round in one of the pits where spectators were welcome. In broad daylight, the director failed to verify the seating arrangements as requested by both captains who were not allowed in the closed room. Brazil destroyed the Italians at both tables only to learn that both

its pairs were North-South. The WBF would not schedule a replay and ruled the match a 12-12 tie. Only Italy could salvage a victory from a match in which they rated to be minus five. And from Britain's point of view these two teams - the only teams to finish ahead in the standings - between them got 4 VP more than the maximum (24 instead of 20)!

Before Fonseca sat down to play his last match against Canada, he made this statement: "When our match against Italy was washed out, I wanted to die. Cintra and I had enjoyed a good set - the kind of results you get against Garozzo only once in a lifetime... but if Italy should beat us, I shall say that we finished in our proper place. I'm sorry about one or two things that happened to Italy also."

Chagas added: "If we don't win today, we'll do a little better next time..."

To have traded places with these amiable young men as the last round was played out would have been the finest sort of wish-fulfillment... and Taiwan... a 15th place finish. Reputedly the players left the country with dignity - using their own names, having escaped the ignominy of "R.O.C.K." forever.

Epilogue

What of our heroes and heroines? Was our performance as disappointing or pleasing as it seems?... Would an impression or two leave Canadians with a better understanding of these two weeks of bridge and the events leading up to the Olympiad?

Don Cowan speaks his mind for all to hear....

Slam, B.A.M., Thank You Ma'am

Call your team:

B Bandoni-Cowan
A Allison-Gowdy
M Murray-Kehela

I'd like to do it again. The beauty of the sea and mountains, the stylish clothes, the topless sun bathers, Her Highness Princess Grace, even Omar Sharif....(but not our B.A.M.)

The practised skill of the cab-drivers, the Monte Carlo dealers, the other young bridge stars, and the elegant filles de joie...(but not our B.A.M.)

The generosity of our captain, our hosts (but not our opponents).. the affection and the respect shown by the natives, the visitors, the bridge reporters (but not our B.A.M.)

After spending many hours and dollars (trial card fees, lost income from work, etc.) to get to Monte Carlo, I am left feeling that a little more preparation (by the team with the CBF's help) would have paid big dividends.

An analysis will show that had we turned 4 or 5 matches around we could have been FIRST!

All B.A.M. pairs were more or less guilty of: (A) Poor slam bidding (B) Sloppy card play (C) Gross partnership misunderstandings (D) A general disrespectful and ever-hostile attitude to their teammates, their captain (and coach) and even their respective partners.

Perhaps Canada should:

- (A) Make the selection method less difficult for players geographically separated to form their most advantageous teams. (Does the USA expect all their players to be from California?)
- (B) Ensure that all pairs play with reasonably equal frequency (B pair played less than half the matches - yet averaged 12.6 VP compared to A-12.0 and M-12.1)
- (C) Ensure that team, captain and coach understand their duties and responsibilities, training schedules, financing obligations, etc. to reduce misconceptions

and alleviate certain needless worries.

- (D) Change the restricted trials format to 6 man (or fewer) teams or allow the winning team to choose their own third pair to increase harmonious relations within the team (take the Ladies team as an example of friendly attitude paying off with a performance well above everyone's expectations)... but not our B.A.M.

It was a privilege to have met so many skilled and talented bridge players from all over the world. Young Canada, start practicing hard right now if you want to beat them, and take me with you...I'd like to do it again.

The play has run its tangled course. Skills and human stories have paraded before the writer's eyes. The Critics will have their time now and probably later, too. Whatever comes later will be worse still. It is good to have lived through this meeting of the world, to have learned from watching and talking and being. It is over for your players and for all of Canada for another four years.

IMPs Anyone?

- Cameron Cameron

In the early thirties, Duncan Williams of New Westminster was an exciting top Canadian tennis player. He is now a bridge player and at a recent West Coast Sectional in a seven-board Swiss Team match, his team contracted for the same number of tricks, and made the same overtricks and defeats as its adversaries on all seven boards. He claimed a win for making 6NT on a hand that his opponents made 6 Hearts. Ah - back to Match Points.

Bridge Goes to the Armed Forces

Cameron Cameron,
Vancouver

The weather forecast at Cold Lake, Alberta, is sometimes listed amongst the coldest in Canada. The bridge players are certainly amongst the warmest.

The Northern Alberta unit covers a larger area, and their committee decided to gamble on holding one of their sections in a fringe area, one hundred and eighty miles northeast of Edmonton. It is believed to be the first sectional ever held on a Canadian Armed Forces Base.

The hospitality of the local committee of volunteers is absolutely tops. They arranged free tenting and camping space for the visitors. The Friday evening session featured a get-together with free beer and sandwiches, followed by a midnight game.

The highlight of the sectional is a free dinner between sessions of the open pairs on Saturday. A tradition where, in proper military fashion, toasts are offered and responded to at the conclusion of the dinner.

The unit, spearheaded by Doug Rosser, Bo Jensen and Bart Symons, left the local coordination to residents Pauline and Keith Andersen and Pat Heald. The first year, Base Commander, Colonel Gulyas presented the trophies and thanked everyone for coming, and then invited us all back again.

The word has been spread about the great fun and bridge at their sectional, as their attendance increased a whopping 87% over the previous year. A special charter bus from Edmonton and several Saskatchewan friends participated. The hosts open their mess halls and canteens for the visitors. Every year "Sam" bakes a special decorated cake for participating players. This year twenty medalions were given away and the recipients were made honorary citizens of the base. This community will be sponsoring a Cold Lake Day at the Klondike Regional and they needed the new citizens to spread the word about bridge with the emphasis on FUN!!!

