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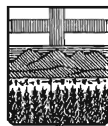
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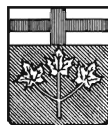
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My mother is quick to point out that bridge transcends the generation gap. "Both my parents and my children refuse to have me as a bridge partner."

J.S.

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EDITORIAL

Bridge in Canada is becoming more exciting every day. The opportunity to compete in both international and national events stimulates the addicts and encourages the aficionados. We're proud to have been given the challenge to become an integral part of this growing Canadian scene.

Our hopes for the coming year are to make the Digest as informative and readable as possible. To accomplish this requires the assistance and co-operation of all bridge players. It is our desire to eventually locate a columnist for each province, so we can publish the bridge exploits of our abundant Canadian talent. We believe performance deserves recognition.

We openly solicit your input. But, because we acknowledge the fact that not everyone has the time or the inclination to contribute lengthy articles, we encourage letters to the Editor.

Canada has a wealth of top level bridge personalities (who because of distance involved, are not able to practice and compete as a winning Canadian team in international play) but who nonetheless possess much bridge prowess. We feel that all members should have access to this knowledge. To this end, we would like to establish a forum along the lines of Master Solvers in the Bridge World Magazine. We would appreciate some feed-back on this idea.

Since our appointment as Editors of this magazine, we have received much constructive comment from players at recent tournaments and we hope that this interest in the Digest and the CBF will continue, and that players will feel free to make themselves and their views known to us.

One of the most interesting opinions expressed was regarding Womens Team play in Canada, and the distaff member of this editorial team will be devoting space to the subject in the near future.

A.C.B.L. GOODWILL COMMITTEE

Notice to All Canadian Units

By Jack T. Murphy

The Board of Directors of the A.C.B.L. at their Denver meeting on November 13-16, 1978 have increased the number of Assistant Chairman of the A.C.B.L. Goodwill Committee for Canada from one to two, with one representing Eastern Canada and the other representing Western Canada, with the Manitoba-Ontario border as the dividing point.

The present Assistant Chairman, Mr. Jack T. Murphy of Calgary, advises that his term of office expires at the end of 1979, therefore the new Assistant Chairman for Eastern Canada will serve from 1979-81 inclusive, and the new Western Canada Assistant Chairman will serve effective 1980 - 1982 inclusive. (Three year

terms of office).

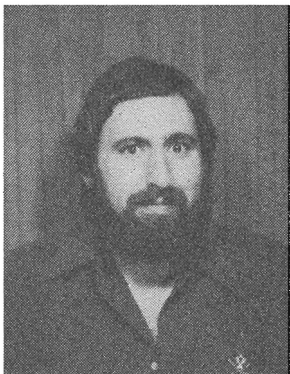
Candidates should be willing to attend the regular meetings of the A.C.B.L. Goodwill Committee at their own expense. These meetings always take place at the three National Tournaments held annually.

— BRIDGE BOLTS —

A man was drowning in his swimming pool. Seeing a stranger walking by he yelled, Help! Help! Give me a hand! O.K. said the stranger, you hold Ace fourth, King Queen tight.....

One wife told her husband that before he criticized her bridge playing to count to ten. He is now working on his second million.

LEBENSTENSIONS



by Eric Kokish, Montreal

The introduction of the Lebensohl convention as an effective counter to enemy interference over notrump openings was a major theoretical milestone in the field of competitive bidding. Lebensohl has been tested and found worthwhile, a straightforward and invaluable defence mechanism that displaces only one natural bid - the loosely defined competitive 2NT.

Variations on the Lebensohl theme can be applied to several awkward situations where a "natural" 2NT might be considered dispensable.

I. After Partner's Notrump Overcall has been Disturbed:

Case A: RHO raises opener's suit. For example: 1H-1NT-2H-?

You can counter as follows: 2S-nonforcing, 3C, 3D, 3S- forcing, 2 NT- Lebensohl relay to 3C after which you can bid:

Pass- to play in 3C

3D- to play in 3D

3S- to invite game with 5 or more spades

3H- to force to game while suggesting spade interest and heart weakness

3 NT- to offer to partner an alternative game choice, probably with 3-2-4-4 distribution and no heart help

4C, 4D- to invite game in the bid minor or the unbid major, typically with a 6- or 7-card minor and only 4 spades

4H- to show a slammish 4-0-4-5 or 4-0-5-4

4S- to suggest slam with a long broken suit but good controls

4NT- to invite slam on power

5C, 5D- to suggest slam with a long broken suit, good controls

3H- forcing to game, checking on a spade fit, suggesting heart help

3NT- natural, suggesting some additional heart bolster

4C, 4D- slam tries establishing the trump suit and begging a cue bid

4H- slammish 4-1-4-4

4S, 5C, 5D- natural signoffs

Double- negative in nature, suggesting scattered invitational values at best - typically 6-7 HCP with four cards in spades
Case B: RHO introduces a new suit. For example: 1H-1NT-2D-? While partner has suggested heart stopper (s), diamonds may be wide open. Accordingly, your fast or slow auctions should relate to the new suit - diamonds. A direct 3NT or 3D might deny/promise a diamond stopper while the same bids after a Lebensohl Relay would deal with the other case. A double could retain the meaning suggested above. Partnerships can adopt as much of this structure as the memory can bear.

If the opponents bid at the 3-level, the negative double is given more emphasis and a strong case can be made for playing new suits non-forcing or forcing to accommodate the remaining hand types.

II. After Partner Reverses in the Majors over your 1NT Response:

This method is ideally suited to systems incorporating the "Forcing no trump" response to major suit openings, but can be applied to other structures with certain adjustments.

After: 1H-1NT

2S-? (where 2S is one-round force)

3H- a good preference, probably a 3-trump limit raise

3S- a good raise although the trumps are probably suspect in texture since you didn't care to respond 1S to 1H

3C, 3D- good hands, longish suits, inadequate strength for an initial 2/1 response

4H- an original "bad" raise improved by the spade bid, typically a hand with honours

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only in the majors.

4S- an original "bad" raise in hearts with hidden 5-card support for spades, e.g. Qx-xxx Kxx xxx xx

4C, 4D- spade raises with length and strength in the leaped minor

3NT- 5-5 in the minors, 9-11 HCP

2NT- Lebensohl Relay to 3C which opener may refuse to bid in order to complete his pattern in a strong hand. If he does bid 3C, you bid as follows:

Pass- to arrive at 3C with: xx x Qxx QJx-xxxx

3D- to play in 3D (if partner complies)

3H, 3S- "bad" raise or preference that remains "bad".

