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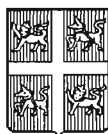
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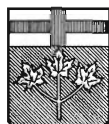
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Some players will have been surprised to see their names omitted from an article entitled "ACBL Summer Nationals, Salt Lake City" in the November Digest. An explanation is in order.

The League provides an invaluable service to bridge columnists by preparing and mailing daily bulletins from the three North American Championships held each year. It is natural for magazines containing news items to select those which are most recent. Well! I went too far, because in my attempt to report the 1976 Fall Nationals - which had not yet even started - I removed the 1974 Fall Nationals from my files.

The winning Canadians were culled from the results and the article submitted for printing was entitled "ACBL Fall Nationals, San Antonio". My attempt to be timely (futuristic?) had backfired - the results were two years late. Good news doesn't travel so fast.

League staff, knowing that the Digest would attempt to give the most recent results and being themselves unable to predict the performances of Canadians in the as-yet unplayed 1976 Fall Nationals, made a reasonable 'correction' to

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the title when they relabelled it "ACBL Summer Nationals, Salt Lake City".

I thank Max Blond for his amusing disclaimer (this issue) to any titles from Salt Lake City which initiated this investigation and apologize to those who wondered why their names were missing. Perhaps we'll predict you as winners for some future event!

*Bob Brooks*

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## Message from the President

- J. T. Murphy

In the last issue of the Canadian Bridge Digest an article appeared, entitled "Vice-President Resigns." The Editor has been given a free hand in selecting the articles to be published in the Digest but this magazine was never intended to be used as a platform or forum for personal vendettas.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, I wish to apologize to Mr. Al Lando for the innuendoes and accusations made by Mr. Smilie and published in the Digest. I regret Mr. Smilie's remarks because they do not reflect the opinion of the other Officers and Directors.

Mr. Lando as a Director and as Executive-Secretary of the Canadian Bridge Federation, was more dynamic and aggressive than anyone else who occupied that position. He was influential in gaining two Canadian A.C.B.L. Districts and for promoting, developing and fostering interest in the Canadian Bridge Federation as a body to govern bridge in Canada.

In our formative years, we imposed various duties on our Direct-

ors requiring them to spend more and more time on the management of C.B.F. affairs. Duties required of an Executive Secretary grew too onerous for anyone to accept voluntarily, and we favored a modest stipend for Mr. Lando. Mr. Smilie's remarks are an insult to the Directors (including myself) who served at that time and approved the stipend.

Mr. Lando may not have produced a Digest at specified times but we recognized that it was difficult for him to act as Executive Secretary and Editor. His successor had the same difficulty with the Digest. We are no longer asking our Directors to accept extra responsibilities without compensation—indeed we have gone outside the Directorate to hire a paid Executive Secretary.

In future years when a Hall of Fame is established for Canadian bridge players and bridge administrators, and a committee is appointed to select candidates, there is no doubt in my mind that when this committee seeks names of potential inductees, the name of Mr. Al Lando will probably be one of the first proposed in recognition of his remarkable contributions to the development of the Canadian Bridge Federation.

## The Kehela Convention

By Tim McPhail, Toronto Ont.

Bridge partnerships are very difficult to form. Bidding theory and defensive signalling are matters of individual style and two players from different backgrounds have a great deal to discuss before they can become effective. For the first few games they should probably keep things simple, playing only three conventions: Stayman, Blackwood, and Kehela.

You would like to play the Kehela Convention, but wonder where to mark it on the convention card, right? Is it a bidding or play convention? How often does it come up? Well, it is not that simple. The convention covers both bidding and play, and should be used on every hand. What more could you want?

Early in his bridge career, Sammy Kehela saw the need for a partnership agreement that would stop all the bickering and remonstrating so popular among bridge players. Harsh words exchanged in the heat of the battle tended to affect concentration and lead to bad results on subsequent hands. Surely there was some way two intelligent adults could avoid embarrassing squabbles and continue to enjoy their game after a disastrous result.

The solution was simple; no discussion of the hands during a session of play. When a hand was over, the result was scored and everyone could get on to the next case. This avoided the usual bouts of faulty analyzing, unsolicited lessons, rationalization of mistakes, and all the other futile efforts to apportion blame. Hands of interest which required partnership discussion were notated with a check mark, and were dealt with after the session ended. This required a certain effort on the players' part to remember the details; but if a player wasn't good enough to remember an interesting hand, he certainly wasn't good enough to be giving lessons at the table. It would seem that the players who find it necessary to argue a bridge problem as soon as it occurs are the ones who know least about what they are discussing.

How has the Kehela Convention worked under national and international playing conditions? The bridge results of Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela cannot be attributed solely to their use of the convention. However, they are one of the longest lasting world class partnerships, and their table manners and amiability make them popular wherever they play. Hopefully, more Canadian players will leave the partnership bickering to the American superstars and start playing the Kehela Convention. And when required to fill-in a General Approach on the A.C.B.L. Convention Card, the response will be "Friendly".

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## Joe Clark Gets Trumped

The following appeared in Jack Wasserman's column in a November issue of The Vancouver Sun:

"TYPE TOPICS - When Joe Clark finally gets here on January 24, his Canadian Club appearance will be switched from the Hotel Vancouver to the Hyatt Regency. The Vancouver has a bridge tournament scheduled at that time, so Clark got trumped."

Nice going Jack, we owe you one. The bridge tournament referred to is a Regional.

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## Recreation

Does anyone ever ask you why at bridge you "waste" your time? Do they point out worthy causes and objectives more sublime?

BUT:

We could sit in pubs and guzzle  
or over our neighbours business puzzle;  
We could watch TV until our eyes  
were red  
or of reputations leave not a shred;  
We could swap spouses (you've heard  
of that?)  
or read best "smellers" while our  
heads grew fat;  
We could shop and buy what we  
shouldn't ought  
or vegetate without thinking a thought.  
While we're playing the game and  
stretching our minds  
We're kept out of mischief of so  
many kinds!

[The above poem - attributed to Ruth Holland - is contained in the  
Saskatoon Bridge Club's Scrapbook]

## Disclaimer

Dear Bob:- (and Lynne)

I know that I'm unbeatable,  
That, no one can deny.  
I just can't lose, I repeatable  
You'll waste your time to try.  
So save your money, Kiddie  
Be careful and Beware!  
Cause I won at Salt Lake City  
When I wasn't even there!

