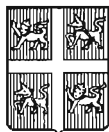


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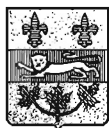
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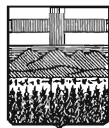
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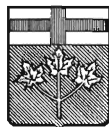
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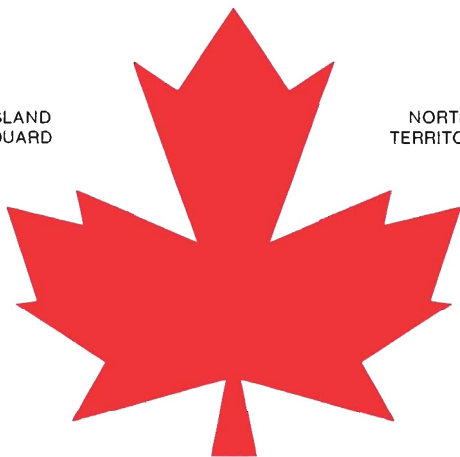
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## ACBL-CBF RELATIONS

ACBL president Walter O'Loughin has appointed Mr. Ed Gould to serve as Chairman of a newly created Canadian Bridge Federation Relations Committee. President O'Loughlin has named Mrs Dorothy Kantor and Mr. Richard Hewitt to serve with Mr. Gould on this committee.

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## Editorial -

This is the last issue which I will be editing since after 5 years, 18 issues, and 424 pages it is time to retire. I have enjoyed the privilege of being first to receive and read the skilful writing of our many bridge correspondents across the country.

I know that there are many capable budding editors out there and if you are prepared to dedicate the time and effort required may I urge you to submit your name immediately to Judge Duff Harper, Zone 1 Director (address on page 2). The satisfaction of reading, selecting, editing, arranging and completing (particularly completing) an issue is indeed rewarding. I will be receiving articles for the next issue and will forward them to the new editor as soon as he is named.

To the many who are, or have been, regular contributors (Jack King, Eric Kokish, Maurice Gauthier, Peter Hollander, John Cunningham, Gim Ong, Jack Murphy, Mike Wiss, Cam Cameron, Henry Smilie, and Lynne Brooks) my heartfelt thanks because you made the job so much easier. To the many occasional contributors, I wish you could have written more often. Take, for example, Colin Ward with his "Duplicate Neophytes" article last year. He should write a book. I'd be first in line to buy it. To the CBF Directorship for putting up with me so long and to the ACBL Bulletin staff - particularly business manager Richard Oshlag - for being unbelievably cooperative over the entire 5 years I was editor, thank you all so very much.

Lynne and I don't play so much now (having 3 beautiful kids under 9) and we prefer the friendly atmosphere at club play or at home because we like to play together. That's why we learned (Ha) the game so that we would have something to do together for the rest of our lives. We'll be back. So long.




*Bob Brooks*










# A Case for Restricted Conventions








Bob Brooks, Editor





To make up for lack of playing skill, many inexperienced or casual partnerships resort to adoption of a vast array (often an irrational set) of complex conventions. These may be chosen with the purest of intentions but they generally confuse and confound their enemy.



Besides annoying the clientele in local clubs who did not choose to contend with a misleading set of artificial calls on almost every deal regardless of strength, the standings in sessions containing such partnerships are very often distorted. The erratic results create wild swings (sometimes in their favour and sometimes not) which can substantially alter the standings of players who sit in the opposite direction. A successful pair, in the lead, but without the means of defence may have a disastrous round because the hands happen to suit the conventions chosen by their opponents. Other lesser players may have the right defensive tactics or may have hands less suitable to their opponents artificial bids.



The use of artificial bids is also popular with many skillful players but they are more judicious in their selection. Those that favour freedom of use of artificial bids generally argue that to repress them slows down development of the game. They are quick to point to the success that artificial bidders have had in world competition and therefore fail to understand why they should be restricted in their experiments.



It is sad to say that many turn a blind eye to authority and use whatever seems to be the best combination available and they then resort to ignorance (normally no excuse) or

freedom to explain their actions if challenged.

The reason why so many conventions are disallowed or classified is because they provide an unfair advantage. Players have difficulty defending against unfamiliar conventions and an explanation of the meaning at the table cannot provide sufficient time to develop an adequate defense. Even when conventions are well publicized it is unreasonable to expect opponents to memorize them all or to devise defensive measures against them all just in case they come across one. This is the very reason that only certain conventions are approved for play at clubs or tournaments. As the tournament level increases so do the number of allowed conventions but it is necessary that all players know in advance which conventions are allowed so they may use them if they wish but perhaps more importantly so that they can develop defensive tactics.

In world play there are no restrictions on the conventions used but a long and full explanation of the entire system to be used by each pair is required in advance to allow sufficient time for participants to develop their defenses.

## Northern Alberta (Unit 391) News

Olive Macdonald, Edmonton

The Klondike Bridge Centre in Edmonton held its annual bridge week September 10-16 with a total of 189 tables in play over the twelve sessions. Sessions included KO and Swiss Teams and many varieties of pair games. Winners of the championship events were awarded trophies on the final evening of play. After the final session, more than a hundred enthusiasts enjoyed a super party and a great meal prepared by the Klondikites.

## Another Gesture of Sportsmanship

It happened in a top-level Open Teams match, with Ron Andersen and Hugh MacLean playing against Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela. After a bad start, Kehela-Murray were making a comeback, and the outcome was far from certain with three boards to go. MacLean opened 1C and Andersen responded to the Precision bid with 1NT (8-13) -- so the hand definitely was in the game zone. But Hugh inadvertently pulled out his Pass card! That constituted a call under the rules, but Murray said, "We don't play that way" and insisted that Hugh take back the Pass and replace it with his real bid. Kehela nodded approvingly. As a result, the Americans got to a game that made -- but the Canadians won the match anyway.

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## CBF Meeting

**F.A. Baragar,  
Executive Secretary**

The CBF held its 1978 meeting in Toronto prior to the ACBL's North American summer championships. A number of items under consideration are of particular interest to Canadian players.

1. A joint meeting of the ACBL and CBF boards was held. The CBF representation consisted of three parts:

a) A statement of appreciation of the way the ACBL has planned and administered events in North America and thanks for the cooperation they have extended the CBF in the operation of CBF events.

b) A request that the CBF be recognized as the organization that can represent the national aspirations of Canada in bridge related matters.

c) A modification of Percy Bean's proposal to realign District 18 and 19 (B.C., Alberta, and Saskatchewan) for purposes of grand national playoffs so that the Canadian part of the districts would qualify one team, and so that Canada would be a zone in the playoff. This would guarantee that Canada would have one (but only one) team in every Grand National finals. The CBF would accept this realignment, but would insist that our National Champion have direct entry into the Bermuda Bowl Trials (against the winners of the Spingold, Reisinger, Vanderbilt, and American Grand National Teams). The CBF also proposed a financial arrangement that it feels would be equitable.

2. In order to improve communications with the players, Duff Harper of Fredericton is to institute the mailing of information directly to clubs. In the past, communication channels have been to unit executives



and individual players (through the digest).

3. Aaron Goodman has been honoured for his long and faithful service to the CBF as its treasurer by his election as an Adhoc Director of the CBF, to be held for so long as he is treasurer.

4. The 1978 team championship has been abandoned, due to pressures of other events.

5. Steve Willard of Edmonton, who is revising conditions of contest for our trials (of all varieties) is to look into the feasibility of certain teams or pairs receiving byes in the early rounds of the trials. Such teams or pairs would be expected to pay full card fees for all sessions (including those in which the bye occurred), and would not receive travel or per diem expenses for subsequent rounds.