3NT- natural (the scheme prevents your playing exactly NT "on time")

4H, 4S- similar to the "fast" auctions, but the "slow" ones suggest that a double fit is not present. Remember that partner can pass your "slow" raise or preference.

4C, 4D- natural, non-forcing hands that seem suitable for play in the bid minor. Opener should raise or pass, evaluating the controls rather than HIS suits.

III. After Partner Doubles a Weak 2-Bid for Takeout:

When an opponent's weak two-bid has cramped your style, it is an unfortunate truth that you can't do everything with your customary accuracy. In this case, sacrificing the natural response of 2NT can be worthwhile still once more, since another Lebensohl variation lends definition to a number of awkward auctions.

Case A: 2S-DBL-P-? (the toughest situation) You respond as follows:

3C, 3D, 3H- natural and constructive (something in the 8-11 range)

3S- game force, exactly four cards in hearts, no spade stopper

3NT- natural, occasionally a mild overbid (11 plus HCP)

4C, 4D- natural and forcing, long suits

4H- natural and forward-going, long suit plus honour strength (about 12 HCP would be typical)

4S- both minors, spade control slam try, doubler bids 4NT with clubs, 5C with diamonds

4NT- Blackwood

2NT- Lebensohl Relay to 3C which doubler may refuse to bid in order to describe a particularly strong takeout double. If he does bid 3C, your "slow" auctions are most commonly descriptions of bad hands as:

Pass- an effort to play in 3C

3D, 3H- likewise, in red ... but you may be interested in bigger things as well, e.g.

3S- game force, denies four cards in hearts, denies spade stopper

3NT- natural, but doubler is invited to consider a heart game as an alternative. The 3NT bidder has four cards in hearts and spade stopper(s). Doubler may, if he wishes, direct the declaration to his partner by transferring to 4H via 4D i.e.

2S-DBL-P-2NT

P- 3C- P-3NT

P- 4D*- P-4H

* Either game would be declared by the partner guarding his spade holding

4C, 4D- long suits, invitational owing to distribution, not high card

5C, 5D, 4H- distributional shot at game

4S- both minors, no spade control, slam try, doubler bids 4NT with control, 5 of minor otherwise

4NT- natural, 16-18 HCP

Case B:

2H-DBL-P-? Your "fast" responses have these meanings:

2S- natural and weak

3C, 3D- natural and constructive

3H- game force, exactly four cards in spades, no heart stopper

3S- natural and forcing, no heart stopper

3NT- natural, stopper(s), etc.

4C, 4D- natural and forcing, long suits

4H- both minors, heart control slam try, etc.

4S- natural and forward-going, etc.

4NT- Blackwood

2NT- Lebensohl Relay to 3C, after which: pass, 3D- poor hands with clubs, diamonds respectively

3H- game force, no heart stopper, no four-card spade suit

3S- invitational (as it would be in the original version over NT)

3NT- natural, but doubler may correct to 4S

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via a 4H transfer

4C, 4D- long suits, distributionally invitational

4H- both minors, no heart control, slam try, etc.

5C, 5D, 4S- distribution shot at game

4NT- natural, 16-18 HCP

Case C:

2D-DBL-P-? With more room available, your bids follow logically:

2H, 2S- natural and weak

3C- natural and constructive

3D- game force, no stopper in diamonds, length in major(s)

3H, 3S- natural and forcing, probably no diamond stopper

3NT- natural, stopper(s), etc.

4C- forcing, long suit

4D- both majors, 10-13 HCP, a mild slam suggestion at least

4H, 4S- long suits, good hands as in Case A and Case B

4NT- Blackwood

2NT- Lebensohl Relay to 3C, after which:

Pass- clubs, weak hand

3D- game force, diamond stopper, at least one four-card major. IT IS LEFT TO

DOUBLER TO TRY FOR THE MAJOR SUIT GAME BY BIDDING THE MAJOR HE DOESN'T have or 4D with BOTH.

Remember that doubler has limited his hand to some degree by accepting the Relay.

3H, 3S- invitational

3NT- natural but constructive, usually based on a club suit that could not otherwise be conveniently shown below game.

4C- distributionally invitational

5C, 4H, 4S- distributional shots at game

4D- both majors, again something of a distributional gamble

4NT- 16-18 HCP, natural when the double is in the balancing position, certain negative inferences may arise to alter the meaning of some of the responses but the scheme is essentially the same and worth considering as an alternative to the "standard" approach.

IV. When Partner's Weak 2-Bid Has Been Doubled:

A simple and increasingly popular method allows you to make lead directing bids, in-

vite game, remove to a healthier trump suit, or suggest penalizing the opponents. For example, 2S-DBL-? You bid as follows:

RDBL- to invite partner to double any escape ... they made a mistake. If you later remove his penalty double, a game force has been established with partner's suit as trumps

Pass- ???

3S, 4S- preemptive

3C, 3D, 3H- lead directing bids, forcing to 3S

4C, 4D, 4H- lead directing bids, forcing to 4S

2NT- Lebensohl Relay to 3C which you will follow with:

Pass- to arrive at 3C rather than 2SX

3D, 3H- to achieve the same end in the appropriate strain

3S- to invite game

4S- to bring partner into the picture if the opponents bid to the five-level. A "fast" 4S carries with it no such implication.

If you are reaching the conclusion that all these frills are making it very difficult to play the hand at 2NT, you've been paying attention. That is the price you must pay. Perhaps you will think that the price is right. Good luck.

From the North ALBERTA UNIT #391

The 'Silver Slipper Saloon' was the site for the Annual General Meeting of Northern Alberta Unit \$391 held February 25, 1979.

A new slate of officers was voted in. Congratulations to Bob Toffan, Holly Nickerson, Jean Lomow, Judy Lindberg, Joan Ffoulkes-Jones and Art Peddicord. They will join fellow Board Members Sandi Link, Olive McDonald, Mary Carson, Judy McGillis and Chuck Moorehead. New Grand Club Members (1000 MP): Alvin Baragar, Myrna Thomas, Doug Rankine and Don Urghardt.

The Unit's Player of the Year went to Val Tom. This award is presented to a unit player who best exemplifies good table manners and is a joy to play against at the bridge table.

I. SPONSORSHIP, SANCTION AND OPERATION FOR THE CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Sponsorship

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) is the sponsoring organization for this event. These conditions of contest have been determined and will be administered by, the sponsoring organization, with the approval of the sanctioning organization. In the event of any conflict between these conditions and specific sanctioning regulations of the sanctioning organization, the latter shall take precedence.

