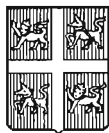


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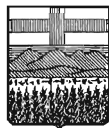
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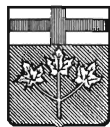
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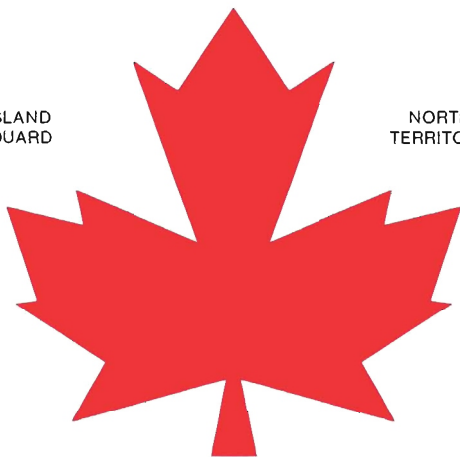
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In order to include details on the trials to select pairs to represent Canada in the 1978 Olympiad, this issue was delayed from August to September. In addition to the 8 pairs selected, the 1977 Canadian Team champions: Don Cowan, Michael Cummings, Mary Paul and Maurice Paul, will compete in the Open Teams event at the World Bridge Olympiad in New Orleans. A good attendance in the next Canada-wide Olympiad Fund game on Thursday, October 6th will be of assistance to Canadian participants. It is worth remembering that clubs can hold an additional Club championship rated game to support this fund by following the procedure outlined in page 31 chapter 5 of the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

Contributors to the November issue should please forward articles and other material without delay.



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Canadian Teams

Winners in the Canadian Team were the Ontario team of Don Cowan, Michael Cummings, Mary Paul and Maurice Paul. They beat Manitoba in the final; other semi-finalists were Quebec and B.C.

Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game

Thursday, October 6th is the date to remember for the next Canada-wide game.

- Alex Kisin, CBF President

The CBF Board of Directors is making application for the formation of a third all-Canadian District comprising the Canadian portions of Districts 18 and 19. We seek the support of Western Units and their members in this endeavour. Some of the advantages as we see them are:

- 1) It will facilitate the development of annual Canadian championships.
- 2) Requests for assistance are more favourably received if the boundaries of the organization coincide with political and/or geographical boundaries. Sponsorship by government and national companies will aid in developing national and international competitions.
- 3) We feel that Canada's position in World Bridge Federation councils would be strengthened.

The changes in everyday bridge life will not be radically altered. Tournaments will retain their North American character, and North-South travel will remain shorter than East-West. As in the East, tournaments on both sides of the border will continue to be scheduled to avoid a conflict of dates and to utilize each other's long weekends. The new Canadian District will unify players, and will stimulate friendly rivalries in both regional and international contexts. Will you help us make it a reality?

CBF Delegates Meeting

A well attended delegates meeting was held in Halifax. The time passed quickly as the meeting ran right up to game time but not before Dave Stothart of Ottawa moved a vote of thanks to the CBF Board for their explanation of concerns to Canadians.

ONTARIO TEAM WINS FIRST CANADIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

By Ted Horning

An all-Toronto team dominated the finals in the first truly national bridge championship to be run by the Canadian Bridge Federation. Captain Don Cowan and team-mates Mike Cummings, Maurice and Mary Paul won all their matches in round-robin competition with each of the other nine provincial champions; won their semi-final match against Quebec comfortably; and finished Manitoba off by 61 IMP's in the finals.

Each of the ten teams earned their way to the National championships by first qualifying in club-level competition, then advancing through unit and provincial play-downs to become Provincial Champions.

The other teams were (from right to left on the map):

NEWFOUNDLAND: Miller Ayr, James Brown, John Clouston, Robert Clouston and Bruce Watson of St. John's and Bob Skanes of Gander.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carragher, Mrs. M. Farmer of Charlottetown and David MacRae of Winsloe.

NOVA SCOTIA: David Lockwood of Halifax and Bill and Donald Presse, and James Graham of Dartmouth.

NEW BRUNSWICK: Jill Savage and Ronald Bass of Newcastle and Gordon Chippin and Peter MacLean of Fredericton.

QUEBEC: Andre and Jacques Laliberte, Jean Bernier and Maurice Larochelle, all of Quebec City.

MANITOBA: Doug Fisher, Kai Cheng, Gim Ong, Ganesan Sekhar, Allan Mowat and David Sokolow, all of Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN: Peggy Kennedy, Rick Boldt, James Howard and Michael Tyrrell, all of Saskatoon.

ALBERTA: Maddie McGill, Jack Murphy, Greg Seidler and John Lang, all of Calgary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: James McAvoy, Duncan Smith and Gordon McOrmond of Victoria, and Lauren Miller of Vancouver.

Going into the last round-robin set to select the four semi-finalists, any of five different teams could have joined Ontario. The Victory Point standings had B.C. with 379; New Brunswick with 372; Manitoba with 379; Quebec 343 and Saskatchewan 308. When the round was finished New Brun-



Mike Cummings - Mary & Maurice Paul - Don Cowan.

swick had fallen only 4 Victory Points out of fourth so the semi-final rounds matched Ontario and Quebec in one knockout and British Columbia and Manitoba in the other.

The participants were invited to a cocktail party on Friday evening, and undoubtedly helped the semi-finalists prepare for the 48 hands. Ontario won by 61 IMP's, and Manitoba defeated B.C. by 24 IMP's so the neighbouring provinces prepared for the finals with the right to represent Canada in the 1978 World Swiss Team Championships as an added bonus to the winner.

Mike Cummings played detective on this hand from the finals and found his clue to bring in an aggressive game.

Cowan
♠-Q43
♥-7642
♦-A875
♣-QJ

With the opponents silent the bidding proceeded:

Dealer	Cowan
Cummings	Cowan
1♠	2♠
30	4♠

Cummings
♠-KJ975
♥-AK8
♦-Q643
♣-K

Left hand opponent led the queen of hearts which Mike won with the Ace. Mike then played the King of clubs which LHO won with the Ace. Cummings then won LHO's heart jack with the King and crossed to dummy with the diamond Ace to discard his heart. Mike then led a spade to his King, and LHO's Ace. After trumping the third heart (RHO showing out) he played two high trumps ending in dummy. When he played a diamond LHO played the Jack. Now in spite of the 11 points in LHO's hand Mike played small and made his game when the King appeared. Mike reasoned that LHO would have played another diamond upon winning the trump Ace holding either K10x or 10x so ducking was the only play to make the contract.