6. Mo Aaron of Vancouver has agreed to coordinate the National Amateur Championship in the spring of 1979 (restricted to players with fewer than 5 masterpoints). This will be a regular novice night game in the club, with the national winner decided by his percentage score. There will be book and travel prizes for winners at various stages.

7. In addition to the regular charity efforts of the CBF Charitable Fund, \$200 each have been given to the Centre for Creative Living and the Ontario Community Centre for the Deaf. Should you be interested in more details of these meetings, the President and Secretary of your unit have the minutes.

## Best Bidding Sequences of the Year

Eric Kokish and Peter Nagy won the Rosenkranz Award for the best bid hand of the year, given by the International Bridge Press Association. The hand took place in the Spingold Teams at the ACBL Summer North American Championships last year.

This was the award-winning bidding sequence:

Dlr: North

Vul: Both

West

S A3

H A9

D 76

C AK109732

East

S KQ102

H 5432

D 8

C Q964

| Kokish |       | Nagy     |        |
|--------|-------|----------|--------|
| North  | East  | South    | West   |
| 1D     | Pass  | 1H       | 2C(1)  |
| Pass   | 4C(2) | Pass     | 4H(3)  |
| Dbl(4) | 4S(5) | Pass     | 4NT(6) |
| Pass   | 6C(7) | All Pass |        |

(1) Anything else would be a distortion.

(2) Preemptive

(3) A definite slam try

(4) Probably an error since he would be on lead

(5) A value-showing cuebid

(6) My last slam try below game. Please tell me more.

(7) I have a diamond control, more spade help and a high trump honor. Could you expect more?

These notes are by Eric Kokish who also comments:

This resulted in a slam swing against a good team and serves to point out that it is possible to scientifically investigate a tricky minor suit slam without resorting to Blackwood. The use of 4NT as a general slam try is probably under-appreciated today.

Strangely enough — or maybe it's not so strange — Kokish also was one of the players involved in the runner-up bidding sequence. This hand came up in the Life Master Men's Pairs at the Fall North American Championships, and this time his partner was Marc Jacobus. Here's how that sequence went:

Dlr: West

Vul: E-W

West

S A

H AKQJ10765

D --

C K965

East

S 87532

H 9

D K854

C AQ7

| Kokish |       | Jacobus |       |
|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| West   | North | East    | South |
| 1H(1)  | 1S    | Pass    | Pass  |
| 2S(2)  | Pass  | 3S(3)   | Dbl.  |
| 4C(4)  | Pass  | 4D(5)   | Pass  |
| 4H(6)  | Pass  | 5C(7)   | Pass  |
| 5NT(8) | Pass  | 7C(9)   | Pass  |
| 7H     | Pass  | Pass    | Pass  |

(1) At unfavourable vulnerability West did not wish to invite vigorous competition by starting with a strong, artificial 2C.

(2) An unbalanced game force that could NOT be a classic 3-suited hand since West did not open with a Roman 2D.

(3) East showed considerable working values, no long side suit, not both minors since East did not use a negative double at his first turn.

(4) A long-suit slam try, alerting East to the area of greatest concern.

(5) Value-showing cuebid.

(6) West can do no more without some help in the key club suit, and at the same he conveys his powerful suit to his partner who might have been concerned about a potential trump suit for slam purposes.

(7) East is driving to slam and gives West the most useful information.

(8) West would like to try a grand slam if East can cover is club losers, so he uses grand slam force with CLUBS as trumps.

(9) East accepts. (Note that he would bid 7C if he had two of the three top trumps in ANY suit that was designated as key, e.g., switch the E/W clubs and hearts and 7C is best) West's conversion to 7H was intended all along.

The above notes also are by Eric Kokish, who comments:

The grand slam was cold with the D.A. lead, but it was an excellent contract all the time. If North has 5 spades and 4 clubs, he will be squeezed once the spade threat is isolated. If south has 4 clubs and the DA he will be squeezed. If clubs break, or North can be placed with J-X, 10-X or J-10, declarer will also make the contract.

Very few pairs bid the grand, but I think the nice thing about this deal is the confidence each partner demonstrated at each turn in the first-time partnership.

## More on Hogtown's Hog-sized Tourney

- Henry Smilie, Vancouver, B.C.

By now much will have been written about a great tournament in a great city. I offer a few random comments. The organization was indeed outstanding. An exception was the partner brokerage facilities. The desk was not manned through the forenoon nor after the afternoon or evening sessions. Maybe this chore is too much for an all-volunteer staff.

Whether or not one shines in competition, at the big tournaments there are many ancillary items of interest on the program.

Smoking was the main topic discussed by the Board of Governors. The seriousness of the problem was expressed with eloquence, without malice. The problem of accommodating those who can't endure the pollution without driving the addicts away is not easily solved.

As for entertainment, the main events were three dance cruises. I would have squared that number.



For the first time, a seminar on publications was held, under the animatorship of Henry Francis. Perhaps you can find space to mention the fact that of the subsidiary publications in ACBLDOM the CBF Digest holds top rank.





# Call for Candidates




**F.A. Baragar,**  
**Director of Elections**



Elections will be held for the Directors of Zones 3 and 4 this year. The term of office will be for 3 years (1979 to 1981 inclusive).



Zone 3 is for Units 166 (Ontario) and Zone 4 is for Units 181 (Manitoba), 212 (Soo Int BA), 228 (N.Wn.Ontario), and 238 (Quonta BA).





The regulations governing the election of Zone Directors are included in this issue of the Digest.



## REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ELECTION OF ZONE DIRECTORS OF THE CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION






### 1. ELIGIBILITY



Candidates must be members in good standing of the American Contract Bridge League and must be resident in a Canadian or partly Canadian Unit that is a member in good standing of the Canadian Bridge Federation. Candidates can seek office only in the Zone in which they are resident.





### 2. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY



Candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy prior to November 15th in the year in which the election is to be held. The declaration shall contain the name, address and Unit of said candidate and may contain biographical material not to exceed 100 words. In a Zone where only one candidate filed for election, that candidate should be declared elected.



### 3. BALLOTS



By November 20th, the Director of Elections shall mail to the President and Secretary of each Unit a ballot containing an alphabetical list of all persons who have filed a declaration of

candidacy. The Director of Elections shall also supply to each Unit a copy of the biographical material supplied to him by such candidates. The voting period shall begin November 21st and end December 31st. During such period each Unit shall hold a meeting of its Board of Directors, of which reasonable notice and its purpose shall be given. The meeting shall meet the Unit by-laws for a quorum but in no case be less than a majority of the Directors of the Unit. All voting shall be by secret ballot and recorded as cast, (unless there is only one candidate). No motions shall be entertained to have the secretary case a unanimous ballot for the Unit. Write-in votes for candidates who have not declared will not be permitted.

### 4. RECEIPT OF BALLOTS

The Director of Elections, at least 10 days and not more than 15 days before the end of the voting period, shall notify all candidates and the President and Secretary of the Units affected of the non-receipt of such Unit's ballots.

### 5. CHANGE OF VOTE

No Unit shall be permitted to change a properly cast ballot. Ministerial errors or errors of substance shall be reported in accordance with Item 6 hereof to the Protest Committee and shall be dealt with by such Committee.

### 6. PROTESTS

Prior to the voting period, the President of the CBF shall appoint from among those Directors having the longest unexpired term three persons to serve as a Protest Committee. A protest to an election must be filed in writing and postmarked no later than ten days after the announcement by the Director of Elections of the result thereof. The protest shall be in affidavit form and shall specify in detail the nature of the protest. Such protest shall immediately be referred to the Protest Committee which shall proceed as follows:



(a) It shall forward a copy of the protest to each candidate in said election.

(b) It shall review the protest forthwith.