Max Blond  
"He" of the "Blond Relay"

P.S. Thanks Lynne, but honestly,  
I wasn't there!

(Ladies prefer Blonds too! -  
Editor)

## ACBL Championships Salt Lake City

- by Lynne Brooks,  
North Vancouver, B.C.

Congratulations to the following  
players who achieved overall  
standings:

Alan Schwartz, Montreal, P.Q.  
D. Owen, Montreal, P.Q.  
Peter Nagy, Montreal, P.Q.  
Eric Kokish, Montreal, P.Q.  
Sharyn Kokish, Montreal, P.Q.  
Eric Murray, Toronto, Ont.  
Sammy Kehela, Toronto, Ont.  
David Lindop, Toronto, Ont.  
John Carruthers, Toronto, Ont.  
Arthur Norriss, Toronto, Ont.  
Dave Woods, Sarnia, Ont.  
J. Aceti, Sudbury, Ont.  
George Holy, Agincourt, Ont.  
Jim Hamilton, Wallingford, Ont.  
Niel Kowal, Winnipeg, Man.  
Ginny Kowal, Winnipeg, Man.  
Bill Gamble, Winnipeg, Man.  
Ron Black, Winnipeg, Man.  
Drew Cannell, Winnipeg, Man.  
M.B. Grower, Winnipeg, Man.  
Lex DeGroot, Winnipeg, Man.  
Angele Brundige, Regina, Sask.  
Ruth Parnall, Edmonton, Alta.  
H. Groenink, Edmonton, Alta.  
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Elizabeth Lee, Vancouver, B.C.  
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Mike Wilson, Vancouver, B.C.  
Allan Graves, Vancouver, B.C.

## ACBL Championships Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

by Lynne Brooks, North Vancouver, B.C.

Congratulations to the follow-  
ing players who achieved overall  
standings.

Sam Gold, Montreal, P.Q.  
Peter Hollander, Dorval, P.Q.  
Sharyn Kokish, Montreal, P.Q.  
Eric Kokish, Montreal, P.Q.  
Peter Nagy, Montreal, P.Q.  
Jon Robinson, Montreal, P.Q.  
Joseph Silver, Montreal, P.Q.  
Karen Allison, Downsview, Ont.  
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Mary Paul, Toronto, Ont.  
Duncan Phillips, Toronto, Ont.  
Sally Sipherd, Hamilton, Ont.  
Stan Tench, Ottawa, Ont.  
Lillian Vine, Hamilton, Ont.  
Jim Donaldson, Vancouver, B.C.  
Bruce Ferguson, Vancouver, B.C.

Extended also to the following  
section winners:

Barbara Saltsman, Montreal, P.Q.  
Eric Tobis, Montreal, P.Q.  
Grant Arden, Kingston, Ont.  
John Carruthers, Toronto, Ont.  
R.R. Cross, Port Colborne, Ont.  
David Lindop, Toronto, Ont.  
Doug McCorkell, Kingston, Ont.  
Abe Paul, Mississauga, Ont.  
A.F. Prittie, Port Colborne, Ont.  
Howard Tate, Toronto, Ont.  
Ruth Tate, Toronto, Ont.  
Jane Timms, Stratford, Ont.  
Wayne Timms, Stratford, Ont.  
S. Unger, Toronto

## Bridge Club Scene [Seen]

Cameron Cameron

Joy Keillor from the Kootenay unit is this issue's guest columnist. She is the local club director, bridge teacher and bridge confidant. Her story follows:

Before moving to Castlegar, B.C., I played duplicate for almost two years in Kelowna. I missed the sociability of bridge and was disappointed that there was no local club. After a few months I started playing in Nelson and the director, noting my enthusiasm, suggested that I start my own club.

I wrote the director's exams and applied to the ACBL for a club franchise and for supplies. Nearby directors were extremely helpful and I ran an ad "Duplicate Bridge - Interested?" with my phone number in the local newspaper. Twenty calls later proved there was an interest. The recreation office also

called so Night School bridge classes began as I had all the teaching supplies.

There were initial problems since the organization which had agreed to rent their premises increased the rent by 50%, added kitchen fees for my planned complimentary coffee and excluded use of their tables. With this setback, I anxiously called the finest local hotel and received superb cooperation. I now bought tables and opened the club in March 1975. The nearby clubs from Trail (20 miles one way), and Nelson (30 miles the other) supported the opening night for ten full tables. The seasoned out-of-towners tutored the novices and we presently have an attendance of 7 to 13 tables.

The experience was extremely satisfying and I recommend to anyone who lives in a community without a club, that they do themselves and others a favour by starting one. The gratitude of the players makes it worthwhile.

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## Dave Richmond Trophy

Bruce Ferguson of New Westminster, B.C., has captured the Dave Richmond Trophy, awarded annually to Canada's top masterpoint winner. Ferguson won 929 points, well ahead of second place B. Lagowski, Ottawa, who had 527.

Others on the ACBL's McKenney list were: Bob Donaldson, Burnaby, B.C. - 458; Lex DeGroot, Winnipeg - 437; David Lindop, Toronto - 433; Mark Molson, Montreal - 427; Bryan Maksymetz, Winnipeg - 396; E. Shepherd, Hamilton, Ont. - 388; G. Sekhar, Winnipeg - 378; Eric Kokish, Montreal - 371; S.C. Gupta, Calgary - 369; Laurence Betts, Vancouver - 361; Abe Paul, Mississauga, Ont. - 344; Peter Nagy, Montreal - 328; Mike Wilson, Vancouver - 321; J. Hurdle, Vancouver - 314; Dr. Adolph Feingold, Ottawa - 310; John Carruthers, Scarborough, Ont. - 305; Franco Bandoni, Toronto - 304; and Ed Bridson, Scarborough, Ont. - 303.



# Verdict!

by an arbiter

Club and tournament directors are often asked to rule on another director's ruling that was made at another game. Be very careful that you have all the facts and are not being led into a TRAP.

A perfect example is that I was recently asked if a penalty double required an alert. The natural reply was that a penalty double is a class A convention and therefore does not require an alert. TRAP!! I further clarified that any club could require an alert of a class A convention if they believe it to be in the best interests of their players. (Many clubs require that Gerber must be alerted.) This would have to be announced before every session. TRAP!! The clincher came when it was discovered that the penalty double was part of the Fishbein convention. In this sequence it was certainly a penalty double, but in this instance is not included in the definition of the penalty double as written in our publications. TRAP!! The penalty double requires an alert when used in conjunction with the Fishbein convention.