Open Pairs Trials for 1978

Olympiad Tournament

The Canadian Bridge Federation is organizing Trials to select pairs from each zone to represent Canada in the 1978 Olympiad Open Pairs Tournament to be held in New Orleans, U.S.A. June 17 to 22, 1978.

One pair will be selected from each of Zones 1, 4, 5 and 6 with two pairs each from Zones 2 and 3. The CBF Director will be responsible for the organization of trials in his Zone.

Eligibility:

- (a) All players must be Canadian citizens or be of landed immigrant status. Residents of Canada who are neither may apply to the President of the CBF for approval to participate. Each case will be judged on its own merits.
- (b) Players from any unit that is not in good standing with the CBF will not be eligible.
- (c) Participants must play in the trials of the unit in which they reside except where two partners reside in different units or zones. In this case the partnership may elect to compete in either but not both areas.
- (d) No player may compete in more than one qualifying event.
- (e) All players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming representatives of Canada.
- (f) The CBF Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify for just cause any pair or pairs, either before, during or after the trials and during the competition in New Orleans.

Type of Contest

Match-point duplicate.

Trials will begin with a minimum of 2-session qualifying rounds at the club level. Each session must consist of not less than 24 boards.

40% of the original entrants will qualify for the next level of competition, which may be directly to the Zone finals if no intermediate level or levels are required.

When intermediate levels of competition are required by reason of large fields, a minimum of two, 24-board sessions must be played. The CBF Zone Director will determine the number of pairs who qualify to proceed from an intermediate level to the next level.

All Zone finals must consist of at least 4 sessions of no less than 24 boards per session.

Conventions

All conventions permitted in Olympiad competition will be allowed at each level of trials competition.

Trial Dates

Each zone will set its own trial dates. Information as to dates and location of all trials in each Unit within the zone may be obtained from the Unit Secretary, unit publications, participating clubs or from the CBF Zone Director.

Zone finals must be completed by March 31, 1978.

Substitutions and Replacements

Pairs that have qualified are expected to continue in the event but this is not mandatory. If a pair which has qualified at any stage of the competition, including the zone finals, is for any reason unable to compete at the next level, the pair will be replaced by the next available ranking pair taken in order from that stage of the competition. If no such pair is available, the Zone Trials Committee will make substitution at its discretion.

If a qualified pair does not intend to compete at the next level, the Tournament Director and/or the Zone Trials Committee must be notified immediately so that a replacement pair may be arranged.

A pair may apply to the Zone Trials Committee for permission to replace one member of the original partnership who, for sound cause, is permanently unable to continue in the event.

Temporary substitution in a partnership may be permitted only in cases of serious and unforeseen emergency and only with the permission of the Zone Trials Committee.

No substitute or replacement may significantly strengthen a partnership and no replacement within a partnership will be allowed after completion of the Zone Trials.

Entry Fees and Deposits

It is recommended that entry fees be \$4.00 per player per session. In any case, \$7.00 per table per session is to be remitted to the Treasurer, Canadian Bridge Federation to defray the cost of attendance at New Orleans of the zone winners.

A deposit of \$10.00 per pair is required, immediately upon completion of the qualifying rounds, from qualified pairs who intend to proceed to the next level of competition and from those pairs which have been selected immediately as replacements.

At the discretion of the Zone Trials Committee, deposits may or may not be required from replacement pairs selected later but before the next level.

Such deposits, to be paid to the tournament director or game operator, will be applied to entry fees at the next level. Deposits are refundable only in exceptional circumstances.

Even if a pair is willing to forfeit its deposit, the pair must advise the Zone Trials Committee at its earliest opportunity of a decision to withdraw. Failure to do so will be treated as a breach of conduct.

Travel and Per Diem Allowances

Allowances to players up to and including the zone trials will be at the discretion of the CBF zone director.

Pairs selected from this competition to represent Canada in the 1978 Pairs Olympiad will have their entry fees paid and receive air transportation to and from New Orleans. An accommodation and per diem allowance may be paid, depending on the funds available from the CBF Olympiad Fund at the time of the 1978 Olympiad.

ACBL Regulations

ACBL regulations governing slow play, kibitzers, protests and appeals, etc. constitute a part of these conditions.

Jubilee Year

by Olive Macdonald, Edmonton

A milestone in the history of Duplicate Bridge was achieved by the "Team of Four Bridge Club" in Edmonton. At our May Sectional, Doug Rosser, Unit 391 President, presented a 25-year Anniversary Certificate to Carol Morrison, President of the local club.

This Duplicate Bridge Club is one of 57 in North America which has been operating continuously for 25 years. Original members currently active in the Club are:

Mrs. Phillis Gentles
Mr. Frank Whitby
Mrs. Marge Stone
Mrs. Mae Carlson
Mrs. Eva Surette
Mrs. Virginia Roberts
Mrs. Marge Bacon

The "Team of Four Bridge Club" runs their game every Wednesday evening in the Card Room of St. Joseph's Cathedral. An average of 14 tables are in play.

We offer our congratulations and wish the club continued success for the future.

Per Ardua Ad Astra or PEI Playoffs for the Canadian Team Championships

by Al Hackett, P.E.I.

Having decided to represent PEI in the Canadian Team Championship, I managed, after much jockeying for position, to procure the services of half the Life Masters in PEI. To these, I craftily added a couple of good players.

So, one speeding ticket and a tow job later, we gravitated to Charlottetown to do battle. Our troubles continued when we sat down to play, mainly in the bidding department. The afternoon's play did not net us much in the way of Victory Points but won us many friends among our opponents. We somehow or other seemed to bid too much at the wrong times. On one hand, our partners were in 6H down two, while we talked them 'out of their slam' by reaching 5S also down two!

Subsequent team discussions and recriminations brought out the team weakness that we just couldn't function as a team. As team captain (we would have fared better if I was npc, moaned a few of the uninitiated followers), I prescribed a visit to the watering hole for some eye straightener to soothe our weary bones. Some crucial partnership changes and a few new conventions were instituted.