See you at Cold Lake Day for real western hospitality.



BRIDGE CLUB SCENE [SEEN]

- Cameron Cameron,
Vancouver



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OPEN LINE

Dear Editor;

I have trouble with the take out doubles (well not me but partner).

A couple of days ago, sitting South, I held the following cards:
S.Kxx H.xxx D.xxx C.xxxx.

The Auction went as follows:

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

All Pass

Partner held both 5 card majors, a doubleton diamond and singleton club, Ace. Of course we made two hearts for bottom score, all other North South pairs played either in 2 hearts or spades making three with North the strong hand being the declarer.

After the game I took partner aside and questioned his 2nd TO double. I explained that my first pass after East one D bid indicated no preference in any suits and also indicated extreme weakness. If I had a four card or longer major I would have bid it at the one level after East's 1D bid. He, of course, disagreed with me stating that his two club bid was again for takeout and demands me to bid my strongest suit which was in this case spades. I reason that he should have bid 1 spade over the one club opening bid and then bid hearts etc. He couldn't see it. He says a takeout is stronger promising support in all other unbid suits, etc. and I should bid my longest and strongest suit etc.

Well I told him next time with a hand like mine I will pass his second TO double until he learns that after a bidding sequence like above he must declare his suit as I had not shown any suit preference at all with my pass after 1D call by East.

Do you agree with me in this situation? I'd like to show your response to partner. A newcomer to the game.

Gerry K.J. Beck
Edmonton

[Sorry, but I agree more with North. The intervening bid following North's takeout double removes the obligation on South to respond and a pass simply denies values saying nothing about suit lengths. North's second double gives a better description of his shape than a suit rebid which is usually a one-suiter. Perhaps a Two-Diamond cue bid by South on the second round would be most effective showing some value and support for either major.

- Readers comments would be appreciated. Ed]

BRIDGE HALL OF FAME

Viewpoint

Mr. Henry Smilie,
CBF Zone 6 Director

Re - Bridge Hall of Fame

Dear Mr. Smilie

Further to our conversation on April 23rd, 1976, the matter of establishing a Hall of Fame was also discussed with Phil Wood about one year ago and it was the feeling of those present then that it would be in keeping with the tremendous popularity of the sport. There are many in our local area who, for example, have been responsible for the development and growth of duplicate bridge and who should be rewarded for their untiring efforts. Also, there are those who have become superstars in the game.

The establishment of a Hall of Fame also serves as a bond between various forms of sport and lends dignity by those who are not actually involved, but are interested in the success of players in their neighbourhood, regardless of the sport in which they excel.

A Hall of Fame is a must for public relations, it will encourage younger people to become involved in the game; to have it taught in schools and colleges as part of the curriculum, as well as a cure for loneliness amongst the elderly and retired - in a word, recognition.

You agreed with me that in spite of the growing popularity of duplicate bridge, the general public is unaware of what is really going on. Don't you think that the time has come to broaden our horizons?

Sincerely,

J. G. Patterson, M.D.
Sooke, B.C.

Three-Card Majors in Competition

Erling Alstrup, Kingston, Ont.

I have read many articles about unusual happenings at the bridge table, and I think you may find this hand that came up at a club game recently of enough interest to publish in the 'Bridge Digest'.

Sitting east we have H.H., who is a fine player and not at all like the other H.H. we read about regularly in the A.C.B.L. Bulletin. South is dummy (C.B.), west A.A., and I (north) ended up being declarer in 4 spades.

Here are the 4 hands with the auction.

North
S.AK10
H.xx
D.Jxxx
C.Q10xx

West
Qxxx
Jx
xxx
xxxx

East
xxx
Q10xxxx
Ax
Ax

South
J9x
AKx
KQ10x
KJx

The auction:

W	N	E	S
		2H*	X
3H	3S(!)	P	4S(!)
P	P	P	

*weak.

The opening lead by H.H. is 4th highest heart.

Looking at dummy I am disappointed about one thing only, the 3 card spade suit, Jack high. However, the only way to make the hand is to find spades divided 4-3, with the Queen on-side and favourable play by defenders. So heart lead won in dummy, (low heart by west (a key play for declarer as

H.H. is now not sure of the location of the Jack of hearts), Jack of spades led from dummy, finessing against Queen, (Jack holds), lead of club King from dummy, east wins Ace, returning a club (remember where is the heart Jack?). Club won in dummy, two rounds of trump, playing diamond honour, H.H. takes Ace and now returns a heart. Dummy wins, minor suits are now played and A.A. can take trump trick but now only has minor suit cards to return. Thus 4 spades making.

Of course at all other tables N-S are in 3 NT, and this contract is defeated with south as declarer and west playing Jack of hearts as opening lead.

It is an undeserved bad board for E-W and perhaps also an undeserved good board for N-S.

Nevertheless, an interesting hand.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Edmonton team advances to the final in Salt Lake City in late July. Klondikers Dick Grant, Bob Crosby, Barry Pritchard, Hal Brend, and S. Viswanathan representing District 18 defeated teams from District 19 and 20 to win the ACBL Zone VII play-off in Seattle.

Runners up were District 19, the other Canadian - U.S. District of the ACBL who were also represented by a Canadian team. Vancouverites, Leo Steil, Doug Oram, John Hurdle (The Turtle), and Dennis Dohl (The Brute) had defeated 35 teams to represent District 19 and added Bruce Ferguson (Superstar) and Jim Donaldson to finish in second spot.

Let's hope our Klondikers find gold in Salt Lake City.

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