B. Sanction

The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) is the sanctioning organization for this event. The sanctioning organization shall approve these conditions of contest and any changes which may be made therein from time to time, and issue Master Point awards to participants.

C. Operation

The Canadian National Team Championship will be run under the overall control of a National Coordinator appointed by and responsible to the Board of Directors of the CBF. Within each Zone of the CBF, competition will be supervised by a zone Coordinator, responsible to the National Coordinator. Zone Coordinators may further delegate responsibility to Local or Unit Coordinators, particularly in the case of qualifying rounds of competition. (National and Zone Coordinators to be announced).

D. Name

The name of this event shall be the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC). Where further designation of a year is included, such year shall be the year in which the event concludes but not necessarily the year in which all competition takes place. Thus the first running of the CNTC, which begins in the fall of 1979, is hereafter referred to as the 1980 CNTC.

II. GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION

A. Introduction

The initial stages of competition will be held within each Zone of the CBF separately, under the Supervision of the Zone Coordinator, and will consist of:

Level 1: The Qualifying Stage

Level 2: The Intermediate Stage

Level 3: The Zone Final

Teams which qualify to continue past the various Zone Finals will compete, under the supervision of the National Coordinator, in:

Level 4: The National Final.

Each of these levels of competition is described in detail below.

B. The Qualifying Stage

1. The first level of competition will consist of two-session Qualifying Rounds held at various sites within the Zone as determined by the Zone Coordinator, or as determined within Units of the Zone by those Units at the request of the Zone Coordinator, or as determined within various areas of the Zone by such Local Coordinators as the Zone Coordinator may designate. ACBL Sanction Forms will be supplied by the Zone Coordinator to be filled out for each Qualifying Round separately.

2. The nature of the Qualifying Round at any particular site will be determined by the number of teams which enter at that site, as follows:

of Teams Nature of Competition

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Round Robin, each team playing 12-board matches against every other team, in halves of 6 boards per session.

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Round Robin as above, but 10-board matches in 5 board halves

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Round Robin as above, but 8-board matches in 4 board halves

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Round Robin as above, with 8-board matches with 4 board halves

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10 - 32

Swiss, six 9-board matches

33 - 64

Swiss, seven 8-board matches

65 - 128

Swiss, eight 7-board matches

129 - 256

Swiss, nine 6-board matches

3. The number of teams qualifying to continue from a particular Qualifying Round will be determined by the Zone Coordinator at the close of competition in all Qualifying Rounds within the Zone. As nearly as possible, this will be the number of teams entering competition at that site multiplied by the number of places available in the Intermediate Round in the Zone and divided by the total number of teams entering all Qualifying Rounds in the Zone.
4. All Qualifying Rounds in the 1980 CNTC must be completed by (to be announced).

C. The Intermediate Stage

1. The number and nature of Intermediate Rounds within a Zone will be announced by the Zone Coordinator before the start of competition in the Qualifying Rounds. Locations of the Intermediate Rounds will be determined at the completion of competition in the Qualifying Rounds.
2. The Intermediate Rounds will be either single or double Knockout events (one or the other throughout the Zone), each comprising of 8 or 16 teams (which may vary from location to location throughout the zone). The number of teams qualifying to continue from any 16-team Intermediate Round within a Zone shall be twice the number qualifying to continue from any 8-team Intermediate Round.
3. The number, nature and conditions of qualification of the Intermediate Rounds within the Zone shall be such as to qualify either 4, 8, or 16 teams to the Zone Final, as determined by the Zone Coordinator.
4. All Knockout matches in this and succeeding rounds shall be at least 24

boards in length. Matches of at least 28 boards are recommended.

5. All Intermediate Rounds in all Zones must be completed by (to be announced).

D. The Zone Final

1. The time, location and nature of the Zone Final will be announced by the Zone Coordinator before the start of competition in the Qualifying Rounds.
2. The Zone Final will be a 4-team, an 8-team or a 16-team Double Knockout event.
3. The number of teams qualifying to continue from the Zone Final to the National Final shall be 1 in Zone I and IV, 3 in Zone II, 4 in Zone III, and 2 in Zones V and VI.
4. All Zone Finals must be completed by (to be announced).

E. The National Final

1. The National Final, with 13 teams participating, will be held in Toronto from (to be announced) and will consist of a complete round robin, each team playing one 14-board match against every other team. At the conclusion of the round robin, which will be scored at IMPs converted to victory points, the top four teams will play Single Knockout 64-board matches to determine a winner.

III. PLAYER CONDITIONS

A. Eligibility and Entry

1. A player, to be eligible to play in the CNTC, must be either
 - (i) A Canadian citizen (or landed immigrant) who is currently resident in Canada, or
 - (ii) A Canadian citizen who is a member in good standing of a Canadian Unit of the ACBL.
1. See also III-A(7) below.
2. A team which may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players, is eligible to play in the CNTC provided each and every member of that team is eligible. A player is deemed to have become a member of a team if either
 - (i) he is listed on the entry form of that team in a qualifying round. or
 - (ii) he joins that team as an approved replacement see III-C).

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3. A team enters the CNTC by filling out an entry form for, and starting play in, a qualifying round. A team remains active in the CNTC so long as it retains three of its original entrant members, has not been eliminated in competition and has not, as a team, withdrawn from the CNTC.
4. Every team which enters in the CNTC must name a Team Captain, who shall represent the team in all official capacities. It is a particular responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that each player listed on that team's qualifying round entry form is aware that he or she is and will remain ineligible to play on any other team (until the team of which the player is a listed member is eliminated from competition, at which time the player is eligible as a replacement... see below). Note that this remains true whether or not the listed member actually plays with the team in the qualifying or any other round. This rule is necessary because of the liberal rules regarding players sitting out (See III-A(6) below), to prevent players withdrawing from one active team in order to play on another. In no case will any player action be allowed which might conceivably result in that player facing as opponents former teammates.
5. A team may elect to play in any qualifying round held in any unit in which a plurality of its members resides. No team, nor any player, may compete in more than one qualifying round, however. Thus, where this provision allows choice, (as in the case of a four-man team split 2-2), only one of the options thus afforded may be elected and election of that option automatically cancels all other options.
6. There are no requirements, in terms of boards played, for continued membership on a team. It is permissible, for example, for a six-man team to sit out one pair for the entire qualifying round. Any member of a team will continue to be regarded as a member of that team for so long as that team

remains active in CNTC competition, unless or until he or she asks to withdraw from the team. However, note that the ACBL will award master points at any stage only to a player who has actually played at least 50% of the boards played by his team to that point.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions in III-A(1) above, a team one or more of whose members are not Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, but whose members are of a Canadian unit of the ACBL, may compete and receive master points in a qualifying round.