We added a few indigenous conventions to our awesome system card which had by now been dubbed "The NATO Standard" being a tribute to the success of that organization. Our 1NT openings could be either the ALBERTON NT or the SUMMERSIDE NT. The Alberton NT bid is used when we pick up a hand of less than 8 HCP but with long clubs. The theory is that a 1NT opening will in many situations elicit a 2C Stayman response from partner. Voila. The proper contract is reached and the opener gets to play in 2C, with the opponents cold for various declara-

tions. The SUMMERSIDE NT is simply an extension of the ALBERTON NT and shows the diamond suit. Best results are obtained when used in conjunction with two-way Stayman. The reason that people don't win more often is because they don't bid NT often enough, claims the inventor.

Should any reader be interested in other PEI conventions, just send \$5 to the following address:

TIOBEM Club,
P.O. Box 519,
CFB Summerside,
PEI, COB 2A0

You will be introduced to a whole host of conventional bids like Gallant, Johns, Arsneault, Tignish 2-bids and others and a money-back-guarantee that your Bridge will never be the same again!

The evening's play did not present any opportunities to use our favourite conventions but we still won our matches handily to place us in contention. Now is our chance to prove our mettle for we ended up against the leading team. A blitz would assure us a ticket to Toronto. A blitz we got alright!

The first two boards were not very successful as the DOPI-CHECKER (another PEI Convention) went for minus 1100 and the SUMMERSIDE NT went for only minus 800 when partner didn't have the required points for a forcing Stayman 2D bid and bid 2C instead. Then came this hand:-

Both vulnerable, South dealer.

AQ972	J1053
9643	Q72
A104	9
6	Q10954
Me	
K864	
KJ	
KQ63	
AKJ	

The auction at our table was rather involved.

South	West	North	East
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3C	Pass
3S	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	5D	Pass
Pass	X	XX	All Pass

Opening Lead: Club 6

Upon winning the second diamond I returned a heart to pickle my partner's queen. This got us minus 1350.

At the other table, our mathematical wizard decided that nine tricks would be easier than eleven and declared 3NT. He still could not figure out why he made only eight tricks.

The team spirits at this juncture were not conducive to good bridge so as the Captain (they don't call me Captain Hackett for nothing) I called time out at the half and took my team back to the watering hole for a couple of Feeling Better. In PEI we are allowed to do that. The standard phrase down here is:- "You are now entering PEI, kindly set your watch to local time - retard it 50 years".

The second half was quite easy to take for we moved into high gear - we added two more slams, off one each time to save our unblemished slam record. Too bad real slams did not turn up as we would be sure to be in them.

The playoffs are now all over and the team with the bilingual motto did not make it. For our non-classical readers, "Per Ardua Ad Astra" merely means "Through Adversity to the Stars". The Team has decided it would be better this way for we feel that the weather in Toronto in June will probably not be up to our liking anyway. But watch out, Upper Canada, we are now briefing the winning team from PEI on how to go all the way in Toronto!

Canadian Participation in the World Bridge Olympiad, New Orleans, USA

June 17-30, 1978

Canada is allowed:

10 Open Pairs	June 17-22
5 Ladies Pairs	June 17-22
30 Mixed Pairs	June 23-24
8 Open Teams	June 25-29

The Canadian quota for Open Pairs will be filled in part by the 8 winners of the Canadian Bridge Federation's Olympiad zone trials. Travel costs and playing fees, plus an accommodation and per diem allowance if funds permit, will be paid by the CBF. Because the Open and Ladies Pairs run concurrently, any pair of ladies which qualifies as the result of the Open Pairs Zonal competition has the option of playing in either event, such option to be exercised immediately on completion of the zone finals.

The CBF will also send the winner of the 1977 Canadian Team Championship to compete in the Open Teams, subsidized as above.

To fill the remaining places in the various events, players who wish to represent Canada at their own expense are invited to apply in writing to their zone director. Separate applications are required for each contest and must include relevant information about the applicants. All applications must be submitted by November 30, 1977.

The CBF Olympiad Nominating Committee will decide who shall represent Canada and will advise all applicants by April 10, 1978 of their status. Deposits, in accordance with the following entry fees, must then be received by the Nominating Committee no later than April 20/78.

Open and Ladies Pairs	\$140 per pair
Mixed Pairs	\$ 50 per pair
Open Teams	\$200 per team

Winning pairs will automatically be considered as applicants to form teams and/or mixed pairs upon completion of the pairs trials although this completion dates is in conflict with the foregoing conditions.

Canada-Wide Olympiad

May 4, 1977

- Jol Oberly, ACBL

First Overall: J. Hooke, Mrs. E. Ross	73.3%
Second Overall: Mrs. Leo Carragher, Mrs. Cecil Dunbar	70.2

Zone 1

First: Mrs. Leo Carragher, Mrs. Cecil Dunbar, Charlottetown, PEI	70.2
Second: Paul Hachey, Gordon Chippin, Newcastle, N.B.	64.4

Zone 2

First: John Bowman, M. Lamothe, Ottawa, Ont.	68.6
Second: Therese Gauthier, Jean Y'ves Gauthier, Charlesbourg, P.Q.	68.4

Zone 3

First: Merv Amor, E. Farthing, Mississauga, Ont.	67.8
Second: R. Delogu, L. Klein, St. Catharines, Ont.	66.1

Zone 4

First: Neil Kimelman, Robert Todd, Winnipeg, Man.	61.3
Second: Helen Shields, Edna McEachern, Thunder Bay, Ont.	60.7

Zone 5

First: David Shapira, Ron Gardiner, Edmonton, Alta.	69.3
Second: Mrs. H. Powell, Mrs. E. Brown, Moose Jaw, Sask.	67.0

Zone 6

First: J. Hooke, Mrs. E. Ross, Dawson Creek, B.C.	73.3
Second: Jean Frit, Courtenay, B.C., Jim Grant, Campbell River, B.C.	65.9

Jol reports that a total of \$3521 was raised from 45 sites with 499 tables in play.

Rookie of the Year 1976

<u>Unit</u>	228 Mr. R. Laframboise, Thunder Bay, Ont.
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Call For Candidates

Elections will be held for the Directors of Zones 5 and 6 this year. The term of office will be for 3 years (1978 to 1980 inclusive).

Zone 5 is for Units 390 (Calgary), 391 (Northern Alberta), 392 (Lethbridge), 393 (Medicine Hat), 573 (South Saskatchewan), and 575 (North Saskatchewan).