Another casual question was put to me regarding a pass. I inquired if it showed any specific values in high cards or distribution. This elicited a negative reply from the player. Why waste my time, no alert was required. TRAP!! It later came about that it was part of an ace-asking convention and the opposition had placed a sacrifice call at the five level. The call did not show HCP but did tell partner about an aceless hand. Generally most forcing-pass situations require an alert, especially if it denotes specific information to your partner other than you retain a rotten hand. Responses to DOPI, PODI, etc. require an alert even though the respondent passes.

The professional director avoids

giving an opinion on an "old ruling" unless all the persons involved are present. At sectional and higher ranked events we have a pattern to follow in handling appeals of directors ruling. It is advisable for club managers to follow the same procedure. To assist club directors, a tournament director will often listen to all the facts and state what he would have done in a specific situation. He normally does this only to confirm the original director's decision and to satisfy the players that justice has been done or in the interests of the game to enlighten a director who may have had a misinterpretation of the rules. It is a far superior course to solve these matters by a club committee of their peers at the time of the grievance.

Another club player wanted to know if it was legal for a franchised club to charge different entry fees for their games.

A club may charge anything they like as they are individually a private enterprise. Most clubs charge more at a charity game or club championship. It is reasonable that they may want to increase attendance on a slow night and have a special rate or free coffee. They can even have different rates for the same game and services in that they could offer students, novices, pensioners or single girls a discount. Please note that the price may not be increased to discourage certain elements but may be decreased to encourage certain fields. It is also known that some private clubs may not even charge their members on a per-game fee but, have it included in a yearly membership package that might include other activities.

We would like to share your problems. The DIGEST has access to professionals who can provide qualified answers to your inquiries. Please address your signed queries on rulings to "Verdict!" and include all the facts.



## Lifemaster?

by Anon, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Once every three years I get lucky enough to partner a Lifemaster. Just the other day such a chance arrived when a woman lifemaster, who is quite well known for her self-style knowledge of bidding, asked me to play in a Club Championship. Knowing that our skills were rather unequal I practised for the event by asking the better players for tips. I even read a book by Charlie something or other.

East-West vulnerable,  
South dealer.

	KQ975	
	7	
	A103	
	A876	
	Lifemaster	
842		A3
Q10654		J982
KJ42		Q985
4		J103
	J106	
	AK3	
	76	
	KQ952	
	Me	

Our bidding went like this:-

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1H	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	3S!	Pass	?

After the 3S rebid by partner, I was in the horns of a dilemma for I wasn't sure which would be best. I should let her play the hand in 3S or raise to 4S, even though the 3S bid was not 100% forcing in Standard American. But I had such good hearts - so I boldly ventured 3 NT and was suitably rewarded when West led a heart and I made six. This was a top board as other North-Souths were in 4S making six.

"Could I have bid more?" I managed to squeak out, not without an inner glow of having done the right thing.

"Couldn't you have raised spades and then I would have gone to the slam!" responded my lifemaster partner condescendingly. "You could have got us a bottom board if West had led a diamond, for then you would have made only 3NT."

"I'm sorry, partner, I didn't mean to do that," I replied, mentally vowing to do better next time.

North-South vulnerable,  
East dealer.

	76	
	5	
	AKJ9865	
	J43	
	Lifemaster	
A4		QJ95
AJ98742		1063
73		Q2
102		K965
	K10832	
	KQ	
	104	
	AQ87	
	Me	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		Pass	1S
4H	5D!	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On the heart lead and return, my partner was able to discard a spade loser on the heart King. She pulled a few rounds of trumps and tried the club Queen finesse. When the Queen won, she cashed the Club Ace and looked disappointed when the King did not fall. So she ended with a loser in each suit except trumps for down one.

I knew I had done her wrong by not having better spades for then she would have made the hand.

"I would have made my contract if the club King had come down," she sagely remarked, "or if you had better spades."

I was more determined than ever to do the right thing, for so far we had been getting on quite well and she had not spoken a harsh word



to me yet.

On this next hand I fell from favour when I doubled the opponents in 5C and they made the contract.

North-South vulnerable,  
East dealer.

	87	
	A10965	
	Q752	
	J4	
	Lifemaster	
9653		AQ
J		82
AJ93		1084
Q832		AK9765
	KJ1042	
	KQ743	
	K6	
	10	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		1C	X
Pass	1H	2C	2H
3C	3H	Pass	Pass
4C	Pass	Pass	4H!!
Pass	Pass	5C	X
Pass	Pass	Pass.	

When partner bid 3H, I almost raised her to game but was afraid that the opponents would take the non-vulnerable sacrifice of 5C. When West unsuspectingly competed to 4C, I took the push to 4H, but East was

not taken in for he knew that 5C could turn out to be a make and would not be expensive.

I led the heart King which held the trick and didn't like the key cards in the dummy, for my diamond King was vulnerable and there appeared to be no trump tricks or further heart tricks. After much soul-searching, I decided to lead a spade hoping to find partner with something in that suit. The spade switch did not meet with much success when declarer won with the Queen and proceeded to wrap up the contract doubled, losing only one more trick in diamonds.

"Very good, partner - lucky", said West. "You gave him the contract when you led the spade into the Ace-Queen. Don't you know never to lead away from a tenace! Too bad. We could have made 4H too."

I hung my head in shame for in my partner's eyes, I had let our side down. And North was a Lifemaster.

(Note: The real culprit was actually North for not overtaking the heart King with the Ace and returning a spade through declarer's Ace-Queen. But that would be too hard for Lifemaster North. Ed.)

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# Unit 181

by the Manitoba Correspondent

Winnipeg held its Regional Tournament last November. For the first time the table count topped one thousand and visitors accounted for all the major events! That's about the limit of the hospitality. Although Winnipeg boasts of tremendous convention facilities at the new Convention Centre, the first few days' events were held at the Holiday Inn.

Of all the 2000 Holiday Inns in North America, Winnipeg had the misfortune to pick one that didn't like bridge players. How else to explain the treatment otherwise. Coffee was once served without cream or sugar. There was a ration of one dirty ashtray per table. And the doors were locked every evening so that bleary-eyed bridge players could not get at the recap sheets. It was reported that some such players were found wandering along Portage Avenue trying to count trumps!

The Directors under the affable Phil Wood did a marvellous job under those trying conditions.