Such teams, however, must announce their status to the director or coordinator of the qualifying round in which they play, and will be deemed to have withdrawn from the CNTCs under the provision of III-B(1) below at the close of the qualifying round.

B. Withdrawal of Teams


1. A team which enters the CNTC by playing in a Qualifying Round and which as a result has qualified or may qualify to play in the Intermediate Round may withdraw from further competition without any explanation either:
 - (i) by informing the Qualifying Round director or coordinator within 30 minutes of conclusion of play in that Qualifying Session that it does not wish to continue, or
 - (ii) by informing the Zone Coordinator within one week of being notified as to the terms on which play will continue that it does not wish to continue.
2. Except as allowed in (1) above, teams are not expected to withdraw from competition without good cause. In particular, any team that enters a round of competition beyond the Qualifying Round undertakes the commitment to continue competition until eliminated, if at all possible.
3. A team, which despite (2) above, wishes to withdraw (or has de facto withdrawn) for good cause should submit an explanation in writing to the Zone Coordinator or, in the case of the National




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Final, to the National Coordinator. This explanation should detail compelling reasons which have made continuing participation impossible. Frivolous withdrawal will be treated as a breach of conduct and may be expected to result in disciplinary action.



C. Substitution and Replacement












1. A team when it originally enters CNTC may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players. These players, as listed on the entry form for the Qualifying Round in which that team plays, are the original members of that team. The conditions of this section deal with allowed variations in team membership, both temporary and permanent, but are subject to the overriding proviso that no team will be allowed to continue in competition which does not retain at least three of its original members. The allowed variations fall under two headings:

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- (i) Substitution: the temporary replacement of a team member by a non-member for a short period of play, and
 - (ii) Replacement: the permanent addition to the team of a new member, replacing a departing member.



Each of these is dealt with in detail below.

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2. Substitution: A team must be prepared to field at least three team members at the time of any scheduled match or it forfeits the match scheduled for that time. If, due to absence for cause, only three members are available, then at a level of competition beyond the Qualifying Round, a substitute may be used for no more than the greater of the 24-hour period commencing when he begins to play or a number of boards equal to the number which the team has already played at that level of competition. In Qualifying Rounds, substitutions may not play more than 50% of the boards played by the team, and no team may begin play in a Swiss qualifying round with a substitute.
3. Substitutes must be approved by the director or coordinator in charge where utilized. A substitute must be an eligible player not a member of an active team at the time of substitution. Substitutes are not allowed for absent fifth and sixth members of a team. A substitute can not become a member of the team he plays for, but is entitled to any matchpoint awards earned while he is playing.
4. These provisions for substitution are intended to cover sudden unexplained or unavoidable absences and should not be resorted to in

instances in which it is known an absence will occur well in advance of the level of competition involved.

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5. When one of the members of a team can no longer continue in competition, for good cause, that player may be permanently replaced by an eligible player who has never been a member of any other team which is currently active in competition. Replacements must be approved by the coordinator of the next level of competition the team faces, or the current level in the (unusual) event that the instance of replacement occurs during a level of competition.
6. A Replacement becomes a full-fledged member of the team he joins, in the place and assuming the rights of the player replaced. The replaced player receives any masterpoint awards due him at the time of his or her withdrawal; the replacement receives all subsequent awards.
7. The withdrawal of a player from a 4-member team and the inability to find a suitable replacement will constitute valid grounds for withdrawal of that team under Section III-B(3). The withdrawing individual may be subject to disciplinary action if his or her withdrawal is not for good cause, however.

D. Poisoning

1. The CNTC will be used, from year to year, to choose a Canadian representative to various international team competitions including the North American Trials for the Bermuda Bowl and the WBF Olympiad Teams. When a player is eligible to play in the CNTC but ineligible to play in an event for which the CNTC is to qualify a team, that player is said to be poisoned. For example:
- (a) a player who plays on a team which wins the Reisinger, Spingold or Vanderbilt Team Championship must play on that team rather than the Canadian Team in the North American Trials and is thus "poisoned",
 - (b) a player who has represented a country other than Canada in a WBF event is ineligible to represent Canada in a WBF event until 2½ years have elapsed. Such a player is "poisoned" in years in which the CNTC will qualify a team to a WBF event.
2. An otherwise eligible team which begins play in the CNTC with one or more poisoned members may play in and win the CNTC but will be ineligible to represent Canada in the international event.

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3. When an instance of poisoning occurs during play in the CNTC, the team with one or more members thus poisoned may elect:
 - (i) to continue in competition with one or more poisoned members, in which case they as a team are eligible to win the CNTC but ineligible to represent Canada in the international event,
 - (ii) to continue in competition minus the poisoned members, with replacements for some or all of these as desired (but this option may be elected only provided at least three original team members remain), or
 - (iii) to withdraw from competition but this option may not be elected if, in the opinion of the National Coordinator, orderly play in the CNTC will be jeopardized (as might be the case if, for example, the National Final were imminent).
4. Should any questions arise, the final determination of a team to represent Canada in an event for which the CNTC was to qualify a team will be made by the Board of Directors of the CBF.

OTHER MATTERS

- A. Directors
 1. The director in charge of any stage of competition within a zone will be appointed by, or with the approval of the Zone Coordinator, and must be acceptable to the ACBL. It is expected that the director in charge of any qualifying round will hold at least the ACBL rank of 'certified club director'.
 2. The director in charge of the National Final will be appointed by the National Coordinator.
 3. A director in charge of some stage of competition may enter the CNTC as a player, but may not play at any site as a playing director. Neither may he direct any stage of competition beyond the qualifying stage in a zone in which he has qualified, as a player, to continue.
- B. Conventions
 1. Conventions in ACBL Classes A, B, C, and D will be allowed at all stages of competition. Class E conventions will be permitted at the National Final and may be allowed at any stage of competition within a Zone at the option of

the Zone coordinator. Class F conventions may be permitted in portions of the competitions which involve extended team matches, at the option of the coordinator in charge.