Zone 6 is for Units 429 (Parksville), 430 (Vancouver), 431 (Victoria), 456 (Quesnel), 571 (Okanagan), and 574 (Kootenay).

Any member of a unit in Zone 5 or Zone 6 may declare their candidacy in writing to the CBF Executive Secretary. Declarations will be accepted up to Friday, November 18th, 1977. The declaration shall contain the name, address and Unit of said candidate and may contain a photograph and biographical material not to exceed 100 words. In a Zone where only one candidate filed for election, that candidate shall be declared elected.

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

Details concerning the procedures and conditions for election of Zone Directors will be available from Unit presidents and secretaries by October 1st, 1977.

We Try

Duplicate bridge is not "just a game" It's an obsession, a challenge and never tame; There is more to be learned each time you play As you strive to improve in every way - Be it play or defence or bidding call Is one lifetime too short to master them all? --Ruth Holland

Donald A. [Bud] Burns 1924 - 1977

The Toronto Bridge Community lost one of its more unique personalities with the sudden death of Bud Burns, age 53, on Saturday, May 21st, 1977, from a heart attack. He leaves his wife, Rhea, one son, Doug, and five daughters, Patti, Donna, Rhea, Laura and Edie. A very successful businessman, Bud played his first duplicate game at Scarborough Bridge Club in 1969. He got Rhea coming out regularly about a year later and they joined the League in 1971. He was about a dozen gold and a handful of black points short of becoming a Life Master.

While he may not have been the inventor of the gambling 3 No-Trump, he had to be its greatest proponent. All 3 No-Trump bids, opening or otherwise, were a gamble with Bud. He had long mastered the art of impassively winning a singleton Queen in his hand, on the opening lead, rattling off a well-concealed and endless suit, squeezing for an over-trick and bringing home a perfectly gross game. He could, however, go for horrendous penalties with equal grace. His affectionate nickname was "Turkey" Burns and his favourite partner was "Numbers" Creighton. He'll be missed, that's for sure!

[Obituary prepared by Dorothy Howley, Secretary Scarborough Bridge Studio]

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Canada-Wide Charity

by Maurice Gauthier, Montreal

\$5471.75 was realized in the March 24 Canada wide charity game; 3100 players participated in 61 playing sites as follows:

New Brunswick (4); Nova Scotia (2); Newfoundland (2); PEI (1); Quebec (11); Ontario (22); Saskatchewan (9); Manitoba (2); Alberta (2); B.C. (6).

Participation by Zones was as follows:

	<u>Tables in Play</u>	<u>Money Raised</u>
Zone 1	66	\$ 457.25
Zone 2	149	\$1046.50
Zone 3	311-1/2	\$2214.50
Zone 4	115	\$ 815.75
Zone 5	52-1/2	\$ 369.50
Zone 6	81	\$ 568.25

The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society will benefit from funds raised in 1977 as they did in 1976. Trophies for the highest scoring North-South and East-West pairs in each zone were donated by Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Limited.



Maurice Gauthier (chairman board of trustees Canadian Charitable Trust Fund) and Jean LaTraverse (previously CBF Zone 2 Director) presenting \$25,000 cheque to Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society represented by Miss Patricia Davis. This was from proceeds of 1976 Canada wide charity events.

The Inter-city matches competition that Maurice Gauthier organizes in conjunction with the two ACBL World-wide Charity Games received some publicity in the July issue of the World Bridge News - organ of the World Bridge Federation. The closing paragraph in an article dealing with the interest of bridge players throughout the world in subscribing to Charity Funds created for the benefit of Charity Organizations. reads "In a novel enrichment of ACBL's Charity games, Mr. Maurice Gauthier of the 'Montreal Star' arranges for each game to nominate two pairs whose results can be compared on a team basis with other games throughout the world".

Local Charity

A number of clubs hold charity sessions where the proceeds are donated to a local charity organization that is NOT the named Charity of the Year. It is therefore NOT included in the list furnished by the ACBL of charity sessions held in Canada. Would the sponsors of such sessions notify the Chairman of our Fund, Maurice Gauthier,* of the amount of the contribution to the benefiting organization.

(* address inside front cover)

Charity Champs

- Henry Smilie

The North Shore Winter Club has done it again. Some came for charity; some came for bridge; some came for a Sunday of sociability; some came for better food than they get at home. Anyway, from North Vancouver and from its sprawling suburb south of the inlet and from elsewhere, they came. Forty tables of them came. The net take for the ACBL Canadian Charitable Fund: \$400.00.

District 1 (CBF Zones 1 & 2) will have a charity game on Thursday, October 20th.

Dear Editor,

While living in Australia I played in various tournaments and was taken by their system of eliminating non-qualifiers in open pair two-session events.

I should like to propose a similar system for Canadian tournaments, and will appreciate your comments, as well as those of other readers. Please note, the system I propose is not a duplicate of the one used in Australia.

The first session would be run as usual. Once the results are known the various sections would be divided as follows: the top 1/3 of each section (plus ties) would qualify for the championship which would be run as a two-session play-through. The middle third would consist of the consolation event, also a two-session play-through. The also rans would be relegated to the night side-game which would be open to new entries. Naturally, the consolation awards would be greater than the (usual) side game, being a two-session event.

Since the pairs in the two top groups would have scores relatively close to each other (barring a 230),

anyone in those sections would have a relatively even chance of winning their event (session awards are still granted), and the lowest group of pairs will be no worse off since they will still be playing in a side game as they do now.

What say you, does the plan sound reasonable?

Allan Becker,
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Editor,

Laughter at the Bridge Table

At Elliot Lake DBC's Invitational Game each novice is partnered with an experienced player. It's fun, and full of surprises, as witness this actual bidding of one hand:

N: Pass
E: Pass

Novice S: "Good Heavens"!
Novice W: "Holy Smoke"!!

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Bridge to P.E.I.

by Jack King, P.E.I.

Hand Hog

	J10962	
	K963	
	6	
	KJ5	
A875		Q
1084		A75
J103		Q87542
A62		1073
	K43	
	QJ2	
	AK9	
	Q984	
	Hand Hog	

We have a venerable old man in Alberton who goes by the style of the Hand Hog and he's proud of it. It was rumoured that he almost won an event in Charlottetown and he only got to play sixteen of the twenty-six hands. The Hand Hog claimed that he would have got the event sewn up had he just managed to play one more hand!