Manitoba claimed the Masters Pairs when a young pair of rising stars from Flin Flon beat out all comers and in doing so became Life-masters. Congratulations, Munsen and Ross. When asked by this reporter if they had any hands worth writing home about, they named this example in which they scored zero matchpoints.

North-South vulnerable:

	QKJ5	
	K6	
	7632	
	862	
109		8432
A2		1083
AK95		8
QJ753		AK1094
	A76	
	QJ9754	
	QJ104	
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This being the Masters' Pairs, our heroes climbed briskly to 4H where they were smitten down. Young John ruffed the club lead and led two rounds of trumps to the Ace. Another round of clubs punched declarer again and in the reality of time, the contract went down two.

This was the only hand in the 2-session event that John lost control but his partner didn't. Hence their success.

At the last Winnipeg Regional, the Bridge Personality made his debut. At that time his reputation was made. No partner was good enough for him so he pestered the Director. Phil Wood had to fill out a movement and a sweet young thing agreed to play. With Him. The next day Phil had to fill out the movement again and asked for a kibitzer to volunteer. The same sweet young thing volunteered provided she "did not have to play with the same character from yesterday".

The Bridge Personality held this hand in the Swiss Teams and opened with 5C!

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AKQ  
AKQ10965432

After he had taken all the tricks, the kindly old gentleman who had "agreed to play" with him simply remarked, "Perhaps the trumps might not break!"

The kindly old gentleman did not lose his temper when the B.P. called the Director six times in the first round, once against him even. They lost the match!

In the Swiss Teams, there was the story told about the pair who missed ten games in eight matches and in the process booted over 110 Imps and yet the Team won 6-1/2 matches to come in third overall. The pair was playing in 3H once when the opponents holding the same cards were in 6C! Third overall

was good for 19-1/2 gold points and one of the pair made Lifemaster in the process. Are you now the Master of Life, the Chinese philosopher wishes to know.

A pair of Lifemasters just discovered a way to combat their psyche when they played this hand against two LOLs.

None vulnerable, West dealer.

	10653	
	J874	
	9	
	K1073	
QJ		K9874
Q102		53
KJ87		10542
J962		Q4
	A2	
	AK96	
	AQ63	
	A85	

After two passes, LM East decided to psyche a 1H opening to which LOL South overcalled with 2NT. West thought they had 'em and doubled, expecting to double the runout in a minor suit. When East made the runout to 3D instead and doubled by South, it was discovered that the 2NT showed 21-22 HCP. Brother!

3S doubled did not fare very well!

This last hand has now got a name - the Billy K syndrome or Would you like another trophy, Clarence? Young Bill decided to psyche an opening 1H bid because it was against the number one seed. It is a

fallacy, tenaciously believed by many inexperienced players, that the only way to get a good board against good players is to psyche against them or do something silly. On the contrary.

East-West vulnerable.

	J942	
	87	
	Q543	
	973	
AQ875		103
K94		J10653
98		1076
1052		K84
	K6	
	AQ2	
	AKJ2	
	AQJ6	

In first position, Billy opened with 1H to which partner responded 4NT, Blackwood. Now this put young Bill in a quandry. He was between the devil and the deep blue sea, so to speak. On the one hand, he felt that if he passed the opponents would double or reach their vulnerable game, on the other hand, if he bid on the partnership might reach an unmakeable slam. Young Bill knows how to pass but at the table he showed no Aces! 5H played poorly to the merriment of the opponents. Bill's partner has not stopped calling him names since and sends in the hand to record for posterity. The number one seeded pair won the event.

Winnipeg is scheduled for another Regional this Fall and the organizers promised that all the events would be held in the Convention Centre! See you in November.

## Regina A.D.

by Gim Ong, Winnipeg, Manitoba

When they heard that I was writing a short piece on bridge in Regina, Art D'Entremont sent me a couple of hands and ten dollars and Art Dahl sent me two suitable hands and twenty dollars. I have to admit that I cannot be bribed, so in order to be totally impartial, I sent the ten dollars back to Art Dahl! There are other bridge players in Regina like Dick Anderson,

Gil Lafreniere, Peter Bazarsky, Tony Braun and Glen Moore, wherever he may be. You may send your contributions to me c/o the Bridge Digest!

Jokes aside, they have a friendly group of bridge players who take their bridge seriously. The Regina Duplicate Bridge Club runs bridge games on Monday afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at very spacious premises in the River Heights Shopping Centre. Partnerships are arranged by either Joan Lund or Claire Jones. Here is

an example of the type of bridge they play.

Both vulnerable, North dealer.

	1072	
	K103	
	A93	
	AJ96	
	Budding L.M.	
A84		J65
J7		9654
Q5		KJ1084
K108752		Q
	KQ93	
	AQ82	
	762	
	43	

The bidding took a lively turn when North tried his best not to play the hand:-

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1D!	Pass	1H
2C	Pass	Pass	2S
Pass	3H!	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The declarer ducked the lead of the diamond Queen and won the diamond continuation with dummy's Ace as he made a mental note to have a quiet talk on bidding with his partner. West won the spade King with his Ace and shot back the club five. The declarer was competent enough to hop up with the Ace, dropping East's lone Queen. The double finesse in clubs did not appeal as East would win to give a diamond ruff.

Two rounds of trumps were drawn with the Ace and King, on which West dropped the Jack. When the heart ten was played, West discarded a club thereby advertising his whole hand to be something like Ace-third, Jack-dub, Queen-dub and King-ten-sixth. Perhaps the spade Jack was right. The declarer returned a spade from dummy and finessed the nine. When it held, the last trump was played and the spades played.

The following are the card holdings around the table:-

	C.J9	
C.K10		D.104
	D.2	
	C.3	

A club from hand now scored the game-going trick with the club Jack on a stepping stone. Making 4H. Whew!

Regina's top player was put to the test when he held the East hand against Canada's best.

	KJ8	
	KJ82	
	Q83	
	762	
10632		AQ75
95		AQ63
762		J954
10853		A
		Regina A.D.

94  
1074  
AK10  
KQJ94  
No. 1

The auction had gone:-

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		1D	1NT (16-18?)
Pass	3NT (all pass)		

The diamond seven lead was won with the Queen and a low club returned to East's Ace, who returned another diamond to declarer's King. When the heart ten was led for a finesse, East decided to play to the gallery by winning with his Ace. The diamond return knocked out the Ace, and declarer ran the clubs coming to this position:-

	S.K	
	H.KJ8	
S.1063		S.AQ
H.9		H.Q
		D.4
	S.98	
	H.74	

Canada's best led a heart and finessed with the Jack to lose to the Queen, going down two. Zero matchpoints.