- C. Seeding
 1. The field in any Swiss qualifying event will be seeded as Swiss Team events are normally seeded in tournament play.
 2. The seeding of the field for a Knockout event will be determined by the coordinator in charge of that event or his designate, and will be based on a previously announced formula which may involve master point holdings of all members of a team, finishing rank in a previous level of competition, individual performances in CNTC (or Grand National) events of previous years, or some combination of these.
- D. Master Point Awards
 1. Master point awards for the qualifying and all higher rounds of competition will be red point awards, on a scale of at least commensurate with sectionally rated events of the same size. The ACBL will determine exact awards for all events up to the National Final as sanctions are granted.
 2. Master point awards in the National Final will be gold point awards on a scale to be announced.

Supplementary regulations to these Conditions were considered by the CBF Board of Directors at its meeting in Calgary in July. If approved, they will be published in the next issue of the Canadian Bridge Digest.

BRIDGE BOLTS

A seasoned bridge player talked a novice into coming out for his first game of duplicate bridge. Trying to dispel the novice's worries, he offered him the following advice, "just describe your hand to me as best you can, and I'll do the rest."

The very first hand went as follows:



NOVICE	WEST	SBP	EAST
4 Clubs	Double	Pass	Pass
4 Diamonds	Double	Pass	Pass
4 Hearts	Double	Pass	Pass
and 1 Spade	DIRECTOR!!!!!!!!!!		

Thanks to Dr. Gerry Francis
Red Deer, Alberta





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:

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(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.

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Breach of Contract

by Diana Ferris

When he gave me his diamond,
I pledged him my heart
I stared at my hand
I was ready to start.

He suggested two clubs
But I frowned and I said
"Two spades, at least"
And upwards we sped.

"For you, my dear
I'll go all the way
A small slam in hearts
With you there to play."

"WHAT" snorted East
Looking befuddled...
"With two tricks here
you're certainly DOUBLED."

I saw in my hand
an attractive void
"REDOUBLED" I yelled
looking annoyed.

I finessed the diamond,
a club I then trumped,
I ducked and I weaved
my opponents were stumped.

With a gleam in my eye
I led from the board
Six tricks to go,
my spirits sure soared.

I exited skillfully
and gave East the lead,
she whined and she whimpered
but had to concede...

"Well done!" said my partner
"True love of my life

six hearts redoubled
(Please be my wife)"

My heart was so full,
but, just as he spoke
"DIRECTOR!!!" East screamed
"This woman's revoked."

One glance at my hand
was more than enough
There sat the club
I'd intended to sluff.

"What a pity, my dear,"
grinned the cat that was East
"Revoked and redoubled,
that's a THOUSAND, at least."

My partner looked sick
His complexion was puce,
then coldly he said
"There's just NO excuse."

"Give back my diamond
your heart you can keep,
your legs are O.K.
but your brain's half asleep.

"Good Riddance," I sobbed,
As he left the table
"I'm giving up bridge
while I am still able."

This is the story
sad to tel
of a bridge career
that was shot to hell.

I'm a fallen woman,
beyond redemption,
Now living along,
with her stamp collection...

The Hand In Question

North

S
H A 8 6 3
D K Q 10 8 7 3
C A 7 3

East

S 10 7 6 3
H K Q
D A J 9 5 2
C K Q

South

S K Q J 9 4
H J 9 7 5 4 2
D -
C J 8

West

S A 8 5 2
H 10
D 6 4
C 10 9 6 5 4 2

East is East, But Jill Sits West...

By Ron Bass

Being the bridge addicts that we are, our relocation from New Brunswick to Alberta was timed to coincide with the 1977 Labor Day Sectional in Calgary.

Our disappointment with our mediocre performance in that tournament (which, of course, was due to fatigue from the long drive out! ! !) was far outweighed by the congenial atmosphere and Western hospitality which greeted us.

Among the charming and friendly people we met were Fern and (the late) Murray Wroth of Calgary, who offered to partner the newcomers in the Swiss Teams. Now we were ready.

Sunday morning's first round match found Jill at her aggressive best. Holding a hand I felt worthy of a Flannery opening:

S AKxx

H QJxxx

D 9xx

C J

I routinely opened 2 Diamonds and was not surprised to hear Jill say 2 NT. I dutifully showed my Diamond fragment with a 3 Diamond call and innocently responded 5 Diamonds to the automatic (!) 4 NT call which ensued, then found myself staring at this dummy, with the 8 of Diamonds lead against my 6 Diamond contract.

S J10

H Ax

D AQJxxx

C Kxx

After determining that it would be uncouth for LHO to lead 8 from a 1087 holding, I decided it would be more plausible to explain to our partners that I had gone down because the trump finesse lost, rather than because LHO had fooled me by underleading the trump King, I played the Jack and required time to recover from the shock when it held the trick. Next came the task of selecting the line of play that might bring home this hopeless contract.

The first impulse, to return to hand with

a spade and take the heart finesse, was quickly discarded as I realized that any opponent tactical enough to underlead the trump King would be clever enough not to cover the Heart Queen from Kxx with Ax in dummy.

The only remaining hope was to set up dummy, so I ran the Spade Jack (winning!) and played a second spade to my King; a Club to the Queen, King, Ace was followed by a Diamond return to the King and Ace; a Club ruff, a Club pitch on the Spade Ace, and a winning Heart finesse. 6 Diamonds bid and made!!

To those who have seen Jill in action, this may seem like a somewhat routine hand, but I felt it worthy of recording as I seldom win three finesses out of four.

Jill's Comments: What kind of a bridge player wouldn't raise partner at least once, when her partner has bid the suit three times...(Besides, I only overbid because all my partners overplay.)

Unit 575 Joins CBF

"During the Saskatchewan Championships Tournament held in Saskatoon, April 6-8, the members of the North Sask. Unit 575 voted overwhelmingly (84 to 13) in favor of joining the Canadian Bridge Federation."