(c) As part of such review, if in its judgement it is desirable and where practicable, it shall arrange for mail ballots to Directors of the Unit involved in the protest, time of return to be fixed by the Protest Committee.

(d) It shall decide the protest and mail a copy of such decision to all interested parties.

An appeal to the Board of Directors must be taken within ten days after the announcement of the Committee's decision on the protest; otherwise, such decision shall be final. In the conduct of such review, the Committee may hold hearings, interrogate witnesses, examine all pertinent documents and do any and all things necessary to decide such protest in an equitable manner.

## 7. RUN-OFF ELECTIONS

In the event that one candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held between the two highest candidates. Only those persons eligible to vote in the initial election shall be eligible to vote in the run-off elections.

## Hans Groenink Library

**Olive Macdonald, Edmonton**

The sudden passing away of a dedicated player in the Northern Alberta Unit prompted establishment of a library in his memory. Hans was taken from us whilst very young but his ability and behavior at the bridge table will long be remembered

The library is well stocked and the librarian (George Hardy) will make all the bridge books available for everyone in the Unit to enjoy.






## Chico, an Alternative to the Weak Two

**by Gord McOrmond, Vancouver, B.C.**





For the last few years bidding theory at the two level has been dominated by the weak two heart and weak two spade openings. These bids replaced the traditional strong two because they occur more often and have a greater tactical value. Recently in some parts of Europe and North America a new bid is gaining popularity which has several advantages over the weak two and may in turn replace it. The bid is known to some as the Multicoloured two diamond opening or more simply to others as Chico.

Basically the Chico two diamonds is opened with any hand holding a weak two in hearts or a weak two in spades. Both S.KQJ985, H.65, D.K42, C.93, and S.3, H.AQJ1073, D.J1084, C.72 would be opened two diamonds. The compactness of this bid frees the two heart and two spade openings for other types of hands normally difficult to describe by standard methods. For example nearly game-force hands with a long major suit could be opened with an Acol two bid or you might prefer to experiment with some structure like Flannery two hearts and two spades unusual for the minors.

Besides its efficiency this two diamond opening has other advantages over the weak two. Opponents find it difficult to make a takeout double over an unspecified suit. The problem for them is similar to making a takeout double over a notrump opening, which suits do you guarantee support for and how do you cue bid? Chico is also more difficult to double for penalties than the standard weak two. It is not immediately clear to the opponents which suit they will be defending and because you start bidding below your actual suit you have more room to twist and manoeuvre, often talking them into just






settling for a plus instead of a juicy penalty. (This bid is not likely to be approved for club or tournament play. Check with your director - Editor). One other very important advantage of Chico is that nearly always the strong hand will end up being declarer in the game contracts. This has opening lead advantages and also gives the defenders no information about declarer's hand.




At first it appears that if the opponents have trouble identifying your suit so will your partner, however, this is not the case. On auctions where the opponents buy the contract their bidding as well as your partner's hand will pinpoint your suit. When the opponents don't interfere your partner has many calls that will help you reach the correct contract. Here is an outline of his responses and their meanings:


2H - a sign off in hearts or correct to 2S.




2S - a sign off in spades but if your suit is hearts, it's invitational and the responses are 3C with a maximum, 3D with a minimum and 3S with a solid heart suit (eg AKQxxx).




2N - forcing one round and asks opener to further describe his hand. Responses are artificial and explained later.




3C - natural and forcing.




3D - natural and forcing.




3H - preemptive to either 2H or 3S. Opener should not raise to the four level.





3S - preemptive to either 3S or 4H.



3N - natural and sign off.



4C - artificial, initiating a transfer sequence. Asks opener to bid the suit below this own, 4D with hearts and 4H with spades.



4D - artificial, asks opener to bid his suit. Responder probably has no tenaces and no reason to play from his side.

4H - forcing to game in hearts or in spades, though often preemptive.

The meaning of these bids does not change in competition except that 4C and 4D become natural unless they are a jump in bidding level.

Notice that opener is always expected to correct to his suit over a major suit bid but not over a minor suit or notrump response. Most of the game invitations are made through the 2N sequence. Opener's rebids after 2D - 2N are;

3C - maximum hand with hearts.

3D - minimum hand with hearts.

3H - maximum hand with spades.

3S - minimum hand with spades.

3N - solid suit in either major (EG. AKQxxx).

Except after a 3S rebid the contract is always played from the responder's side. A return to opener's suit at the three level is not forcing but may be raised to game with a maximum and a very good suit. Any other call after the response to 2N is forcing and can be played as natural or as an asking bid.

Here are some example auctions after a 2D opening on S.AK10952, H.76, D.QJ3, C.62 and the responder holds the following hand; S.863, H.QJ5, D.AK5, C.10843, 2D 2H; 2S P. Responder has no interest in game or in pre-empting so he signs off in 2H and accepts partner's correction to spades. If he now raised to 3S he would be inviting game.

S.3, H.K953, D.K864, C.AQ75. The bidding is 2D 2S; P. Responder signs off in spades but if opener corrects to 3C or 3D (showing hearts) he will bid 4H.

S.743, H.A92, D.A1064, C.AJ5. The bidding is 2D 2N; 3H 4S. Opener's 3H rebid told responder that he had a maximum hand with spades.

S.J4, H.AK5, D.A1092, C.KJ75. The bidding 2D 4C; 4H 4S; P. Responder bids 4C asking opener to transfer to his suit.

There are many variations of Chico and most of them give the two diamond opening a third or even fourth possible hand to describe. One very sophisticated treatment is a two diamond opening showing a weak two in hearts or a weak two in spades or a strong balanced hand 23-24 HCP or a strong three suited hand with a singleton in a minor and 17-24 HCP. All of these are not really necessary. The weak two bid structure is effective all by itself and more complicated responses tend to get in its way.

One final argument for Chico is that it's fun to play. Whenever Chico is opened there's lots of action and most of the time you'll come out on the right end of it.

## Saskatoon Girl Nears Milestone for Bridge Play

from the Star-Phoenix, Saskatoon

A 16-year Saskatoonian is within a few hands of never paying dues to the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) again.

After netting 42.81 gold points and winning the Super Swiss Flight A in the Edmonton Bridge Regional recently Jill Newbold is only 25 black points shy of becoming the youngest bridge life master in Canada and one of the youngest life masters in the ACBL.

Newbold, a Grade 12 student at Aden Bowman Collegiate, has only

played bridge for about 2½ years. In 1977, she accumulated the most points in Canada in her category by gaining 49 points.

Thus far this year, she has accumulated almost 100 points.

Newbold and her Calgary bridge-mates in the Edmonton Regional defeated a team of professionals from California.

Audrey Norman and Gladys Campbell, both of Saskatoon, became life masters at the regional competition.

Newbold, whose step-father, Ken McGuirl, in 1965 became the first life member in Saskatchewan, took up the game after caddyng at bridge parties for five years. She now plays three or four times a week during the winter.

"You can run into luck, but it's just steady playing that makes you win," Newbold says.

Newbold, the only teenaged member of the Saskatoon Bridge Club, and Norman are in charge of the club's library. Newbold does plenty of reading as well as playing.

"I never really understood bridge until about five years ago. I finally just got hooked on bridge — it's a very addicting game."

Newbold is hoping to hit the life master mark — 300 points, including at least 25 red and 25 gold points — at either the Waskesiu Sectional tournament Aug. 25 to 27 or the Regina Regional Sept. 26 to Oct. 1.

Further down the road is the prestigious Las Vegas National Tournament, a 10-day affair.

Newbold's long-range goal is to accumulate 1,000 points, which she estimates will take a few years. Only four other members of the Saskatoon club have reached that mark.