"Twenty kibitzers didn't come

to see me misdefend," quietly murmured East, while North's usual vituperation hit an all-time high. Canada's best quickly faded away.

The last offering came from a rubber bridge game for stakes.

94  
83  
AKQJ864  
K5

QJ763 1082  
K5 AQ1072  
5 1073  
Q10764 93

AK5  
J964  
92  
AJ82

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The auction went true to form:-

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

The final contract could have gone down but we could not fault West for not leading a heart. He led a diamond to dummy's Ace and declarer made the far-sighted play of the spade nine to his Ace. Now the diamonds were run, followed by the King of clubs. West came under some pressure and had to sluff his hearts in order to guard the black suits.

S.4  
H.83  
D.4  
C.5

S.QJ6	S.82
C.Q10	H.AQ2
S.K5	
H.J	
C.AJ	

When the diamond four was led, East discarded the heart deuce while declarer dumped the heart Jack. West lost his chance when he threw the spade six. Now A.D. needed no more help. He played the spade King followed by the spade five to West's Queen for a club return to the Ace-Jack and his contract.

Regina A.D. didn't need the cheers from the lone kibitzer to tell him he had done well. He laughed all the way to the bank!

If Art Dahl is reading this article, I hope it doesn't get to his head for the title Regina A.D. only means Regina After D'Entremont! Keep trying!

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## A Touch of Italian

by A. David Mowat, Winnipeg

Somehow as if in a daze, we could hear the Director announce our team to be still with a clear record after the sixth round. Us, and G. Belladonna as invisible non-playing captain, at least that's what was written on the entry sheet. Were the directors' faces red when Cam Cameron announced the leaders. "Will the real Belladonna please stand up?"

All this happened at the Regina Sectional last October. The visitors only had good things to say about the tournament. Believe me, they have the nicest people in Regina. The committee under the chairmanship of Art Dahl and his group of hard workers like Claire Jones, Joan King and others, did a wonderful job. We shall be back.

That little Italian did us in for our team did not win. We lost a match when one of our members forgot that he was playing Roman 2D openings and opened his Flannery hand with the Roman bid. He could not recover when partner drove to a slam in clubs down four.

Then this hand came on the last round.

Both vulnerable, West dealer.

64	
KJ75	
KJ83	
K52	
102	KJ93
AQ8643	109
Q4	A10952
984	76
	AQ875
	2
	76
	AQJ103

At the other table, our guys with the East-West hands were doubled in 2H going down two for minus 500. At our table, this was our auction:-

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

Perhaps the bidding required some explanations. West opened with the weak 2H bid and when the bidding got round to South, he came in with a 2NT bid! The partnership was playing Italian defences against weak two bids and 2NT announced a takeout. North now went into communication with himself and came out with the raise to game. Poor South did not know what to do when North forgot to alert the 2NT bid as takeout. He thought North had forgotten they were playing Italian and he could not leave the bid at notrumps when the opponents might take the first six heart tricks. And on the singleton heart deuce yet.

What was South to do in this dilemma? In the meantime, North had not forgotten that the 2NT was for takeout. He had taken so long that when he realized it, he felt it was unethical to correct the situation. He had hoped that when he bid 3NT, partner would pass and thus the best contract would be reached. Alas, partner did not pass, he solved his dilemma by bidding the next cheaper game. Down one. And minus 12 Imps and the match. And the trophy. And the poor Italian. Mia Madre!

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230	Acadian	602	(4.4)	517	85	151	124	90	91	34	27
		<u>1,343</u>	(.6)								
151	Montreal	2,011	.4	1,687	334	601	327	248	221	96	184
152	Quebec	308	(4.6)	257	63	87	63	34	27	9	25
192	E. Ontario	1,192	.8	1,021	140	363	206	140	159	69	115
199	Saguenay BA	330	.3	262	58	69	55	47	68	15	18
		<u>3,841</u>	.1								
166	Ontario	4,732	1.8	4,052	657	1,424	818	613	592	205	423
		<u>4,732</u>	1.8								
181	Manitoba	624	(.5)	526	71	203	99	70	76	37	68
212	Soo Int BA	195	(9.3)	163	11	50	30	19	49	16	20
228	N.Wn Ontario	190	(7.8)	165	12	30	24	39	43	21	21
238	Quonta BA	400	(5.9)	336	46	123	76	67	47	18	23
		<u>1,409</u>	(4.3)								
390	Calgary	591	2.6	477	74	176	90	83	74	31	63
391	Northern Alta.	594	3.3	490	73	143	102	97	92	27	60
392	Lethbridge	158	6.0	126	12	40	20	16	39	7	24
393	Med. Hat	44	(8.3)	38	2	14	4	13	7	2	2
573	S. Sask.	397	4.5	325	47	125	70	48	63	16	28
575	N. Sask.	405	.7	333	40	111	78	62	47	20	47
		<u>2,189</u>	2.8								
429	Parksville	307	(5.2)	258	58	109	48	36	36	12	8
430	Vancouver	1,421	(4.9)	1,189	207	401	248	185	158	74	148
431	Victoria	330	2.8	277	45	69	53	51	44	28	40
456	Quesnel	195	5.4	165	33	52	39	25	21	8	17
571	Okanagan	403	7.2	331	69	116	63	63	57	17	18
574	Kootenay	241	3.9	194	23	76	53	38	37	8	6
		<u>2,897</u>	(1.2)								
	TOTALS	16,411		13,833	2,263	4,701	2,813	2,189	2,162	830	1,453
	GROWTH %	.2	.2	1.13	(16.7)	(1.9)	2.7	6.1	8.4	10.4	10.5



## The Dream Team

by Al Hackett, P.E.I.

I arrived at a bridge tournament by mistake when I should be flying (that's what my partners say about my bridge too) and was immediately accosted by a VYO (Very Young Octogenarian). Her problem was that her team-of-four badly needed a fourth. Being true to my boy scout upbringing, I couldn't resist little old ladies in distress and followed my new found friend to her cohorts, who were her two older sisters.