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UNIT NO.	UNIT NAME	TOTAL MEMBERS		GROWTH		ONE PER HOUSEHOLD		UNRANKED		JUNIOR		NATIONAL		SENIOR		ADV SR		LIFE	
		MEMBERS	%							MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER	MASTER
194	Maritimes	781	6.0			681		108		167	118	116		128		49		95	
230	Acadian	646	4.9			540		85		157	109	103		109		41		42	
	CBF Zone 1	1,427	5.5																
151	Montreal	2,202	8.2			1,868		384		674	337	242		237		111		217	
152	Quebec	339	5.9			287		65		99	56	39		39		12		29	
192	E. Ontario	1,268	4.5			1,096		173		339	222	158		145		87		144	
199	Saguenay B	410	5.9			325		76		112	54	47		78		18		25	
	CBF Zone 2	4,219	6.7																
166	Ontario	5,503	9.0			4,685		751		1,745	872	638		678		296		523	
	CBF Zone 3	5,503	9.0																
181	Manitoba	714	5.9			607		84		215	119	81		79		43		93	
212	Soo Int BA	201	3.1			171		18		41	31	24		43		20		24	
228	N. Wn. Ontario	233	13.7			207		22		58	26	39		30		27		31	
238	Quonta BA	444	(.9)			379		59		136	73	76		54		14		32	
	CBF Zone 4	1,592	4.6																
390	Calgary	664	4.6			560		75		190	97	80		101		40		81	
391	Northern Alta.	720	7.6			601		78		217	108	92		109		43		73	
392	Lethbridge	155	2.6			127		10		37	25	12		34		11		26	
393	Med. Hat	63	18.9			56		12		16	10	7		13		2		3	
573	S. Sask.	423	2.2			345		31		119	90	50		75		26		32	
575	N. Sask.	468	4.5			391		44		106	101	66		61		31		59	
	CBF Zone 5	2,493	5.2																
429	Parksville	357	9.5			295		69		114	42	52		46		20		14	
430	Vancouver	1,600	3.6			1,343		234		459	225	202		200		98		182	
431	Victoria	314	11.3			267		36		74	35	48		44		26		51	
456	Quesnel	221	9.4			177		42		53	29	36		29		10		22	
	Okanagan	409	.7			343		55		109	69	66		67		22		21	
574	Kootenay	226	(2.2)			184		14		61	47	36		46		10		23	
	CBF Zone 6	3,127	4.5																
	Totals	18,361	6.5			15,535		2,525		5,298	2,895	2,310		2,445		1,057		1,831	
	Growth %	6.5				5.7		11.4		6.4	2.2	1.4		6.9		10.3		12.2	

Results of the National Welcome Games

By Sandra Borg

When the results first started to arrive in early May it appeared that the event would be a moderate success. However, they stopped coming and I only received results from eight Units, although sixteen Units had indicated they would participate. At the time no more results appear to be forthcoming and I will send a list of Unit winners along with the names of the National winners. It is disappointing to conclude that the remaining eight Unit Co-ordinators were unable to carry out the programme.

The units which I did receive results from were as follows:

Acadian #230, Ottawa #192, Ontario #166, Soo #212, Lethbridge #392, Edmonton #391, Calgary #390, Sask. #575.

From the clubs where games were held, I received letters and comments, indicating that the games were well attended and

highly successful. The general opinion was to repeat the event some time in the future. I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the co-ordinators of Units 151 Montreal, 152 Quebec, 194 Can. Maritimes, 228 N.W. Ontario, 393 Medicine Hat, 430 Vancouver, 431 Victorial and 574 Kootenay. I was very pleased with the attendance, and there seemed to be relatively few problems.

With only eight of twenty-three Units participating, it seems doubtful that there is enough interest to schedule a similar program next year. I would be most pleased to hear from any Units or co-ordinators who might have suggestions, comments or criticism on this type of event.

It has been a great pleasure for me to organize this event. I particularly enjoyed the contact with the people from all over Canada, it was gratifying to participate in the National effort.

NATIONAL WELCOME PROGRAMME - APRIL 1979

Location Co-ordinators	Number of Games	Total Tables	Winners	Highest %
Unit #151 Montreal A. Mendelsohn	2	16	Pogorska & Workman	67
Unit #152 Quebec M. LaRochelle	2	24	Blier & Szots	84
Unit #194 Can. Maritimes K. Hicks	1	4½	Dauphinie & Walker *tie McNeils	56
Unit #228 N.W. Ont S. Arnot	1	12½	Linklaters	65
Unit #393 Medicine Hat E. Fisher	1	4	Brosz's	62
Unit #430 Vancouver Mo Aaron	8	47	Christensen & Forrest	69
Unit #431 Victoria L. Goodwin	1	16	Goldsmith's	64
Unit #574 Kootenay G. Rothell	1	8	Harding & Limber	



Saturday Night MOW-down

By A. David Mowat

An old adage in our bridge community being that my high card points in rubber games never exceeded the number of my counting fingers, I was graciously invited to the fleecing any time a game would materialize.

Tired of feeding the herd I turned my attention to the local race track. However, following the nags also became somewhat messy on the pocket-book and, besides, it lacked the stimulation of partnership distrust. So when the bridge fraternity began to play IMPs, once again Mowat joined the herd.

The idea of IMPs, they explained, was to eliminate the luck factor of holding more, or less, than your quota of face cards. But what transpired might be better displayed as Bridge in a Barn, and the evening appropriately named the Saturday Night MOW-down.

Teams were arranged by drawing straws, the two holding the longest and shortest being made captains. Of course I held the shortest while the tournament hardened Polly produced the longest after He-Haw, the mulish one, disqualified by nibbling his straw to a stub. The teams chosen, Polly inevitably wanted Quacker and myself as opponents in the caged room. He chose the immigrant, Noodles, as his partner. I dispatched our stable partnership of Cowbell and Bully to pitch cards in the loft against He-Haw and gregarious Whinny. As events transpired, I should have sent them out to pasture. Their parting words assured they would make hay against those equines.

As systems were discussed and cards shuffled for the first set of boards, Quacker's wife, Cluck, distributed bottles of Gimli Goose and Fuddle Duck wines. Relaxed by the effects of the two month old wine, Quacker promptly ducked a trick on board one in order to 'rectify the count'. Unlucky the trick he refused was the setting trick.

Undaunted by this early setback we thrashed our way to an even battle of game

swings, only to be outcropped in the part scores, Noodles straining to balance at every opportunity. As the last board of the round unfolded, results in the caged room appeared fairly even. However the braying and whinnying emitted from the loft didn't improve our prospects.

Then the following deal unravelled amid the acrid smell of corn cob pipes and hem stogies:

Dir: West

Vul: N-S

S-KQ862

H-A62

D-A2

C-K64

S-AJ9

H-void

D-KQ10874

C-10982

S-107543

H-97

D-J9653

C-3

S-void

H-KQJ108543

D-void

C-AQJ75

Our auction in the caged room proceeded as follows:

Noodles	Mowat	Polly	Quacker
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1S	Pass	2H
3D	3H (1)	5D	6H (2)
Dbl (3)	Pass	Pass (4)	Pass (5)

(1) Must be stronger than a 4H bid (4D cue bid better?)