HH opened the South hand with a 1NT showing 16 to 18 high card points, even though he held only 15 points (one for his declarer play, he later confided). North trotted out the Stayman convention asking for the majors while East jumped in

with a 2D overcall on his six-card suit. HH had no problems - he bid 2NT! to show his stoppers. North had no option but to raise to 3NT. Playing with HH, there was no need to bid 3S as the Hog would rebid 3NT anyway. Why bother to tell the opponents how to defend?

HH surveyed dummy without much relish for even the Hog could not see enough tricks for his contract. He knew enough to win the diamond lead with the Ace and go after his own tricks. A low club to the Jack 'finesse' won and the heart return was won with the Queen in hand as each opponent in turn ducked with their Aces. Another club to the King won! Now HH turned his attention to the spades and the Jack fetched the Queen and King as West again ducked with his other Ace. A spade to the ten won as West was again forced to duck in order to prevent the run of the suit.

But HH was not out of the woods yet for he was still a couple of tricks short of his nine for his bid. He had garnered seven tricks in DA, CJ, HQ, CK, SK, SJ and the DK to come. HH knew he had the hand cinched now. A low heart from dummy fetched the Ace and the Diamond King won the return. And the two hearts brought the total tally to nine for game bid and made.

Mother's Day Tournament

George Oliver, Medicine Hat

Our annual tournament coincided with Mother's day this year and here are the winners:

Most grandchildren: a tie, but names are missing.

Most children (8): Edith Anderson, Lethbridge

Youngest child (3 months): Lisa Lister, Edmonton

Mother & son partnership: Phyllis Boushy & Dave

Newest bride: Mrs. Byron Nillson, Lethbridge

Bridge Tournament

"You bid three molars and a bicuspid and if you're lucky you get 25 percent fewer cavities." The above title and caption accompanied a front page photograph of a technician working on dental plates in the Vancouver morning paper, "The Province" on May 12.

Calgary Regional

Winner of the Hawaii trip for two was Calgarian Ken Brown of Huntingdon Park Bay.

Tempus Fugit [Part 1]

Eric Kokish, Montreal

All too often, in bridge as in life, our most noble aspirations fall teasingly short of fulfilment when we run out of time. Reflect on your own experience and you will recall occasions when disaster would surely have been avoided had you only been given an economical opportunity to complete the description of your hand. Was your planning imperfect? Did your partner's bovine indelicacy spoil a seemingly sound bidding sequence? In your most objective moments you know that it would have been genuinely difficult for either of you to have done otherwise. The auction had slipped from your grasp and control had passed to a strangely potent force. Time had become your master.

The struggle to reverse this disagreeable development is a constant one. Many years ago Al Roth wrote (Bridge World Jan./63) of the virtues of the "mark-time" bid. In a then-radical lament to the deaf expert world, Roth began with the simple concept of the false preference in forcing sequences:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
1S	1NT
3H	?

xx Qxx xxx A10xxx

Today most good players would consider 3S an easy choice in this awkward position. In 1963 Roth was on the brink of giving up the game because his contemporaries couldn't (or wouldn't) envision the inevitable advantages that would be derived by allowing opener the easy rebid to complete his pattern. In 1963 most experts "knew" that 4H was the best bid for East. Little matter that West held: AKQJx A109x x KQJ and 4H was one down with 5S cold and 6C unbeatable in practice.

The false preference could be offered in non-forcing sequences as well, if some quality features in a

minimum hand lent some hope for game (or even slam):

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
1D	1S
2C	?

xxxxx xxx KJ KJ10

The advantages of 2D are readily apparent. If West should bid again, his choice will enable East to make a well-informed reevaluation of his hand. If East chooses the normal-looking pass to 2C, he will occasionally discover that he has missed a slam! The mark-time preference breathes life into a dying auction and today this stratagem is widely recognized.

It is interesting to note that the Kaplan-Sheinwold system marks time one bid earlier in the last sequence. By reserving the rebid of 2C for hands with extra strength, the system establishes a one-round force and ensures that opener will have the third bid he requires to complete the description of his hand.

Roth completed his analysis by pointing out that opener's third bid might equally serve as a mark-time bid, offering responder a choice of contracts based on a confident assessment of the partnership's fit:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
1S	1NT
2C	2S
?	

With: A10xxx AKJ x AQxx Bid 3H
 With: A10xxx Ax x AQJ10x Bid 3C
 With: A10xxx Kx AQ KJ10x Bid 2NT

Writing in the American Contract Bridge League Bulletin in August and September of 1970, Monroe Ingberman acknowledged Roth's significant contributions. Ingberman in turn wrote definitively about the meaning of partnership rebids following opener's jump shift, and made a particularly interesting point about this situation:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
1H	1S
3D	?

Qxxxx x KJx xxxx

He suggested that the strange-looking "preference" to 3H might well be the safest and most flexible call available to East. By marking time to the extreme, responder would have a counter to any continuation:

Over 3NT, Pass

Over 3S (or 4C, showing spade support + club control), 4S

Over 4D, 5D

Over 4H (suggesting a 6 card suit), Pass

By slowing down the momentum in certain "springboard" situations, the partnership will often be able to maintain control of snowballing auctions.

Theorists have devoted their energies to solving the "time" problem. The French Relay System was a landmark effort. PRO and CANARY are attempts to conserve space through the use of relay mechanisms. The recent success of the Cliff-Granovetter-Rubin relay system has shown us that artificial methods are the ultimate answer.

There is much that can be done with natural systems without taking the plunge into total artificiality, however, some applications of "space-saving" devices follow, and most of these ideas will blend nicely with a "natural" environment.

A. Stayman as a Visual Aid - The 2D Relay

Most partnerships have put considerable effort into their notrump structures and few will admit that theirs is not more than adequate. Little has been written about the methods employed following a forcing-to-game 2D response to 1NT, but some of the best features of this framework are worth mentioning.

The notrump bidder rebids as follows over 2D: 2H-4 hearts, not 4 spades; 2S-4 spades, perhaps 4 hearts; 2NT-no 4 card Major (M), no 5-card minor (m); 3C, 3D-5 card minor;

3H, 3S-5 card Major (optional). This is virtually "standard" practice.