# The Other Major

**Ken Allan, Kingston, Ont.**

What do you bid with S.K1054, H.A93, D.QJ2, C.K106 opposite 1NT (15-17)? Not Stayman. With 4-3-3-3 distribution the book recommends NT since there is not likely to be any advantage to a trump contract even if partner does have 4 spades.

So you bid 3NT. Partner holds S.AQJ7, H.75, D.AK9, C.QJ85, a heart is led and the club Ace turns up in the wrong hand. Down one while 4S makes an overtrick.

Bad luck you say? That excuse should be reserved for hands where if you could have seen your partner's hand you would have bid the same way. With nothing unusual about the opponents distribution or the lead, it has to be a weakness in the system; though one that doesn't come up very often so we live with it.

If the spade fit, in the above hand, could have been discovered and then partner given a choice between spades and NT, he would have had no difficulty in choosing the superior contract. The trouble with Stayman (and the reason it is not used with a balanced hand) is that if partner bids your major then you must play the contract in that suit. If you bid NT after being shown a major, partner assumes that it was the other major that you were interested in and bids accordingly.

What is needed is a bid that throws the ball back to the NT opener. If Stayman is the only convention that you use after 1NT, there is no bid available. But transfer bidders are in a happier position. In the bidding sequence 1NT 2C; 2H or 2S, there is a bid that is never used and hence is available to say: We have a fit in the major that you have just shown but I have a balanced hand and think that we

are probably better off in NT. The unused bid is 3 of the other major.

After 1NT 2C; 2D, 3H shows 5-4 in hearts and spades. But when partner bids a major, as in 1NT 2C; 2S, 3H is virtually meaningless. It would show 5 hearts and 2 or 3 spades if you were not playing transfers. It could show 5-4 in hearts and spades, but why announce your distribution to the world at large before settling into the established spade contract.

In the days when a NT opener had honours or length in every suit, it was not important to give him any say in the final contract. But now that everyone is opening 1NT with worthless doubletons, he may want to be given a choice. The other-major bid makes it possible in this case without sacrificing anything.

The other-major variation of Stayman can be used with balanced hands and with slightly unbalanced hands where most of the points are in the short suits. It is usually forcing to game, as in: 1NT 2C; 2H 3S and 1NT 2C; 2S 3H. An invitational sequence is possible if the fit is in hearts and if you have no other use for 2S in: 1NT 2C; 2H 2S. This would show a balanced hand with 4 hearts and enough strength to invite game.

## Smiles from New Orleans

**Don Cowan, Toronto**

**June 15th**

This morning I convert the \$500 expense money the CBF game us for winning the Canadian Championships - (Convert it to cigarettes, booze and after-shave). I take another \$2,000 from petty cash - After all, the CBF had never watched Cummings and me eat.

**June 17th**

The cab calls at 5 a.m. The usual delays, meals and one thrill. I am

ordered off the plane in Buffalo - for a drug search! Decide to take off my earrings. I recall my hang-up on the way to Monaco's Olympiad when I landed in Cannes while my luggage continued to go for a holiday in Uganda. There's New Orleans -- I am first off the plane -- Then they roll up the steps. We register and get usually WBF souvenirs. Join Canadian stars for lunch and plan supper at Broussards after the opening Cocktail party. 6 p.m. Terrific cocktail party. The Olympiad New Orleans Dixieland Band is marching around. Black, sharply dressed waiters are slowly carving huge roasted beef sides, whole turkeys, beautiful hams, mushroom caps with escargots, crab's legs, shish-kabobs, oysters and spinach, deep-fried shrimps - Strolling trays of cold hors d'oeuvres, cheese and dessert tables and ten bars. I rush to introduce my wife to Omar Sharif. He smiles.... He doesn't remember me. We finish in the bar with mint juleps. The Canadian contingent is meeting in the lobby before supper. A great crowd has gathered. Excitement is in the air. E.R. Murray has arrived. I rush to introduce my wife to Eric. He smiles.... He doesn't remember me.

## June 18th

Shaved and showered and wearing our little Canadian flags, we descend. We are ready for the fight. We join the line-up for breakfast! The town and Superdome are taken over by 70,000 Jehovah Witnesses. The singing is being led by E.R. Murray.

Session over - We score more match points than in any previous session - 937.... Unfortunately, 1001 is average. As West, you hold S Q53, H 10762, D A982, C32.

The opponent' bidding is:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | 2C(1) | P    | 2D(2) |
| P    | 2S(3) | P    | 3NT   |

(1) Rebiddable clubs;

(2) Artificial force;

(3) spade suit.

What do you lead?

Fourth highest from longest and strongest,

A diamond - 630 (bottom)

A spade + 100 (top)

I lead a diamond

S 10842

H K5

D 6

C AKQ864

S Q53

H 10762

D A982

C 32

S AK96

H J83

D J1073

C 109

S J7

H AQ94

D KQ54

C J75

Later sitting south I hold S 10xx,

H xxx, D AKx, C QJ10x.

The auction:

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
|      | P     | P    | P        |
| 1H   | P     | 1S   | X        |
| 3H   | P     | 3NT  | All pass |

I lead the club queen, which Cummings wins with the ace and then sifts to a small diamond and that was 75 match points.

S Qxx

H J10x

D Qxx

C A98x

S Ax

H AKQ9xx

D 10xx

C xx

S KJxxx

H x

D Jxxx

C Kxx

Me

S 10xx

H xxx

D AKx

C QJ10x

I remind Lew Mathe that he gave me some good advice at the '64 Toronto Summer Nationals. "What was it?" asked the great one. "Give up the game?" He smiles.... He doesn't remember me.

Bad news. Italy is back! The WBF has lifted its suspension. More bad news. I run into Joe Amsbury from London, England who reminds me that my "Popular Bridge" subscription is now two years past due. Pay him with a



series of post-dated cheques, in Canadian funds. Hee, Hee.

The objective is to stand in the top 25. Then your name goes in the front page of the bulletin.

Shortly after the session, a hand record and analysis sheet is ready for each player.

Leading is:

1. O. Jacoby & Mike Passell, U.S.A.
2. Pedro Assumpcao & Gabriel Chagas, Brazil
3. Dr. H. Schwartz & S. Seligman, Israel
4. Lex DeGroot & Brian Pauls, Canada.

Jim Donaldson & Mike Strebinger 24th, Kokish & Nagy 49th, Doug Fraser & Rob't Lebi 62nd, Kehela & Murray 67th, Mittelman & J. Silver 72nd, Dr. Srihasha & Bruce Watson 97th, Horning & Stevens 105th, Lee Barton & Bob Crosby 126th, Cowan & Cummings 135th, Gowdy & Heitner 139th.

Hand 24 is rewarded with 67 out of 77 matchpoints for aggressive competition. Opponents start 1 Club, pass, 1 Heart and holding S AK105, H 53, D K943, C 872 1 double. Partner bids 1 Spade on S J972, H Q94, D Q865, C 106 and we are doubled for minus 100.

At end of round 2:

1. Ron Andersen - Hugh MacLean, U.S.A.
2. Jean Marc Roudinesco - Jean Louis Stoppa, France.
3. Lex DeGroot - Brian Pauls, Canada.
7. Sammy Kehela & Eric Murray, Jim Donaldson & Mike Strebinger 21st, Cowan & Cummings 52nd, Kokish & Nagy 55th, Fraser & Lebi 57th, Mittelman & Silver 71st, Horning & Stevens 113th, Srihasha & Watson 120th, Gowdy & Heitner 156th, Barton & Crosby 168th.

June 19th

"Top" excitement at the pool this morning. Seven of New Orleans finest, with guns drawn, descend upon us, and make the French lady sunning herself put her "top" back on. Every window in the surrounding office towers has at least three spectators and one binoculars.