(2) There must be a slam in these cards.

(3) I have 1½ tricks, partner must hold a trump stack.

(4) Last time he tried a 'striped-tail ape double' was in pass out seat

(5) If I redouble they may sacrifice, and the Club King must be offside.

Of course 7H was laydown and the equines trotted into the grand slam in two bids after He-Haw miscounted the North hand and opened 2NT. At least our 1860 number lost our side only 8 IMPs.

Then for my final hand, I picked up the following collection in second seat after hearing Noodles' hesitant pass as the dealer:

MOW-down [con't.]

S-QJ1097654
H-87
D-QJ10
C-void

Knowing that He-Haw likes to pass these types of hand and back into the auction at his next turn, I blasted out an immediate 4S bid. Little did I realize the monster which my partner held. Here is the full layout and auction that proceeded:

Dir: West
Vul: None

S- QJ1097654
H-87
D-QJ10
C-void

S-void
H-void
D-A97642
C-10987654

S-A832
H-643
D-853
C-QJ2

S-K
H-AKQJ10952
D-K
C-AK3

Noodles	Mowat	Polly	Quacker
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass (1)	5C	Pass	5H
Pass	Pass	Dbl. (2)	5S (3)
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Redbl. (4)
Pass (5)	Pass	Pass	

- (1) Not knowing what action was right, Noodles restrained himself admirably by passing
- (2) Maybe they'll retreat to spades which I can handle.
- (3) I may have a club loser in a heart contract, it's safer to correct (if only I knew SIX hearts was unbeatable).
- (4) There can't be three losers, and besides, I'm not declarer.
- (5) I can't bid now, my partner may be 7-6 in the majors.

Our result of +950 looked like a considerable gain on the board when this briefer auction took place in the loft:

Bully	He-Haw	Cowbell	Whinny
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass (1)	Pass	2C
5NT (2)	6S (3)	Pass	6NT (4)

- (1) As was expected.
- (2) An advanced save, if only partner holds a minor suit.
- (3) If my partner only believes I have eight spades.
- (4) Better improve the contract. (My partner couldn't hold eight spades).

The play here developed in a fashion appropriate to the surroundings. The opening C6 lead went to the jack and ace. The S-K hit the table and cowbell rose with the ace after confirming that Bully hadn't revoked when he discarded the D6. Reasoning this discard meant Bully had the diamond suit under control, Cowbell played the C-Q expecting to run the suit. Alas, with the H7 as an entry to dummy, Whinny claimed the next 16 tricks amid the loud din that erupted. Mind you, -990 only lost us one IMP on the board. An interesting aspect to this contract is that while the S-K must be grabbed at once with the ace before declarer shifts tactics to the diamond suit. West must hold up his ace should declarer play the D-K at trick two or else the contract comes home without a single spade trick!

The results were tallied and oh how the equines had churned out the IMPs against our bovines, the final margin being 69 IMPs. Quacker flew off the handle when Cowbell censured him for missing the grand slam. Of course, Cowbell's defence against 6NT was an udder matter open to discussion. Bales were exchanged to settle accounts and arrangements made for a midweek game. Without fodder adieu, I graciously declined the invitation and hitched a ride home.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Directors of the CBF held on January 8, 1979 by Conference Telephone Call

Present: Harper (I), Kokish (II), Kisin (III), Shields (IV), Murphy (V), Borg (VI), Goodman (Treasurer), Steve Willard (Conditions of contest for the Canadian National Team Championship), and Baragar (Secretary). Andy Altay, the newly elected Director from Zone III was unable to attend.

Kisin was in the Chair.

1) Kisin announced that Andy Altay had agreed to serve as the National Coordinator for this Canadian National Team Championship (henceforth to be referred to as the CNTC)

2) Moved by Harper (Murphy) that Ron Bass and Jill Savage be appointed co-editors of the Digest

Carried Unanimously

3) Kisin thanked Willard for the work he has put into drawing up the conditions of contest for the CNTC. He then outlined the following suggestions from Andy Altay for the handling of this event:

a) The Olympiad team should be chosen as the Grand National Champion in the U.S. The first CNTC would be the next Olympiad Team. (Kokish suggests that we should work on the same basis as the US, and have the 1979 CNTC go to the 1981 Bermuda Bowl Trials, insuring that all potential conflicts between the Spingold, Reisinger, and Vanderbilt could be avoided).

Since the Bermuda Bowl has been moved back to September, as of 1979, it was suggested that we request the ACBL to hold the Bermuda Bowl Trials after March, 1981, rather than in January, as is the case this year, so that the 1980 CNTC could compete for the Bermuda Bowl representation for 1981. The consequences of this move would then be that in every four year cycle, the CNTC would represent Canada twice in the Bermuda Bowl Trials, once as our representative in the World Bridge Olympiad, and once as our representative in the

Rosenblum Cup (the team associated with the Pairs Olympiad).

Moved by Kokish (Borg) that the Altay suggestion be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

b) Poisoning. Any team that has four members who have not qualified for the Bermuda Bowl Trials in another event, may qualify through the CNTC. Another pair on the team who had qualified previously, would be required to drop off the team only at the Bermuda Bowl level. A team that has qualified at a previous event, must play as a representative of their first qualifying event. Such a team would not be eligible to compete in the CNTC.

Willard suggests that a pair who has qualified for the Bermuda Bowl Trials should be required to drop from the CNTC team immediately. These general conditions for deciding our representative were accepted by general consensus.

Kisin suggested that a team might register any number of players, (up to a maximum of six) but there be no compulsion for all members of the team to play in any specified round. For example, one pair might sit out the National Final.

This proposal was accepted for the first year of the event. (This was subsequently superseded by the discussion on Augmentation).

c) Augmentation. Moved by Kokish (Shields) that we permit unlimited augmentation for the 1979 CNTC. There must be a nucleus of at least three (3) players that remains intact throughout the event. ('Unlimited' means that any player who is not a member of a team that has not been eliminated, may be added to a

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team, up to a maximum of six members).

Carried Unanimously

This condition is entertained only because we want to qualify the best possible team. It is hoped that all players in this event will conduct themselves honourably. Players will not be allowed to withdraw from a team, and subsequently join another team. Directors of the event will be expected to keep current membership lists of all teams still in the event.