One of the positives of this structure is the ease in discovering 4-4 or 5-3 fits at an early stage in the auction. This is often accomplished with the aid of a second relay (the 2D response was the first):

West	East
1NT	2D
2M	<u>2NT</u> (1)
3m (2)	
or 3NT (3)	
or 3OM (4)	
or 3M (5)	

- (1) 2NT says simply: "Tell me more"
- (2) 3m unremarkably answers: "I also have 4m"
- (3) 3NT admits to no other 4 card suit (min if M=H)
- (4) If 3H-4 card suit; If 3S-3-4-3-3 maximum
- (5) Rebid of M should be worse 5 card suit than 3M/2D

West	East
1NT	2D
2NT	<u>3C</u> (1)
3D (2)	
3NT (3)	
3H (4)	
3S (5)	

- (1) "What is your shape?" (Baron Corollary)
- (2) Precisely 3-3-4-3 (i.e. D=D naturally)
- (3) Precisely 3-3-3-4 (the cheapest C bid available)
- (4) Precisely 2-3-4-4 (bid longest major with both m's)
- (5) Precisely 3-2-4-4

Note that none of these relays initiate complicated artificial cipher responses, but an economical exchange of useful information is continued in natural fashion. In the first sequence, for example, East might have a fit in M and still choose 3NT later. This mechanism enables responder to explore all avenues with say, 4-3-3-3 shape, rather than force him to "back his judgment" with a breezy 3NT. It is

apparent that responder can probe with a relay and explore the possibilities of a 4-3 fit below game, not to mention the advantages of setting the trump suit at the 3-level (via a direct raise of opener's Major) as a sound slam foundation.

Note also that East (if he so chooses) can find out West's exact pattern by continuing with a new suit at his third turn. West will normally raise with 3-card support (completing his distribution if he has not yet done so). This is the recommended approach for responder when he is seeking a 5-3 Major suit game. This frees direct suit bids by responder at his second turn (in unforced situations) for use as slam tries:

West	East
1NT	2D
2H	2S (1)
etc.	

- (1) 2S is a slam try because East would use a relay sequence to check out the best game.

With the popularity of transfer bids and the fact that this approach is more appealing over less-popular weak notrumps, this is hardly a crusade. As a first showcase for natural relay techniques, however, something old can be turned into something new without too much strain.

B. Recapturing your Birthright or Two Bids in One

If your opponents push you around, you must (even you) do the wrong thing on occasion. Such infrequent failings are understandable and even forgivable. But when you push yourself around.....

By now sufficient research and innovation has gone into devising a suitable scheme of constructive bidding following a 2NT opening bid (or rebid after opening 2C). Nearly as many partnerships have confidence in their own methods over 2NT as over 1NT. This is progress. Much of this sophistication is simply not available,

however, over a 3NT opening bid (or rebid after opening 2C) due to a shortage of bidding space.

Following a 2C start, natural systems can recapture some of the ground conceded to big clubbers by adding an innocent little wrinkle:

West	East
2C	2D
2NT(1)	
or 2H (2)	

- (1) 22-24 (standard)
(2) Either strong two in H or 25+ balanced.

West	East
2C	2D
2H	2S (1)
2NT(2)	

or any other bid (3)

- (1) Which type?
(2) 25+ balanced (naturally)
(3) Hearts + further description.

The partnership can now use all its artillery at the level of three whenever the 2C bidder has a balanced hand.

If East "refuses" to relay with 2S after 2C-2D-2H, he shows different "weak" hands with long suits. Partnership needs will determine which suit qualities should be described via this route.

A useful corollary benefit of this gadget is the new-found ability to describe hands of this type:

Kx Ax Kx AKQ10xxx

The sequence: 2C-2D-3NT is otherwise idle and neatly fills this gap.

... To be continued.

Unit members in Saskatchewan Alberta and BC may declare their candidacy for Canadian Bridge Federation Director. See page 10.

Oh, to be a Novice

- A. David Mowat, Winnipeg

A recent Sectional tournament Swiss Team Event pitted my all male team against four pleasant ladies in the fifth round of the event. Both teams sat with perfect records.

Cards were being shuffled in a serious vein when the tournament chairman announced the winners of various events. The final trophies, for winners of the Novice Event, were presented to the two ladies who were nervously making boards at our table. I noted a mild smirk come over my partner's face as the ladies accepted their prizes amid joyous applause from local supporters. The ladies, somewhat embarrassed, returned to their seats and apologized for holding up the start of our match.

Play began and, after only two boards, any smile that had been on my partner's face vanished. While my partner declared both hands in game, the ladies deceptively underled aces and trump honours, leading declarer to the wrong line of play in both contracts which, naturally, were defeated.

Partner gritted his teeth as the third hand was pulled from the box. The following auction unfolded which led our side to a rather tenuous slam:

Q	
Q962	
AQ76	
AK96	
A1043	
A753	
J4	Partner
Q75	
<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
2D (1)	2NT (2)
3S (3)	6H (4)

lead of the C10 hit the table. For a full minute, partner squirmed in his chair, grimacing, as he tried to solve the mystery of his opponents and find a line of play that offered some chance of making this absurd contract.

Seeing his best play was to set up dummy by ruffing diamonds in his hand, partner ran the opening lead to the Q. The DQ was finessed successfully, DA cashed, and a diamond ruffed in declarer's hand. The HA felled the J from West, and a low heart was led toward dummy. West was in with the King and, without a third trump to return, exited with a low club. My partner panicked a little at the smoothness of this play but judged correctly, that, if East held J8xx of clubs, there was no play for the contract. As it was unlikely the original C10 lead was from 10xx, or 10xxx, he inserted the 9 from dummy, closing his eyes. It held.

Now it was elementary to ruff dummy's last diamond as East followed helplessly, cash SA, ruff a spade in dummy and draw East's last trump with the Q. Dummy's A,K of clubs took the last tricks.

Opponents' Hands

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
K862	J975
KJ	1084
K92	10853
J1043	82

West, in her post mortem, explained that she was endplayed from trick one, and should have gone along with her original hunch of leading the spade K!!

"You would have got me again, and THAT wouldn't be very nice," ventured my partner as he fumbled, trying to get his cards back in the board.

Naturally, we proceeded to lose the match and could never recover after that. The ladies, unfortunately, failed to win the event but continued to give fits to all who dared to sit down against them.