I knew I was in for some action when, in reply to my question, my partner mentioned that although she was not sure what Standard American or American Standard was, she played most things. I was told not to worry but just to keep on bidding until someone decided to stop or until we were doubled.

We finished the first session with a 0-4 record mainly due to the Directors fixing the game and playing us against better teams. When the second session started we found ourselves in the Jungle - being the name applied to the players who have not secured a win. As the name implied so was the calibre of bridge.

After seven of the eight rounds had been played we still had not managed a win. I wonder why. Partner consoled me that winning was not important as long as we were having fun. So with this veritable pearl of wisdom we started the last match

against a team from the woodworks with a score the same as ours. This match was referred to as the Battle of the Giants.

We were holding our own and actually were in front when this hand turned up:-

	QJ9765	
	104	
	1093	
	65	
10		---
AQ9		J7632
AQ754		K862
QJ103		K742
Partner		Al
	AK8432	
	K85	
	J	
	A98	

At our table this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
			1S
X	3S	4H	4S
X	Pass	Pass	Pass

Partner led the heart Ace and before the smoke had cleared we had 790 scored against us. It could be argued that we were unlucky that partner led the only suit that would allow the contract to make. The little old dear explained afterwards that she could not resist playing the heart. It was all a matter of temperament.

At our table, our opponents reached 6H which seemed certain to fail. But this was not the case for they had a ringer for declarer. He ruffed the spade and finessed hearts successfully. He reached his hand with the diamond King and led the heart Jack to coup the ten. The only trick our partners got was the club Ace.

We lost the match.

You may well ask why I call it the Dream Team. I have dreamt about that day for months! Unfortunately for us, there were no prizes for last place overall but this Boy Scout sure has done his good deed for many moons to come!

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## Thunder Bay, Manitoba

by Gim Ong, Winnipeg, Manitoba

(A tale of a Manitoban on a visit to Thunder Bay)

There is actually such a place called Thunder Bay in Canada, where friendly bridge players reside. You will find Don Henry, Casey Kozak, Mrs. Helen Shields, Bill Nielin, Keith Heckley and others.

The Thunder Bay Bridge Club holds duplicate bridge every Tuesday and Friday evenings at the Lakehead Labour Centre. The location is rather handy as it is next door to the local watering hole, which fact was cruelly withheld from me until the game was well underway.

So I found myself playing with Don Henry when this first hand turned up.

AQJ9875

AK

Q96

J

K

932

J1032

K9853

632

Q1087

A54

1074

104

J654

K87

AQ62

Don Henry

After I had opened 1S with the North hand, Don ended up in 6NT after West had stuck in an unusual NT bid. (Now they tell me that every time the opponents bid an unusual NT on him, Don invariably ends up in a slam. The sky's the limit.)

This was how Don played the hand. The club lead was won with the singleton Jack and the spade Ace played fortuitously dropping the singleton King. Don cashed all the spades and the heart Ace to come to this position:

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K
Q96
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J10
K9
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Q10
A5
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Don had no problems - he led the diamond Queen from dummy, hoping to establish an entry to hand for the club Ace, but East ducked! Now a second diamond put East in for the forced heart return and the good diamond trick in dummy. Making 6NT. Very good.

"Yes," echoed Don, "got to guess for the diamond Ace."

"Eh, Don, why not just give up the diamond Ace when the spade King dropped for the spade ten is now an entry to hand for the club Ace?"

"Oh, yeah, didn't think of that. This is better."

Later on we came up against Mr. Bridge personality in T.B.

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J10
4
AQ9753
Q865
Q932
10952
K2
943
86
J873
1084
AKJ10
AK754
AKQ6
J6
72
Me

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Our auction using Precision Club was:-

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

We had to explain the bidding as Bill Nielin sitting West was carrying on in his usual way. The 1C opening by me showed 16 points or more and the 2D response showed at least five diamonds and over eight points. The rest of the auction was natural till we reached 3NT.

"What's all this new-fangled bidding system you got?"

Then Bill led the club Jack! With nothing to guide me except the constant patter from West, I ducked to my chagrin. Bill continued with

the ten and I again ducked! Now Bill brought out his big guns and won two more tricks with the club King and Ace. I still had to lose to the diamond King to go down one in a cold contract.

"Down one is no disgrace," Bill sagely intoned as he left our table, thereby forever earning a place in my heart. Oh, what a tangled web we weave. Down one!

They tell me T.B. is simply the place to be at and I don't doubt them one bit.

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### The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge

Robin Wigdor, Toronto

The third edition of the official encyclopedia, authorized by the American Contract Bridge League and prepared by its editorial staff, has just been published. This edition was edited by Amalya L. Kearsse, and it's been substantially revised and expanded.

The encyclopedia is divided into four sections: general information, biographies, tournament results, and a bibliography.

Stretching from "ABA", the initials of the American Bridge Association, to the definition of a "zonal chairmanship", the general information section spans a full 579 pages. Information included is technical (bidding and play), historical, procedural, (tournament organizations and laws), geographical, and terminological. Some entries I've picked more or less at random: Barbados Bridge League; Deception, Mathematics of; Ethics and Conduct (which is followed immediately by Etiquette); Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge; Pseudo Elimination Play; and Units of the ACBL (there were 324 in 1975).

The second section gives brief biographical sketches of leading bridge personalities. The primary focus is on North American players, but a substantial number of international luminaries are included. This section stretches from page 580 to page 736, and information

about each person's bridge record is supplemented by, at the very least, his home and profession.

The tournament results section is divided into three parts. The first lists the winners of North American championships. These include the three national championships, the Grand Nationals, and continent wide and inter-collegiate championships. The second part lists the winners of ACBL regionals, etc., while the third lists winners of international championships. This takes us up to page 848.

The final section is a bibliography of bridge books, or more properly, 13 individual bibliographies divided into such sub-headings as History, Bidding and Play, Hand Collections and Mathematics. Each entry includes the author, title, publisher, pages and dates. Books that have made a major contribution to the technical development of the game are flagged, as are titles recommended for inclusion in "a modern technical bridge library". The last page of this section, and of the official encyclopedia, is 858.

The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, at \$15.95, is available from a number of suppliers, including the American Contract Bridge League. Good value.