- d) Replacement for one Session: A team may replace one member for one session, in the event that one member is unable to play, and the team would be unable to continue otherwise. Such replacement may not come from a team still in the event.
- e) Format for the Finals: The costs of the various formats were discussed. After these costs were balanced against the various possibilities, it was unanimously agreed that the Final should be the thirteen (13) team event proposed in Willard's memorandum (Zone I, 1 team, Zone II, 3 teams, Zone III, 4 teams, Zone IV, 1 team, Zone V, 2 teams, and Zone VI, 2 teams). Furthermore, the Final is to be held in Toronto, for reasons of economy. The locations within the city is the responsibility of Altay, although it is recommended that he investigate the possibility of holding it on the campus of York University. The number of teams to go to the Zone final is to be left to the Zone Co-ordinator.
- 4) The directors were unanimous in endorsing the idea of having a sub-masters competition in conjunction with the CNTC. However the complexities of organizing the main event were considered enough of a responsibility for this year. The matter will be raised in future years.

- 5) Ladies Team Championship. The financial problems associated with sponsoring a ladies team championship (LTC) are very great. In addition, many of the Directors felt that the women should not have two opportunities to qualify for a Canadian Championship in any one year. After some discussion, it was decided that an LTC would be held in Toronto, probably at the same time as the CNTC. Any team from outside Zone III of the CBF will be eligible to enter the final trial directly. Their entry must reach the co-ordinator at least two (2) months prior to the event, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit. Two months prior to the trials, the co-ordinator will institute a Zone trials in Zone III to determine the teams that will represent that Zone. Zone III will be allowed to enter as many teams as the Zone that enters the most teams (for example, if Zone II has 7 teams who apply to play, and no other Zone has more, then Zone III will be entitled to 7 teams), with the proviso that Zone III be permitted to enter at least 4 teams, irrespective of the entry from the other Zones.

The Final trials will be a round-robin, followed by a KO.

The fees to be charged will be a function of the distance the players live from Toronto, in order that the teams which come the farthest to the trials may have some subsidy to cover travel. (Note that the function mentioned above has its largest value for Toronto players, and decreases as the distance of the residence of the player from Toronto increases).

In the event that the winner of the LTC has the opportunity to represent Canada in International Competition, as for example Olympiad qualifying years, the expenses to go to the International event will be treated in a manner similar to the Open team.

Minutes of Meeting CBF Directors [con't.]

The CBF is asking ACBL management to investigate the possibility of some sort of trials to decide North America's representative in the Venice Cup.

- 6) National Welcome Game: Borg has organized this national novice game. She estimates that the expenses will be \$1000 to \$1500, plus \$200 for prizes. Moved by Borg (Murphy) that Goodman be authorized to advance \$1500.00 to Borg to run the National Welcome Game.

Carried

- 7) Proposals to the Canadian Affairs Committee:

- a) When there is no Bermuda Bowl Trials, the moneys that would normally be budgeted for the expenses of the Canadian team (CNTC) to play in that trials be remitted to the CBF (presumably for its Olympiad Fund).
- b) Management of the ACBL is asked to study the feasibility of re-aligning the Grand National Pairs along National Boundaries, as has been done for the CNTC.

This meeting began at or about 7:30 PM, and was adjourned at or about 11:45, MST.

RESULTS OF THE CBF CANADA-WIDE CHARITY GAME OF MARCH 22nd 1979

* Winners of the CARLING/O'KEEFE TROPHIES

Zone #	North-South	East-West
1	Mrs. P. MacDonald, Mrs. F. Macleod	Mrs. H. Boutilier, Mrs. D. Floyd
2	E. Viires, B. Fraser	Ms. S. Bolduc, P. Boulanger
3	D. Dalton, C. Hampton	Ms. C. Currie, P. Yee
4	R. Blaney, A. Remeikas	B. Maksymetz, A. Mowat
5	G. Seidler, Ms. O. Henderson	Mrs. P. Smolensky, B. Carpenter
6	R. Gursky, Ms. A. Kerley	R. Olson, I. Rockwell

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Because it is impossible to contact every Canadian bridge player personally, I would appreciate it if you would publish this appeal for me.

I would like very much to publish a book dealing with the history and evolution of bridge in Canada, working up to the present. Frankly I'm interested in just about everything, but the real meat of the book will be stories about Canadians, about tournaments, about the game in relation to the times. I'd like to include plenty of pictures, bridge hands with a special meaning for special people, statistics, folklore, human interest touches, etc., but I'm really starting from scratch and my own roots don't go back to the old days or extend to every corner of the country.

The objective is to create something of which all Canadians can be proud, and to ensure the universality of the concept, I'm hoping to get some input from all sectors.

I'd like to start writing (a dream!) by this summer and I can't envision doing much besides collecting information between now and then when I'm in school. This project will only work if I can succeed in collecting an incredible amount of material and I'm hoping the idea will turn you on a bit and convince you that collaboration would be an interesting and worthwhile experience.

I haven't thought of nearly all the angles, but I've attempted to itemize some of the things that prove useful and would welcome any thoughts you have.

INPUT FOR A CANADIAN BOOK OF BRIDGE:

Name (including nickname):

Occupation:

City:

Year of Birth:

Brief Autobiographical Sketch:

Bridge achievements (Major; personally gratifying):

Dates:

Other players involved:

Impressions:

Anecdotes:

Tournament reports or newspaper columns:

Anything printed that might be valuable in piecing together history:

Bridge hands: (these might not be your own. In any case it's always best to include as many names of participants as possible) What would you like to see or not see in this book?

Names (and if possible, addresses/phone numbers) of any other people that I might not readily think to consult:

Names of newspapers in your city that have had local bridge columns:

Photographs, scrapbooks, etc.:

If you do decide to send something that you'd like returned, please let me know. I'm very trustworthy and discreet. I'm hoping to do some travelling this summer and if you think a personal interview would help a lot, let me know that as well.

Perhaps this whole thing is an impossible venture, but I'm really enthusiastic and I hope I haven't imposed too much by soliciting your advice and/or assistance. Feel free to tell me off - I'm getting used to it after a few short years in bridge politics!

Thanks very much for anything you can do. I hope to hear from you over the next few months.

Yours sincerely,
Eric Kokish

To the Editor:

In the March issue, 1979, of the Canadian Bridge Digest it was reported under category A, Canadian Championships for 1978 Prof. E. Lee of Unit 575 Saskatoon, ranked third with 72.07 points.

I wish to inform you this is incorrect. The individual with 72.07 points from Unit 575 is Mrs. A. (Cindy) Seibel. I would appreciate the appropriate correction in the next issue of the Canadian Bridge Digest. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Prof. E. Lee

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