1. 3-suited hand (17-21 HCP)
2. where's singleton?
3. stiff spade
4. I'll get these novices!!

Without hesitation, the opening

The Unusual Unusual [Four] No Trump

by Mike Wiss, Saskatoon

Playing rubber bridge against good opponents with an imaginative and reliable partner I picked up this rock as dealer, both vulnerable:

S. AKJ10xxxx
H. -
D. Q
C. AKQJ

I opened with Two non-Precise Clubs and LHO kicked in some interference with Four Diamonds. Partner bid Four Hearts and I stopped to consider. For his free bid partner had to have an Ace or two. If two, no problem; and if none, still no problem. But if one, which one? We weren't playing asking bids. It would be easy (and lazy) to settle in Six Spades, for the odds are high that if partner has only one Ace it is Hearts. But just in case, how could I be sure? Then I had it. Four No Trump, I said, and as expected partner bid Five Diamonds.

And I bid Six Diamonds. If partner had the Heart Ace, he would cuebid it now, and I would settle for Six Spades; but if he held the Diamond Ace, he would recognize the try for a grand.

Would there be a story if he bid other than Seven Diamonds? Of course there would. But he did! And I bid Seven Spades. Here was the entire hand:

Partner

S. xx
H. KQJxxx
D. Ax
C. xxx

S. x
H. Axx
D. KJ109xxx
C. xx

S. Qx
H. xxxx
D. xxx
C. xxxx

"I knew Blackwood was useless in itself, Pard," I said, never failing to rise to the opportunity to rub it in to opponents I'm playing for money, "but I thought if I

used it as a relay to a cuebid it might come in handy."

UU4NT/Part 2

Trucking merrily along in Jim Norman's motor home, heading home after the Edmonton Regional, playing Chicago all the way... J.W. was my partner, his wife, a true and lovely Carrot Top, my LHO, and as RHO was none other than the inimitable Porky Rabbit. Third in hand I picked up:

S. 109xx
H. J9875
D. J10
C. J7

With the vulnerability as forgotten as it is irrelevant I heard J.W. open, and the auction meandered thusly:

J.W.	P.R.	Me	C.T.
1C	1S	P	P
2D	2H	P	2S
4C	4S	?	

What to do? Partner has shown me a rock with a reverse and a jump, and a Spade void in the bidding; I like my defense but would like it better at the five level. And which of partner's suits is best? (For barring an immediate Heart ruff we must be on for a game.) Of course. It's time for the Unusual Unusual No Trump!

Seven miles and gales of giggles later J.W. bid Five Clubs (not without a sweat, mind, and one that would do justice to a Peruvian lumberjack). P.R. burped out a Five Spade call (characteristically enough) and I happily Doubled. This was the hand:

J.W.
S. K
H. A
D. KQ98x
C. AKQ10xx

C.T.	P.R.
S. A	S. QJxxxxx
H. xx	H. KQ10xx
D. Axxxx	D. x
C. 98xxx	C. -

Play Bridge with Span

- Abe Greenspan, Willowdale, Ont.

Playing in a board-a-match event against opponents of unknown strength, I hold the following in fourth chair:

S: QJ107x
H: AQ9xx
D: Ax
C: x

The opponents are vulnerable, we are not. West passes and partner bids 1 club. We are playing Blue Team Club. East says 1 NT, which West explains shows clubs and diamonds. I bid 2NT which in our methods shows 3 or 4 controls, an ace being 2 and a King 1 control. West passes, and partner bids 3NT. East passes, and having extra values I bid 4 clubs. West doubles and partner redoubles, indicating first round control of clubs. East passes, and I bid 4 diamonds, indicating a control in diamonds. West passes and partner bids 4NT. Partner probably has 3 cards in neither major suit; however, my hand may still produce enough tricks for a no trump slam. I make one more try, bidding 5NT. West passes and partner emerges with 6 diamonds. East passes. Partner obviously wants me to choose a suit to play a slam in. No trump played from my hand may be awkward on a club lead, so I bid six spades and all pass.

The bidding has been:

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
	P	1C	1NT
2NT	P	3NT	P
4C	X	R	P
4D	P	4NT	P
5NT	P	6D	P
6S	P	P	P

West opens the King of clubs and partner puts down:

S: AK
H: Kx
D: QJ8x
C: A10xxx

S: QJ107x
H: AQ9xx
D: Ax
C: x

Pity I could not double 1NT. Otherwise, well bid by us. If both spades and hearts break no worse than 4-2, I will come to five spades, five hearts (including a ruff), and two aces. But is this probable in view of the auction? East bid vulnerable against non-vulnerable and likely has at most three major suit cards. I do not believe the hand can be made if both majors are 5-1, as I will have to lose two tricks in the majors unless East has singleton Jack or ten of hearts and West can somehow be thrown in on the fifth spade. But in that case, West must have two diamonds and a singleton club - very unlikely in light of his double of 4 clubs. I think I am going to have to play East for at least 3 major suit cards.

If the hearts are 5-1 and I play to ruff one heart, East will ruff the second round, but I shall ruff the club return, ruff a heart high, cash a trump, finesse diamonds, eventually returning to hand, and draw trumps.

If spades are 5-1, I shall ruff the third round of hearts, return as before in diamonds, and lose only one trump.

Should I cash a round of spades first? If hearts are 5-1 and East has three spades, he will ruff the second heart and return a spade, leaving me with a heart loser.

Is there any advantage in taking the diamond finesse first? If the Queen holds, I shall switch to hearts, being no worse placed than otherwise. If the Queen is covered and either hearts or spades are 5-1, I shall be short an entry to hand after ruffing a heart in dummy. If the finesse loses, East will have to be 2-2 in the majors with at most five diamonds - not an impossibility. Come to think of it, if East is 2-2 in the majors and I finesse the diamond after ruffing

the third heart and cashing a spade and the finesse loses, West will return a heart for East to ruff, dummy being trumpless. How likely is East to cover the diamond Queen? Most players will cover the second round when touching honours are led from dummy. I have never seen East before, so I do not know if he is good or bad enough to cover.

Is there anything else to consider? I do not believe so; and I am beginning to get a headache. I am going to play this diamond Queen and see what happens. East plays low - good - but alas, West produces the King. After some deliberation, West leads the club Queen. What is going on here? East bid vulnerable against not and can have at most two Jacks!