[If there is any flaw in the Encyclopedia it is the omission of Bibliography, O (Magazines). This reference book deserves a place in every duplicate player's library - Editor]

## Musings

- John Cunningham, Toronto

Most of the readers of the ACBL Bulletin will be familiar with the excellent Bols Bridge Tip Series of Articles. It's a competition, by invitation only, in which certain bridge personalities expound on some favourite facet of the game. I understand we can look forward to an article by Eric Murray this year. I, of course, have been awaiting the call for some time, although not sure I would like to see my name in association with an alcoholic beverage.

In the meantime, permit me to submit my unsponsored tip of the week: Sometimes it's right to play an arbitrary card.

This thought first occurred to me upon reading an article of Terence Reese's from "Ungraduate Days" in which he told of casually inducing a miscount by playing a carefree CQ. Perhaps the popular Kingsmill principle of playing the card nearest the index finger should be looked into more carefully.

Anyway I was reminded of this important axiom of card play when shown a hand Tim McPhail encountered in a recent rubber bridge game.

At love all, Tim (South) was dealt: S.x H.Qxxx D.x C.KQ987xx. Dealer opened 1D, partner passed, RHO called 1S. Never one to pussy-foot around, Tim bid 4C. The full auction was as follows:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1D	P	1S	4C
P	P	4S	P
P	5C	Dbl	All Pass

The lead was the DK followed by SQ. Dummy: A10xx, AJ10, J10xx, Jx.

To make the contract, HK has to be right which would probably place the CA with East. It may be single what with all those spades, so to avoid any spade upper cuts,

Tim led a small club off dummy. East played the 10, declarer's K holding the trick.

So now we can project the hand along trump squeeze lines to the following ending.

<u>S</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>C</u>
-	A	J	-
	J	10	
-	Q	-	x
	x		
	x		

West had borne down to either Kxx, A or Kx, Ax and declarer would play accordingly after leading a heart to the Jack, and sometimes go wrong.

Tim found a better line. After the fall of the C10 he proceeded on the assumption that the Ace was now bare and it was safe to disregard trump. A heart finesse, spade ruff, heart finesse, Ace of hearts. So he wouldn't have to guess the end position, for if East were to cut down the Ace of hearts, surely it would be with the now bare Ace of clubs and nothing could prevent the ruff of the heart Queen in dummy which brings me back to the random card. Suppose East holds A10x of clubs, and doubleton heart, no confidence in partner's clubs. Tim would now be two down against his trump squeeze. That's something to think about. So again, my drinker's tip is this: Give an imaginative declarer some work to do; sometimes it's right to play any old card.

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## Kayoed

by Keith Aipotu, Winnipeg

"Tell us it's not all just a dream. Did our team actually reach the quarter finals of the Knockout Teams at the Winnipeg Regional," asked one of our team members. Our team, with a team captain whose name few could pronounce, is actually creating history. Not only have we reached the Quarter Finals but we are also up 39 Imps against the number one seeded team of Clarence Goppert, Ron Anderson, Hugh McLean,

Mark Lair and Bruce Ferguson. And there are only thirteen boards to go!

Our team, whose total master point count is less than the number won by each of the other teams in any one year, is actually beating them! We could feel the whole room behind us for who in their right mind would not like to see the 'hog' and the 'dog' get beat! Maybe next year we'll even go on the tournament trail and play professionally. Yes, next year.

We lost a bushel of points on this hand even though the same contract was doubled at both tables.

	AQ976	
	Q97	
	--	
	109843	
1032		KJ84
3		A82
AKQ109864		73
7		Q652
	5	
	KJ10654	
	J52	
	AKJ	

Our West player at the other table thought he was playing with a pinocle deck and not only miscounted points, miscounted suits to go down in his contract of 5D doubled.

At our table, I conspired to give them their contract of 5D doubled. I led the heart seven to the Ace and the declarer drew a few rounds of trumps. Somehow or other I thought it a good idea to 'tell' partner I had the spade suit under control and discarded the spade nine! This had dire consequences (my partner now would not talk to me except to call me names) and left the declarer with a finessing position in spades when all his spots are equals. Partner tried valiantly to mislead the declarer by winning the first round of clubs with his

Ace, but to no avail. I am con-signed forever to the piscatory breed!

Then came this hand. Let you be the judge.

North-South vulnerable,  
South dealer.

	A106	
	8652	
	AQ	
	A872	
854		QJ973
K3		A1074
9873		2
K1043		J65
	K2	
	QJ9	
	KJ10654	
	Q9	

The other North-South had no difficulty in bidding to and making 3NT. At our table this was our auction:-

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
			1D
Pass	1H	1S	2D!
2S	2NT	3S	Pass
Pass	? *		

\* = hesitation.

I did hesitate for I could not make up my mind whether to bid 3NT or to double the non-vulnerable opponents. In the meantime, the rounded 'hog' was grunting and shouting for the director, to have his rights protected. This ruckus seemed to create the desired effect for after all was quiet I found myself yet to bid. Of course, I bid 4D having completely forgotten what had transpired. Another 12 Imps away.

We lost the match by five. And all in one day, I am the only person who had undergone a mutation from a mammal to a fish and then to a bird. Cock-a-doodle do!

# Sunday Night Memoirs

Peter Hollander, Montreal, Quebec

With sincere appreciation to Miss Maxianne Berger whose inspirational play made possible this article.

My story begins one dreary November day several years ago during a sectional tournament in a downtown Montreal hotel. I had, as usual, barely eluded all attempts to recruit me on to a Swiss team. The afternoon's ultimate match was just concluding when I chanced upon Joey Silver. "What are you doing tonight?" he inquired. "No team, please!", I groaned. He assured me that was not his idea but that Maxianne was searching for a side game partner. This was more my speed so I accepted happily.

When I returned from dinner Maxianne greeted me with a demure smile, an entry and a completed convention card. "Joey said it would be easiest if we play what I know", she said boldly. A cursory perusal of the card revealed nothing unpalatable, so we were ready to take on the denizens of the Sunday evening side game.

The very first deal demonstrated our awesome bidding prowess and Max excelled as declarer.

	North (Me)	
	S. AQ9x	
	H. A10xx	
	D. xx	
	C. Axx	
West		East
S. xx		S. Jxxx
H. Q98x		H. x
D. A10xx		D. Jxxx
C. Jxx		C. Qxxx

South (Max)  
S. K10x  
H. KJxx  
D. KQx  
C. K10x

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1C	P	3NT
P	4NT (1)	P	6NT (2)
P	P	P	

- (1) ?  
(2) All those aces!