Here's a cute hand my opponents bid to six spades:

|        |          |           |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| S 8652 | S A43    | S K       |
| H KJ   | H Q107   | H 9876432 |
| D Q984 | D K52    | D 1073    |
| C J76  | C AKQ2   | C 1085    |
|        | S QJ1097 |           |
|        | H A5     |           |
|        | D AJ6    |           |
|        | C 943    |           |

Everything works - for them! Making seven 16 out of 77 for us.

Board 24 was fun.

S AKQ1092, H 975, D J4, C 76. Pass from me! Opponent 4th in hand bids 1 Club (He smiles.... He remembers me). Two Spades from me. Double for penalties and 3NT from the opener ends the auction. What do you lead? The whole hand is:

|           |          |        |
|-----------|----------|--------|
| S AKQ1092 | S 8743   | S J65  |
| H 975     | H AQ106  | H 832  |
| D J4      | D K75    | D AQ96 |
| C 76      | C 82     | C J105 |
|           | S ---    |        |
|           | H KJ4    |        |
|           | D 10832  |        |
|           | C AKQ943 |        |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| P    | P     | P    | 1C    |
| 2S   | X     | P    | 3NT   |

Down 4 and 76 out of 77 for us.

No. 27 was cute.

|         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| S 1053  | Cummings | S 84    |
| H A84   | S KJ96   | H KQ62  |
| D 875   | H J1075  | D Q1063 |
| C 10952 | D AJ4    | C QJ7   |
|         | C A6     |         |
|         | Cowan    |         |
|         | S AQ72   |         |
|         | H 93     |         |
|         | D K92    |         |
|         | C K843   |         |

Contract 4 Spades with Club 10 opened. I won the Ace and led a heart to the 9 and Ace. Diamond shift won in hand by the King heart to 7 and Queen, Club Queen won by King in Hand and two trumps ending in dummy. Heart Jack ducked all around, discarding a diamond. Cross ruff now for rest of the tricks and 450 and 70 match points. Hurray. We're gonna make the front page! No. They're only printing the top 20 and we're No. 22.

The leaders at the end of three

1. Anders Morath - Per-Olov Sundelin, Sweden
2. Jean Roudinesco - Jean Louis Stoppa, France
3. Dr. Hugo Schwartz - Shalom Seligman, Israel
4. Fred Hamilton - John Swanson, U.S.A.
5. Ron Andersen - Hugh MacLean, U.S.A.
6. Pedro Assumpcao - Gabriel Chagas, Brazil
7. Lex DeGroot - Brian Pauls, Canada
8. Donaldson - Strebinger, Canada
22. Cowan - Cummings
25. Kokish - Nagy
40. Kehela - Murray
68. Fraser - Lebi
99. Horning - Stevens
114. Gowdy - Heitner
118. Srihasha - Watson
166. Barton - Crosby

Bids of No Trumps usually show balanced hands and, the way I play, it shows no more than 1 Void, possibly with one or two outside singletons.

Board No. 8

S AQJ10985  
H Q54  
D 6  
C 95

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| S 642    | S K73    |
| H AJ     | H 109763 |
| D J10743 | D AK98   |
| C J107   | C 6      |

S ---  
H K82  
D Q52  
C AKQ8432

|      |       |      |       |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| P    | P     | 1H   | 3NT   |

All pass

Diamonds are cleared and, on the run of the clubs, everyone is so busy trying to fool ME about the location of the spade K that they forget to save enough tricks to beat me and plus 400 is worth 44.

I pick up S AKJ2, H J108, D KJ6, C AQ8. In response to my One Spade opening, partner bids 3NT which shows the equivalent of an opening hand with four or more spades and no singletons or void. Six spades seems like a reasonable spot. However, another place to "shoot" is in no trump, so I pass to everyone's surprise. This is the layout:

|          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
|          | S Q964  |          |
|          | H AK643 |          |
|          | D 98    |          |
|          | C K4    |          |
| S 108753 |         | S ---    |
| H Q7     |         | H 952    |
| D Q32    |         | D A10754 |
| C 932    |         | C J10765 |
|          | S AKJ2  |          |
|          | H J108  |          |
|          | D KJ6   |          |
|          | C AQ8   |          |

Partner plays well and scores 490 for 50. The spade players have to lose a diamond and a spade - see the bad bread - Chagas, the Brazilian star, smoothly underleads D A against a 5 heart contract - J from dummy and Q from partner who wastes no time giving Chagas a spade ruff and the D A cashed closes proceedings. One down. Of such grace are champions created.

At the end of the fourth:

1. Sundelin - Morath, Sweden
2. Assumpcao - Chagas, Brazil
3. Schwartz - Seligman, Israel
4. Andersen - MacLean, U.S.A.
5. Mari - Perron, France
6. Eisenberg - Kantar, U.S.A.
7. Donaldson - Strebinger, Canada
10. Lex DeGroot - Brian Pauls

26. Cowan - Cummings  
 37. Kokish - Nagy  
 38. Kehela - Murray  
 50. Mittelman - Silver  
 68. Horning - Stevens  
 80. Fraser - Lebi  
 96. Srihasha - Watson  
 108. Gowdy - Heitner  
 136. Barton - Crosby

So all Canadian pairs, but one, qualify and we have **two** in the top ten.

Our pair has fourteen places to fool with, as they are qualifying forty. Mike and I are playing good solid bridge and it should be no trouble to qualify - Right? - Wrong!

Hand 5 vs. Garozzo.

S KQJ6543  
 H KJ4  
 D 8  
 C 96

S A9  
 H 76  
 D A964  
 C AK752

S ---  
 H AQ8532  
 D KQ102  
 C 1043

S 10872  
 H 109  
 D J753  
 C QJ8

The Auction:

| West | North    | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| -    | 3S       | 4H   | P     |
| 4S   | P        | 5D   | P     |
| 6D   | All pass |      |       |

Surely a reasonable contract and will win lots of points if the Heart K is in the South hand, where it figures to be, on the bidding. I ruffed the first spade in hand with diamond ten, Cash diamond K and club AK - Spade A throwing a club and ruffed club with the diamond 2 relying on 3-2 diamond split and heart K offside - Much to my regret. Had I ruffed with Diamond Queen I could have played the 2 to dummy's 9, cash the Ace and proceed to run the good clubs, eventually taking the on-side finesse.

Next:- S J5  
 H AK94  
 D K32  
 C K854

S 9643  
 H 86  
 D QJ7  
 C Q1076

S KQ107  
 H QJ3  
 D 109854  
 C 2

S A82  
 H 10752  
 D A6  
 C AJ93

1 NT from Garozzo and major suit enquiries forces him to become declarer! Mike leads diamond Q and we cleverly conceal our lengths in the pointed suits (Neither one of us knows how to give counts). The Great One has a perfect safety play in the club suit to make sure of only one loser, but mumbling something about "only in match points". He ignores Ace of Clubs and Club to 8 in favour of the over trick - i.e. club to K and club to J - too bad. One down. The whole world is foolishly leading a singleton club vs. hearts played from the other side. So we break even on the round.

I introduce Mike to Garozzo - He smiles... He thinks I'm Kokish.

Board 12

We discover our 5,4 spade fit and twelve top tricks, the heart ruff in my hand will make 13. So we bid seven spades.

S 109  
 H QJ109875  
 D 83  
 C 42

S Q7653  
 H K3  
 D A105  
 C K87

S AKJ4  
 H A2  
 D KQ97  
 C A106

S 82  
 H 64  
 D J642  
 C QJ953

Too bad Mike has no heart for me to ruff. However with 12 top tricks maybe I'll guess how to handle the diamonds. The Jack could drop doubleton or the sit split 3-3 or the hand holding four diamonds could have the QJ9 of clubs or any five club. Seven spades 1510.