I ruff the club and now must hope East is 2-2 in the majors. This is not as improbable as I might have believed, in view of the previous events. I play two rounds of hearts, ruff a heart high, East following twice and throwing a diamond, and cash a spade, everyone following. I then lead a diamond to the ace, West ruffing. West leads another club and I must lose yet another trick as the hands are:

S: AK
H: Kx
D: QJ8x
C: A10xxx

S: 98xxx
H: Jxxx
D: K
C: KQx

S: x
H: 10x
D: 1097xxx
C: Jxxx

S: QJ107x
H: AQ9xx
D: Ax
C: x

With murder in my heart, I refrain from congratulating East on his extraordinary bid.

Post Mortem

A minor point about this hand is the play of the diamond Queen at trick two. Although perhaps technically incorrect, it often will lose nothing, East being unlikely to cover when he has the King.

The major lesson is that it is sometimes useful to talk for the pleasure of hearing one's own voice, especially when you don't really have anything to say. If East had kept silent, declarer's most likely line is to play both majors to split no worse than 4-2. After a club lead and two rounds of hearts, a heart ruff, and one round of trumps, it is dangerous to finesse the diamond, for, if this loses, West would give East a heart ruff. Once the hearts are revealed to split 4-2, 6 no trumps is usually unmakeable on a club lead. Declarer's percentage play at board-a-match is to "safety play" the hand for 6 spades. Returning on the diamond ace, declarer is rewarded in a manner quite un contemplated.

Any declarer astute enough to realize that the diamond finesse, if taken, must be taken early, will be punished.

On a trump lead, declarer is forced to find the winning line, as a diamond finesse should not be risked early lest hearts split 4-2.

As it happens, 6 no trumps makes as the cards lie even on a club lead. provided that declarer plays for a singleton King of diamonds.

Be Kind

"Why didn't you ..." a partner may say -
(From my side it seemed that contract won't play!)
"You can't pass my new suit, you must reply."
(I had bid all I had. Do you want me to lie?)
"Why did you" a partner may angrily ask:
(I was bidding MY hand. Must you take me to task?)
Bad scores are the lot of the partner who natters -
Who plays good bridge with morale in tatters?

Ruth Holland

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- by Lynne Brooks, North Vancouver

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JUDGMENT

PRISONER: "As God is my Judge, I am not guilty."

THE COURT: "He's not, I am, you are!"

A Bridge Player's Lament

[To the tune of Bye Bye Blackbird]

- Noranda-Rouyn Bridge Club, Quonta
Unit

Verse One

I went to a tournament
All my money it was spent
Bye, bye, bankroll.
I bid this, I bid that
Opponents always smelt a rat
Bye, bye, red points.
Partner's bids I always sought to
honour
But real soon I knew I was a goner
I said "Kid, shoot the works"
He said "No, there danger lurks"
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Two

We met opposition strong
Our decisions all went wrong
Bye, bye, red points.
How unlucky can you get?
You ain't heard the worst yet
Bye, bye, red points.
For each time I had the nerve to
double
They did make their contract without
trouble
One or two overtricks
Sure puts you in a fix
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Three

One end-play I tried to make
A top or bottom was at stake
Bye, bye, red points.
I played well, and with zest
A finesse wrong I guessed
Bye, bye, red points.
The Schenken Club we both agreed to
use it
A mistake it was for us to choose it
On every hand I went down
Now I'm bent on leaving town
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Four

Life master I wished to be
To avoid the members' fee
Bye, bye, red points.
On each hand the trumps were massed

In each event we came last
Bye, bye, red points.
We came up against Aceti-Wallace
Boy did they enjoy the chance to
maul us
We bid spades, they bid clubs
Made us seem a pair of dubs
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Five

Contract is a fine game
No two hands are the same
Bye, bye, red points.
So I studied bids and plays
Ended up in a daze
Bye, bye, red points.
Gus is a Director full of char-um
Whose decisions create much alar-um
I once bid out of turn
He said you've much to learn
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Six

Competition's very keen
Much more than it's ever been
Bye, bye, red points.
I'm real mad, I'm real sore
Nohow can I seem to score
Bye, bye, red points.
From North Bay there's always Luke
and Gerry
Against them one must be rather wary
So that each one understands
Expertly they bid their hands
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Seven

I kept trying very hard
Played each time the wrong card
Bye, bye, red points.
I bid tough, I played rough
But that was not enough
Bye, bye, red points.
Then along came expert Morris Londry
He did really place us in a quandry
He bid two, he made four
Most bid two, made no more
Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Eight

Drury too may have its place
But put me out of the race
Bye, bye, red points.
I tried it once or twice
With results far from nice

Bye, bye, red points.
 Doug McLeod's a master of analysis
 Opponents fall victims to paralysis
 All his bids they're just fine
 My confidence they undermine
 Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Nine

Landy's what we chose to use
 'Twas a sure way to lose
 Bye, bye, red points.
 On ten points I bid no-trump
 Partner deemed it wise to jump
 Bye, bye, red points.
 Carl Reinholt is a splendid player
 Those who meet him haven't got a
 prayer
 He is keen, he plays well
 Dresses like Beau Brummel
 Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Ten

B'lieve me it's not much fun
 When I lead a singleton
 Bye, bye, red points.
 Partner quickly takes the trick
 Leads a side-suit, makes me sick
 Bye, bye, red points.
 I always enjoy playing with Lloyd
 Harris
 Smilingly he sets you without malice
 Quietly a squeeze he works
 Coils the noose then he jerks
 Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Eleven

We like to play four card suits
 Of its worth I have doubts
 Bye, bye, red points.
 On partner's heart I bid a spade
 Now he wishes me to trade
 Bye, bye, red points.
 One time we encountered Brian Thomas
 When we meet I'll break his neck,
 I promise
 Bravely we bid a slam
 Minus five, who gives a damn
 Red points, bye, bye.

Verse Twelve

Weak two-bids we like to play
 No wonder my hair turns gray
 Bye, bye, red points.
 I bid two, partner three
 It turned out disastrously
 Bye, bye, red points.
 Steady though I'm like the rock
 Gibraltar
 On each crucial hand I seem to falter
 Life master I'll never be
 Except perhaps dishonourably
 Red points, bye, bye.

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