West led a heart won by the Jack and Max now craftily played a heart to the ten as East threw a club. A heart to the King and then to the Ace got East to pitch two diamonds. Now came a diamond to the Queen and the Ace. West, not content with blowing the heart suit, shifted to a spade and Max claimed twelve tricks. The opponents folded their cards. "Hold it, Max", I cautioned, "You should play it out". Apparently I alone could count to eleven tricks. Everyone was adamant that the slam was in so I gave up. When the opponents had departed Max gave me an inquisitive look. "Did I make that?" she asked innocently. "It would seem so", I replied.

Several unmemorable rounds later Max gave the table a sound lesson in point count bidding technique. We were vulnerable.

North (Me)

S. x  
H. Jxx  
D. Qxxx  
C. Kxxxx

West

S. AJ  
H. A10x  
D. KJxxx  
C. QJx

East

S. xx  
H. xxxx  
D. A10x  
C. A10xx

South (Max)

S. KQ109xxxx  
H. KQx  
D. x  
C. x

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	P	P	P!
1D	P	1H	1S
1NT	P	P	2S
P	P	3C	3S
Dble	P	P	P

Even after I laid out my meagre holding, Max seemed happy. The result was +730. She had not opened due to a lack of high card values. Another triumph for the point counters.

Max subsequently proved to be also a formidable defender. She held S. xxx H. xx D. xx C. KQ10987 as South and she listened intently to the auction.

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
1H	P	1S	P
2D	P	3D	P
3NT	P	P	P

Max decided it was right to try a club so she led the club nine!  
The full layout:

		West			
		S. AKQxx			
		H. xx			
		D. Q10x			
		C. Jxx			
South (Max)				North (Me)	
S. xxx				S. 10xx	
H. xx				H. QJ10x	
D. xx				D. Axx	
C. KQ109xx				C. xxx	
		East			
		S. Jx			
		H. AKxxx			
		D. KJxxx			
		C. A			

Poor East struggled desperately but had only eight tricks.

We did, of course, have our share of bad scores but the last ten hands of the evening saw the opponents go set ten times. Each contract had no play whatsoever. We won the side game easily. Max proudly showed Joey her trophy. Joey had a good chuckle. I had indigestion!

## Bridge to P.E.I.

by Jack King, P.E.I.

Changing Fortunes

Both vulnerable, Rubber bridge.

	95	
	KJ10942	
	AQJ83	
	---	
Q4		862
8753		AQ
764		K9
10872		AQJ954
		Me
	AKJ1073	
	6	
	1052	
	K63	
	Marc	

In our regular rubber bridge game with the Mark (he spells his name Marc, but we know better), the bidding on the above hand had gone:-

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1H	2C	2S
Pass	3D	Pass	4S
Pass	6S!	X	XX
Pass	Pass	Pass	

It was perhaps unfair for no one had remembered to warn North, a newcomer to the group, of the dire consequences of leaping the bidding with Marc. I doubled knowing that Marc would surely redouble and that partner would lead a club, which I would win and cash the heart Ace for down one.

Partner, the poor fish, imagined my double to be Lightner asking for dummy's first bid suit and he swiftly led the heart eight to dummy's Jack and my Queen. Perhaps this would be the hand when the mark would get his own back for all the iniquities of the past. Perhaps, just perhaps, the mark would make a redoubled contract. Perish the thought.

He won my spade return and led a low club, ruffing in dummy. A low heart was ruffed back to hand, dropping my Ace. At this point, the hand is frigid but Marc was blissfully unaware of the changing fortunes of the effect of his next play. Instead of pulling trumps and claiming the contract, Marc took the losing diamond finesse which I won. I was not loathe to cash my club Ace for a second undertrick.

This translated to a round 1000 points for the good guys to leave the mark's record intact.

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## What's Trumps

by Betty Poo, Winnipeg

### A Little Knowledge...

The following hand turned up at the very successful Winnipeg Regional recently from which partner has not stopped laughing yet.

North-South vulnerable, South dealer.

	7652	
	862	
	8732	
	Q10	
108		943
K104		953
A95		QJ4
A9752		K864
		Me
	AKQJ	
	AQJ7	
	K106	
	J3	

The brash young man sitting South opened the bidding with a 21-22 high card point 2NT bid and bought the contract when all passed. Partner

led the club five and the wheels began to turn. What's that rule of eleven again? So the declarer owns only one card higher than the five, as I could see five other cards in my hand and dummy. Now the declarer must have the Ace as otherwise he would not have all four suits stopped for his 2NT opening.

Thus when the ten was called from dummy, I smoothly followed with the six, a mild encouragement to partner. The declarer must have been somewhat surprised to see the ten win the trick, but he displayed no emotions and finessed with the heart Queen to partner's King. Partner persisted with the club deuce and when the Queen was called, I ducked again expecting to see the Ace drop. Oops!

How could anyone bid 2NT with no stoppers in clubs! The contract made and with an overtrick. Now, our opponents have a story to tell. "Did you hear of the two little old ladies who thought that Q-10 facing J-3 constitutes two stoppers in no trump. It took two tricks."

## Face Down Leads Would Help

- Paul Brown, Mallorytown, Ontario

The following happened to my partner Harry Dikland and myself during the Open Pairs at the Summer Sectional in Brockville, Ontario.

	S. ----	
	H. Qx	
	D. AKQJ108765	
	C. Kx	
S. QJxx		S. xx
H. AKxx		H. xxx
D. ----		D. 943
C. Axxxx		C. QJxxx
	S. AK10xxxx	
	H. J10xxx	
	D. 2	
	C. x	

E-W vulnerable, dealer North.

Bidding proceeds:

West	North	East	South
	Pass!	P	4D*
P	5D	P	5S**
Double	6D	P	P
P??			

\* South African Transfer to spade game.

\*\* Partner, you must be confused! I don't have this suit.

Now, the fun begins. East, confused by strong bidding of 5 and 6 diamonds, lays a small heart on the table. South lays down the diamond 2, whereupon North calls for the director. Harry unfortunately learns (to his utter amazement) that he has contracted to take 12 tricks with diamonds as trumps. He looks at his sickly arrangement in the heart suit, and, after his options are explained, demands that West now lead something other than hearts. The rest of the story is old hat. Ace-other club. Second club ruffed in hand. Play A-K of spades, pitching two hearts from dummy. Nine diamonds look after the remainder.

I heard East exclaim, as he left the table, "If only I hadn't led a heart.... if only I'd let you lead one..."

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