Good score, right? Wrong! Average 7 NT for 1520. Of such fractions are qualifiers going to be determined.

We must be the only pair not using negative doubles (or any other convention for that matter) and no negative doubles is killing them. For example sitting west with S 108, H AQ54, D KJ8532, C A.

One Diamond from me, North joins in with 1 Spade. 1 NT from Mike, a sporting 2 Spades, 3 Diamonds from me and we've missed a 5, 4 heart fit.

S Q9543

H K6

D AQ

C 9752

S 108

H AQ54

D KJ8532

C A

S A72

H J10872

D 96

C KJ8

S KJ6

H 93

D 1074

C Q10643

and we score 46 out of 51. The rest of the field, unluckily for them, bid aggressively on to at least four hearts. We modestly feel we've improved our position - Till the scores come out.

1. Fred Hamilton - Swanson, U.S.A.
2. Assumpcao - Chagas, Brazil
3. Sundelin - Morath, Sweden
4. Roy Fox - Eugene O'Neill, U.S.A.
5. Andersen - MacLean, U.S.A.
6. Robinson - Woolsey, U.S.A.
7. Goldman - Soloway, U.S.A.
8. Gais - Pilon, France
9. Delmouly - Vial, France
10. Billy Eisenberg - Ed Kantar, U.S.A.
31. Kokish - Nagy
32. Donaldson - Strebing
48. Cowan - Cummings
57. Kehela - Murray
62. Lex DeGroot - Brian Pauls
68. Horning - Stevens, Canada
81. Fraser - Lebi
86. Mittelman - Silver
100. Srihasha - Watson
103. Gowdy - Heitner

A terrible accident has occurred. A man has plummeted from his balcony four or five floors and is rushed by ambulance to the hospital. We are trying to improve eight places and play our usual game, but it match-points poorly and we plummet two places - into the consolation.

The leaders are:

1. Assumpcao, Chagas, Brazil, members of the 1976 World Team Olympiad Champions

2. Andersen, MacLean, U.S.A. Ron, first man to win 2000 master points in one year.

3. Morath, Sundelin Sweden, members of Sweden's European Championship Team

4. Delmouly, Vial, France

5. Vic Mitchell, Stayman, U.S.A.

6. Hamilton, Swanson, U.S.A.

7. Eisenberg, Kantar, U.S.A.

15. Eric Kokish, Nagy

38. Horning, Stevens

49. Kehela, Murray

50. Cowan, Cummings

60. Mittelman, Silver

70. Srihasha, Watson

71. Fraser, Lebi

98. DeGroot, Pauls

E.R. Murray who has been wearing Lebioda's badge (from Poland) rushes back to Toronto for more cigars.

For the first time ever in the Pairs Olympiad, no Italian pair reached the final in the Open, and Kathie Capelletti is the only woman to survive to the finals!

There is no carry over. It's a brand new ball game. Some feel that Murray and Kehela have passed their prime and indeed have been playing little, and winning less. In the background, challenging their claim as Canada's premier pair, are Eric Kokish and Peter Nagy whom many consider THE PAIR.

After the scores for the first Final are posted CANADA is in first place with Kokish and Nagy; Second Roudinesco and Stoppa, France and, incredibly, Canada is third with Horning and Stevens - U.S.A. fourth with Andersen

and MacLean and Poland fifth with Lebioda & Wilkosz.

Board 16 in the Second Semi-Final against Ron Andersen was fun -- for him. The matchpoints available for various scores were:

|              |     |     |      |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| Score:       | 110 | -50 | -100 |
| Matchpoints: | 40  | 19  | 8    |

Cummings

KQ72

A1076

Q7

KQ5

Andersen

A4

K943

K984

AJ7

MacLean

J965

2

A532

8643

Cowan

1083

QJ85

J106

1092

| West  | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1NT   | X     | P    | P     |
| Redbl | P     | 2C   | 2H    |
| P     | P     | P    |       |

Ace and one spade. High-lowing on my right. A small diamond to the Jack and King. A diamond to the Ace and spade ruffed on my left and Ace of clubs on my left. This is their fifth trick. The No Trump range on my left is 14-16 -- so either hand could have the jack of clubs. If the hand on my left has it, I must play K of clubs under the ace to end-play W so he cannot keep me out of my hand for the heart finesse. If I play the club King and the club Jack is on my right, they'll score another club and another ruff for two down and disaster. Oh, why did I bid? Let's see, Andersen won over 2000 master points last year, while I won 6½ master points. Surely if he had Ace and Jack of clubs he would have played Jack of clubs instead of Ace to keep me from my hand. I play safe for down 1 and 19

match points. Playing to make (plus 11) scored 40 match points and two down - 100 scored 8. You pick up 21 and lose only 11. Wrong again. Lou Bluhm found a lead that makes a difference of three tricks on the same hand.

|      | Bluhm |      | Sanders |
|------|-------|------|---------|
| West | North | East | South   |
| 1NT  | P     | 2H   | P       |
| 2S   | P     | P    | P       |

East's transfer bid was weird, but he feared hearts and effectively stopped the competition. Bluhm led the spade 2 from the north hand and Tom Sanders' 8 forced the Ace. A diamond to dummy's Ace and a heart to the King and Ace. Another spade to partners 10 and trumps were drawn. Then hearts and two club tricks. Down 4 vulnerable. However, try spade Jack on the second lead of the suit. Next a diamond to K, ruff a heart, club to Ace and ruff a heart One down. At another table North underled his Ace of hearts vs two spades and they made it. Ever wonder why so many-point players end up in the loony-bin?

After second Final:

1. Kokish & Nagy
2. Lebioda Wilkosz
3. Bates Mohan
4. Andersen MacLean
5. Hamman & Wolff
13. Horning Stevens

After Third Final:

1. Kokish & Nagy, Canada (leading by over 50 match points)
2. Branco & Cintra, Brazil
3. Bates & Mohan, U.S.A.
4. Andersen & MacLean, U.S.A.
5. Robinson & Woolsey, U.S.A.
6. Lebioda & Wilkosz, Poland
7. Hamman & Wolff, U.S.A.
8. Horning & Stevens, Canada

It's over

1. Branco & Cintra
2. Kokish & Nagy (The first time Canada has ever won a silver medal)
3. Bates & Mohan
4. Lebioda & Wilkosz
5. Hamilton & Swanson



6. Andersen & MacLean
7. Mulder & van Oppen
8. Sontag & Weichsel
9. Hamman & Wolff
10. Horning & Stevens

Here's another cute hand that got me no points!

984  
K104  
J42  
AQ93

|      |       |
|------|-------|
| KJ62 | Q3    |
| 975  | 832   |
| 1086 | K975  |
| 752  | KJ108 |

A1075  
AQJ6  
AQ3  
64

In South seat I opened one heart and passed over a two heart response hoping to trap rash opponents. There was long thought on my left. The reluctant pass and spade opened and returned. Jack of Spades winning and King of Spades cashed and the spade six ruffed by dummy's King. Meanwhile E was able to pitch the five of diamonds and the club 8 safely. A diamond to the Queen held and three rounds of trumps pitching a club from dummy. Another heart and diamond Ace. Finally a diamond forces E to lead clubs into the Ace - Queen. Plus 170 and no points. The whole world gets to 3NT.

The last session of the consolation & ladies' pairs is over and only the open is playing.

My wife has reserved a table for twenty tonight at Antoinettes, one of the world's finest restaurants. The mixed pairs partners start to arrive. Ellen sees my partner in a bathing suit at the pool and takes the next plane home. Too bad! Gonna miss a big lunch. John Carruther's plane arrives fifteen hours late and he is visibly upset with the travel arrangements and even more perturbed that Joey Silver substituted George Mittelman for his pairs partner Freddie Hoffer, when legally as first alternative for Canada J.C. and Lindop should have, could have and would

have played. Perhaps the C.B.F. should codify the rules, so hard feelings are avoided and fair play (if not best play) reigns. A similar problem also rises now that Gowdy has resigned from Litvak's team. Perhaps the selectors might have chosen another team if they knew that Gowdy wasn't on it. I'm sure glad I keep winning my way to play. Hee! Hee!

The final of the Ladies' pairs

1. Judi Radin & Katherine Wei U.S.A.
2. Betty Ann Kennedy & Carol Saunders U.S.A.
3. Claude Blouquit & Elizabeth Delor France
4. Jadwiga Frenkiel & Diana Dolowa
17. Francine Cimon & Barbara Hania Canada
23. Dianna Gordon & Sharyn Kokish Canada
36. Pat Smolensky & Mrs. Ferne Wroth

Francine Cimon has played with Abby Heitner the first two sessions due to a death in the Hania family, then Francine suffers from food poisoning and is hospitalized. And Barbara plays with yet another partner. Meantime, they managed to stay in the top twenty and at the end of the first final were fifth. Well done!

Board 15 of the second consolation

|       |      |          |      |
|-------|------|----------|------|
| Cowan | West | Cummings | East |
| 1H    | 1S   | 2H       | 4S   |
| P     | P    | 5H       | P    |
| P     | P    |          |      |

S.986 H.AKQ7 D.A4 C.10962

The bidding sounded like the heat had gotten to Cummings - Oh Ye Of Little Faith - Only a club lead breaks five - Look

S.-  
H.98542  
D.KJ10863  
C.J4

S.AQJ752  
H.J6  
D.Q72  
C.75

S.K1043  
H.103  
D.95  
C.AKQ83



Three club leads promote the heart Jack - Without it, play safe! or finesse diamond Queen. That's why you're in the consolation! Board 9.

West: S.A9543 H.86 D.43 C.Q986

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | 1H    | P    | 2D    |
| P    | 3D    | X    | 5D    |
| ?    |       |      |       |

Well, what did you do? You're vulnerable vs not (or pink on hot as the younger shooters say).

J  
K97432  
AJ7  
AJ7

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| A9543 | Q1087  |
| 86    | AQJ105 |
| 43    | --     |
| Q986  | K542   |

K62  
--  
KQ1098652  
103

Board 3

I'm getting tired of getting pushed around. Holding no cards and barely playing more than HALF the hands. (Pink on Gold)

Sitting South holding S.K H.J10987532 D.74 C.105

I try 4 hearts and eventually get doubled and the set up is:

732  
--  
J10982  
K8642

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| A864 | QJ1095 |
| Q64  | AK     |
| A65  | KQ3    |
| AQ9  | J73    |

Confusion reigns in the ranks as they overtop each other's heart honours much to my glee and minus 300 feels terrific against their 1440.

The consolation winners are  
1. A Macieszczak & Janusz Polec, Poland

2. Karen Allison & Irene Hodgson, Canada

6. Joseph Silver & George Mittelman, Canada

13. Jim Donaldson & Mike Strebinger, Canada

20. Dr. H. Srihasha & Dr. Bruce Watson, Canada

Rumour has it The Polish team is playing "Inverted Fishbein"

Double is for take-out and cheapest minor for penalties! I complain to Carruthers "How can Silver and Mittelman finish higher than me in the Consolation?" "More experience there than you, my Moo" comforts my teammate. Tomorrow the mixed.

Board 24 of the Third Qualifying

The West hand is S.AKQ1092 H.975 D.J4 C.76

Joe Amsbury of Great Britain opened this hand a normal (for him) weak NT. South re-opened double and he got a spade lead! Kehela & Murray now use a multi-purpose 2 diamond opener which usually shows a weak 2 in one of the majors.

| Kehela | North | Murray | South |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| 2D     | P     | 2H     | 3C    |
| P      | 3NT   | P      | P     |
| P      |       |        |       |

Murray's two hearts showed that he would have passed an opening weak 2 hearts. Murray had to lead and remembering that his side bid hearts, he led one. 10 match points. A spade lead, 74 M.P. The great Jean Besse heard West open 3 spades. East added to the fun by bidding 4 spades and Besse contributed 5 clubs doubled by East. A diamond lead beats it a trick. After a spade lead Besse stripped clubs, spades and hearts and poor East ended at last was minus 550. Besse was disappointed that East hadn't started with AQJ6 of Diamonds. To throw the six would lead to an automatic end-play; to un-block an honor would let Besse make his diamond 10 by force.

# The Miller Kamikaze Double

Lauren Miller, Vancouver  
Matchpointer

After years of painstaking analysis and theoretical formulation, followed by empirical verification at the toughest levels of competition (Victoria club games), a revolutionary new convention is ready to be unveiled to the eagerly waiting bridge world - The Miller Kamikaze Double. It must be stressed that the MKD is a powerful tool (faster than a speeding bullet, able to convert averages to bottoms in a single bid, etc.) and should be used only by those purists who believe that the defenders foremost duty is to take as many tricks as possible - even if the contract can't be defeated. Therefore those contemptible souls who are only interested in results that can be measured in IMP's or matchpoints need read no further.

Now that 98% of the readers have gone on to another article, I may address myself to those for whom the MKD is intended. The first example of the MKD in action is from the 1972 Bella Coola Open Pairs (qualifying round):

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <p>S Q10xx<br/>H Axx<br/>D Qx<br/>C AQJx</p>          |               |
| West  | East          |
| S x   | (yours truly) |
| H QJ109x  | S AKJxx       |
| D Jxx   | H xx          |
| C xxxx  | D 10xx        |
|   | C xxx         |
| <p>South<br/>S xxx<br/>H Kxx<br/>D AKxxx<br/>C Kx</p> |               |

| The bidding |   |     |    |
|-------------|---|-----|----|
| S           | W | N   | E  |
| 1D          | P | 1S  | P  |
| 1NT         | P | 3NT | D* |
| P           | P | P   |    |
| *MKD        |   |     |    |

As can be clearly be seen, the judicious use of the MKD saved us from the ignominy of being -460 along with the rest of the field, as we would have been with a pedestrian heart queen opening lead instead of a spade. Anyone who at this point asks "But isn't it better to be -460 than -650?" is severely chastised and ordered to go back to the first paragraph (do not pass GO, do not collect 200 masterpoints).

Trusting that my misguided readers have now been properly brainwashed, re-educated, let us proceed to the next example, taken from the Bella Coola Consolation Pairs:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <p>North<br/>S Kx<br/>H xxxx<br/>D Axx<br/>C Qxxx</p> |               |
| West  | East          |
| S J109xx  | (yours truly) |
| H Jxx   | S xxx         |
| D Kxx   | H AKQ10x      |
| C xx  | D xxxx        |
|   | C x           |
| <p>South<br/>S AQx<br/>H x<br/>D QJx<br/>C AKJxxx</p> |               |

| The bidding |   |     |    |
|-------------|---|-----|----|
| S           | W | N   | E  |
| 1C          | P | 1H  | P  |
| 2NT         | P | 3NT | D* |
| 4C          | P | 6C  | P  |
| P           | P |     |    |
| *MKD        |   |     |    |

As the more astute readers will note, the MKD not only directed the proper defense, it drove the opponents into a superior contract.

Impressive as these examples may be, I knew the MKD had reached its supreme level of refinement when this hand arose in the recent Okanagan Sectional's prestigious Ogopogo Pairs (you have to have a monster to win):

North  
S Jxxx  
H xxxx  
D Axx  
C Ax

West

S x  
H Jxxx  
D KQJxx  
C KQJ

East  
(guess who)  
S xx  
H -  
D xxxx  
C xxxxxxx

South  
S AKQxxx  
H AKQ10x  
D x  
C x

### The bidding

|          |   |    |      |
|----------|---|----|------|
| S        | W | N  | E    |
| 2S       | P | 3S | P    |
| 4NT      | P | 5H | D*   |
| 6S(!)    | P | 6C | D**  |
| Redbl*** | P | P  | Gulp |

\*Guess What  
\*\* Ditto  
\*\*\* Gotcha!

Those who are hung up on technicalities may point out that declarer will only come to 12 tricks with any lead, but isn't it more artistic for the defense to get its trick via a heart ruff? Anyway, I was at least able to tell North the score for six spades redoubled making six without using my calculator. One of the secondary benefits of using the MKD is that you get to learn scores like that by heart.

## Bridge to P.E.I.

by Jack King, PEI

### Horrors

In a recent duplicate game, the above hand was played in 3NT by West after this auction:-

West dealer, none vulnerable.

S KJ103  
H KJ  
D 10962  
C 875

S Q9764  
H 76  
D KJ8753  
C --

S 2  
H A10942  
D --  
C AKQ10963

S A85  
H Q853  
D AQ4  
C J42

|      |      |
|------|------|
| West | East |
| Pass | 1H   |
| 1S   | 3C   |
| 3NT  |      |

North led a diamond, which South won with the Ace and began to ponder for he could see eight tricks in dummy. He passed the first hurdle when he did not return a diamond but chose a heart instead. Declarer took North's Jack with the Ace and ran the clubs thereby subjecting North-South to some discarding problems.

South fell down from grace when he discarded poorly and the declarer picked the position well in the end game.

S KJ10  
H K  
D --

S Q94  
H --  
D K

S 2  
H 1094  
D --

S A  
H Q85  
D --

He led the spade deuce from dummy and sat back to score the game-going trick on the ensuing end play. South could have saved the day by keeping two spades and two hearts but must still duck the spade lead to North's honour and North must cash the heart King before returning a spade to South's Ace and good heart. A rare defence, indeed.

# V World Pair Olympiad

By now everyone will be aware of the sensational performance of Eric Kokish and Peter Nagy of Montreal who finished as runner-up in the World Olympiad Open Pairs after leading at the end of each of the first three final sessions. Eric Kokish provided the following report showing the skill of his favourite partner during the Olympiad:

Dlr: West  
Vul: Both

S AK65  
H K972  
D AKJ  
C 54

S Q94  
H --  
D 6543  
C AKJ1063

S J8  
H 108543  
D Q9872  
C 9

S 10732  
H AQJ6  
D 10  
C Q872

|    |    |   |    |
|----|----|---|----|
| W  | N  | E | S  |
| P  | 1D | P | 1H |
| 2C | 3H | P | 4H |
| P  | P  | P |    |

West led the C.K against the straight-forward 4H contract, and continued with the ace, East shedding the D.9. West continued with a third round of clubs and Nagy was at the crossroads.

If he had chosen to discard from dummy or to ruff with the H.9 he would have failed rather unluckily later in the play. You don't finish second in the world by complaining about your bad luck, however, and Nagy was not about to concede defeat to the prevailing bad breaks. He ruffed with the H.K and East threw a spade. He continued with dummy's H.9, and East played well by not covering.

Declarer won with the H.J as West revealed the bad news, pitching a club. Nagy crossed to the S.K and led the H.7, covered by the eight and queen. He re-entered dummy with the D.K to lead the H.2 and covered East's four with the six. Now Peter cashed the ace of trumps, discarding a spade from dummy and leaving East with the only outstanding trump, the five. The C.Q was led and dummy's remaining small spade was discarded. East was finished!

If he ruffed the C.Q he would have to lead a diamond into dummy's tenace. If he refused to ruff, he would have the same problem when Peter led to dummy's S.A. If he never ruffed, his trump would take the last trick. Quite a remarkable effort by my favorite partner.

## District I Charity

The 1979 District I charity game will be held on Thursday, April 19, 1979. Players in Unit 194 (Maritimes) and Unit 230 (Acadian) should check with Units or clubs for the playing sites when the date approaches.

## Canada-Wide Charity, March 1978

Maurice Gauthier, chairman of the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund, reports the following participation by Province:

| Province      | Sites | Tables | P'ceeds  |
|---------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Newfoundland  | 2     | 26     | 182.00   |
| P.E.I.        | 1     | 9      | 63.00    |
| New Brunswick | 4     | 37     | 262.50   |
| Nova Scotia   | 2     | 16     | 142.00   |
| Quebec        | 7     | 118    | 850.00   |
| Ontario       | 24    | 324    | 2,345.00 |
| Manitoba      | 2     | 30     | 236.00   |
| Saskatchewan  | 6     | 62     | 434.00   |
| Alberta       | 7     | 107    | 749.00   |
| B.C.          | 13    | 157    | 1,105.50 |
| Totals        | 68    | 886    | 6,369.00 |



The best N-S and E-W pairs in each of the six CBF zones will receive trophies donated by the Carling O'Keefe Breweries. The best Canadian North-South and East-West scores reported were made by Mrs. J. Stephens with Mrs. L. Bower in Pointe Claire (68.2%) and E. Hautala with W. Anderson in Thunder Bay (76.1%)

Maurice also passes on a comment from Mrs. Jol Oberly, Assistant Secretary of the ACBL Charity Foundation. She advises Canadian Units/Clubs to check with their local Customs Office for packages containing hands and analyses for charity or continent-wide Olympiad events when they are shipped from the ACBL before resorting to expensive phone calls to League headquarters. Naturally clubs should make timely application if they wish to be included in the playing sites and ten days' notice of non-arrival of necessary materials is desired to provide an opportunity for corrective action.

## Charity Donations

by Maurice Gauthier, Montreal

A cheque for \$30,000.00 was presented to the Canadian Arthritis Society during the Canadian National Regional in Toronto. Excerpt from the Daily Bulletin at the National in Toronto: "The first instalment of a \$30,000.00 grant to the Canadian Mental Health Association was made yesterday. Maurice Gauthier, chairman of the Fund and Mrs. Helen Shields of Thunder Bay, another trustee of the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund, presented a cheque for \$15,000.00 to Jack Whitehouse, a volunteer worker for Mental Health. Altogether the CBF Charitable Fund has donated more than \$230,000.00 to major Canadian Health service organizations since its inception in 1966."

## International Inter-City Match

by Maurice Gauthier, Montreal

During the March 1978 continent wide charity fund raising game, various cities in Canada and across the world were given the opportunity to participate in an inter-city team competition.

A team from Cornwall - M. Lemieux, R. Lemieux (NS), C. Van Bergen, V. Pomykalski (EW) - was first overall with a score of 303½ (ave. 268). A team from Kastri, Greece was 4th overall with 273 and led the "international" section. The team was composed of A. Makaras, Mrs. G. Germanos (NS) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Salameh (EW). They won awards donated by the Royal Distilleries Erven Lucas Bols while the Cornwall team received trophies furnished by Bols Liqueurs.

Maurice Gauthier of the Montreal Star was named Honor Member of the IBPA for 1978-79 at the general meeting held in New Orleans in June.

(Gauthier has been instrumental in making the continent-wide Charity Pairs as successful as it has become. It all started in 1964 with an intercity competition among Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. Now it has grown into an international competition among 31 cities around the world.

Teams are made up of two pairs, pre-selected, who play north-south and east-west respectively in local competitions that run simultaneously with the continent-wide events. The movement is arranged so that the selected pairs play the same boards. The results so gained play no part in the Charity Pairs -- they are used solely to determine winners of city vs. city and club vs. club competition.

More and more interest is being generated in this program -- and Maurice still does most of the promoting and all the scoring.)